

ANARCHIST MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SOCIETY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2009

Meeting Convened: 6:30 PM, at 324 Grizzly Place, Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V6

In Attendance: Mark McKenney (MM), Joe Cardoso (JC), Art Harfman (AH), Naga Terada (NT)

Absent: Ron Palmer (RP), Bonnie Douglas (BD), John Nett (JN)

Guest: Rod Flavell- “Community Watch” committee volunteer

MM- Wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed Naga Terada as the new Director on the board.

1. **Call to Order: By Chair MM, 6:32 pm.**
2. **Agenda (including receipt of all reports and correspondence)-(approved by consensus)**
3. **Minutes of Meeting:** July 30, 2008
 - **Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “That the Minutes of the July 30, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting be approved as circulated” Carried unanimously**
4. **Letter of Resignation- Bonnie Douglas- MM** informed the meeting that Director Bonnie Douglas had tendered her resignation for personal reasons. MM will reply with a letter accepting her resignation and thanking her for her valuable contribution to the Society.
5. **Election of Officers for 2009- AH nominated:**
 - a. Mark McKenney for President
 - b. Ron Palmer for Treasurer
 - c. Joe Cardoso for Secretary

NT seconded. Hearing no further nominations. Therefore, it is declared the aforementioned nominees are elected by acclamation for the year for 2009.

6. **MM-**introduced Rod Flavell, an AMCS member who has volunteered, along with other interested residents, to research the establishment of a “Community Watch/Crime Watch” program for the Anarchist/Sidley Mountain Community.

Rod Flavell (RF) provided an overview of the committee’s research and the residents currently willing to be involved. Nelson and Sandy Tilbury, Garth Haskell, Mark Pendergraft, Jennifer Brock, and Rob Dolizar form the core of the group. Some of these residents are already actively patrolling. RF explained some of the logistics involved and resources required in order to establish an effective community based “watch” program.

- **Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “That the Anarchist Mountain Community Society proceed to establish a volunteer based “Community Watch” program as suggested at the**

December 17th community meeting held at the Anarchist Mountain Fire Hall as a Committee of the AMCS.

- The terms of reference for the “Community Watch” committee, are as follows:
- The “Community Watch” committee may do all things necessary to establish and maintain an organised program of community surveillance and liaison with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any other such authorities deemed beneficial to the committee’s objects.
- The “Community Watch” (CW) committee may operate autonomously from the AMCS, in accordance with the following:
 - o The CW committee may establish its own procedures and protocols, provided such procedures and protocols are generally consistent with the policies of the AMCS.
 - o The CW committee may expend funds established in the AMCS annual budget for the “Community Watch” program as required in order to facilitate an effective program, the committee must submit all receipts, invoices etc. to the AMCS Treasurer or President in a timely manner.
 - o The CW committee shall refer media requests for information to the chair of the AMCS Communications Committee, prior to release to the media, who may delegate a member of the Community Watch program as spokesperson, or an AMCS Director as spokesperson, as circumstances dictate.
 - o The committee shall refer all media releases to the AMCS Communications Committee Chair, prior to a release.
 - o Where appropriate, the committee shall recognize the AMCS on signs and in communications.
 - o The Board requests that the committee prepare an annual report to be included in the Annual Report of AMCS for presentation to the AGM.

Carried unanimously

Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “That the Anarchist Mountain Community Society dedicate the Grant-in-Aid from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen of \$1000.00 to the “Community Watch” committee, to use at its discretion for the purpose of the community watch program, keeping normal documentation of expenses.”

Carried unanimously

Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “Further, direct that an additional \$1000.00 from the 2009 AMCS Budget be made available to the “Community Watch” committee to be expended as required to establish a program, upon request to the Society”.

Carried unanimously

7. **Report from Treasurer** – presented by chair MM

Overview of bank account balance presently at approx. \$5000.00

The Treasurer completed the annual Good and Services Tax filing.

