

Anarchist Mountain Community Society

Membership Meeting

(Meeting Notes)

Meeting Convened: January 16, 2008, 19:00 Hr

at: Anarchist Mountain Fire Department Fire Hall Mezzanine

Meeting called to order 19:05 Hr.

- 32 in attendance

AMCS President, Mark McKenney, introduced himself and welcomed those in attendance.

The AMCS board of directors and attendees introduce themselves.

Mark McKenney summarized the history of the society and provided an overview of the AMCS Constitution, a copy of which would be available to members upon request. He further explained that the board of directors was seeking to foster “a good comfort level as to who runs the society” namely the membership.

- AMCS may make recommendations to government and private corporations, but is not “political”.
- Founding Board of Directors to resign at Annual General Meeting to be held in September.
- attendees invited to join the society and the rationale behind the \$50 per annum membership due was explained.

Community Survey Results:

Mark McKenney provided a summary of the Anarchist Mountain Community Survey distributed with the November “Mountain Community Gazette”

- “Conservation, Conservation, Conservation” and fire protection dominated the priorities outlined by survey responses.

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- Survey results to be considered “marching orders for board of directors”
- Noxious weed control highlighted

Proposed Agreement to Administer Conservation Area Lands:

Mark McKenney provided an overview and summary of the current status of the Conservation lands (Regal Ridge) and the discussions he has had with Regal Ridge President, Adrian Erickson. Complex taxation issues may be a factor.

- Looking for a “win-win” arrangement with Regal Ridge
- Non-local agencies may not be best option for our community
- AMCS may be best option if a “fee for service” agreement can be negotiated
- AMCS Treasurer, Ron Palmer to Chair a “Conservation Area Negotiating Committee” together with Director Bonnie Douglas and AMCS member Naga Terada.
- If an agreement is reached by the “Conservation Area Negotiating Committee” then the agreement must come back to the AMCS membership for approval.
- Committee will seek to define “rights-of-use” for membership

Members Comments:

Naga Terada: I would like to know what kinds of issues, what are some of the concerns. We need input from the membership.

Naga Terada: We must not take sides. We should work with the developer

Eric Goodman: As a pioneer on the mountain all things are taken care of in time. The community should extend from the “Hallis Subdivision” right to the summit and the safety of the community (fire protection) should be a priority.

Dennis Eikanger: Are there any aerial photographs available? Mark McKenney indicated that aerial photographs were available.

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Naga Terada: What about the cost of (Conservation Area) management? Mark McKenney remarked that costs would be part of the negotiation process.

Garth Haskell: Would there not have to be a lot of volunteer labour? Mark McKenney indicated that the hiring of student might add to the volunteer effort.

Tina Seminara: Has Adrian expressed how much he would like the society to manage? Mark McKenney informed the meeting that this would be part of the work to be handled by the Negotiating Committee, however, the lands south of the highway seemed to be an area requiring a greater focus.

Conservation Committee:

Mark McKenney volunteered to temporarily sit on the Conservation Committee. He invited Sherry Linn to join the committee in view of her role and Regal Ridge Conservation Manager. Director Art Harfman volunteered to sit on the committee and Sonya Miller volunteered Ryan Miller to sit. The Committee would work to identify conservation projects for consideration by the society.

Communications/Newsletter Committee:

Mark McKenney informed the meeting that he would be happy to continue on producing the "Mountain Community Gazette" and as Chair of the committee. He invited members to submit articles and photographs for publication.

Members Comments:

Buryl Goodman: I would be pleased to volunteer to phone members that may not have email service. Mark McKenney thanked Buryl and noted the offer of assistance.

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New Business:

Mark McKenney informed the meeting that Rural Director Mark Pendergraft has requested an opportunity to speak to members about their views concerning the proposed Town of Osoyoos Aquatic facility.

Rural Director Pendergraft explained that the Town of Osoyoos Council had proposed that RDOS Electoral Area 'A' share the cost of constructing and operating a new indoor aquatic facility to be built in the Town of Osoyoos adjacent to the Sonora Centre. Rural Director Pendergraft further explained that the Town Council had informed him that they would not proceed with the project unless the Electoral Area 'A' agreed to support the proposal and share in the cost, he further informed the meeting that the cost was estimated to be \$55 per 100,000 of assessed value over the next twenty five years.

After a brief discussion a show of hands indicated that members were approximately 80% opposed to the rural area sharing in the cost of the Town Council's proposal.

Rural Director Pendergraft duly noted the views of the attendees.

Mark McKenney invited members to raise any other business.

Tina Seminara: What happens