- **Moved by MM, Seconded by AH: “That the oral Treasurer’s Report approved.”**

Carried unanimously

a. **Members Register-(attached)**

MM reported that he would send out membership renewal forms by email or regular mail before the end of January. Renewals were already coming in on an unsolicited basis.

MM circulated the updated Members Register (38 members). (Attached)

b. **Directors Liability Insurance-**

Moved by MM, Seconded by AH: “That AMCS president Mark McKenney be authorised to obtain Directors Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$1 million coverage from a suitable insurer and based on a recent a competitive quotation.”

Carried unanimously

8. **AMCS 2009 Budget:** MM to prepare a draft budget for 2009 for the directors consideration and finalization at the next board of directors meeting.

Potential Projects:

Tree Planting 2009- MM provided an overview of the 2008 Tree Planting Project and its success approx. 4000 trees planted on one weekend.

NT inquired as to the survival rate of the seedlings. MM responded that due to good weather landowners were reporting a survival rate as high as 50%. NT suggested that other conifers such as *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Larix occidentalis*, etc. should be considered for acquisition this year.

Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “That the AMCS should undertake a 2009 Tree Planting project and should earmark approx. \$1300.00 in the 2009 budget for seedling acquisition”

Carried unanimously

Grasslands Conservation Project- NT and MM provided a summary of their discussions with members of the South Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Program. It was suggested that the AMCS might be able to provide oversight to a consultant that could be engaged to prepare a Conservation Management Plan. This would be consistent with the Stewardship Agreement between the AMCS and Regal Ridge. MM explained that the likely approach would be to issue a “Request for Proposal” that would include the scope of work and an estimate of cost.

Moved by AH, Seconded by NT: “That representatives of the South Okanagan-Similkameen Stewardship Program be invited to a future board meeting to discuss the possibility of having the AMCS oversee the creation of a Conservation Management Plan covering the south conservation lands of Regal Ridge; and that this project be considered in the 2009 budget”

Carried unanimously

Weed Control Project: NT and MM proposed that the AMCS work with Regal Ridge and perhaps other agencies to initiate a invasive weed control program on Anarchist Mountain. After some discussion and information provided by AH, it was decided that MM and NT explore options to initiate a program this year.

Trail System Mapping: MM asked JC to follow up on the status of Trail System Maps that Hillside Engineering of Penticton were to prepare. JC indicated that he would follow up with JN or David Craig of Hillside Engineering to get an update.

Trail System Maintenance: MM informed the board that Destination Osoyoos was receiving applications for projects designed to improve or maintain trails in the area. MM was to investigate.

Central Burn Area: MM reported that Regal Ridge had identified a central burn area for the collection of brush and other wood waste on the former Kehoe lands. The Anarchist Mountain Fire Department has agreed to burn the pile sometime in the spring.

Summer AMCS sponsored BBQ: AH offered to coordinate, acquire and prepare the meat for a summer BBQ tentatively scheduled for Father’s Day 2009. MM would contact acting Fire Chief John Nett to seek permission to hold the BBQ at the Fire Hall. The BBQ would be open to the whole community and area. Guests would be encouraged to bring a side plate to be shared amongst everyone.

Moved by AH, Seconded by MM: “That the AMCS include in its 2009 budget the sponsorship of the cost of holding the BBQ, including musicians and food costs, to be recovered by a request for donations at the door”.

Carried unanimously

Community Hall at Regal Village: NT suggested that the board should consider preliminary planning for the construction of a community hall somewhere at “Regal Village” for 2009. After some discussion, it was the consensus to have MM and NT meet with Adrian Erickson to get a sense of the implementation schedule for projects located at Regal Village.

AMCS Website: MM reminded directors that businesses could advertize on the website for a nominal charge of \$75 AMCS Members and \$150 for AMCS non-members. MM encouraged directors to view some of the fantastic photographs contributed by members on the photo gallery website.

9. Adjournment-Moved by MM, Seconded by AH, “That the meeting be adjourned at 21:02”.

Carried unanimously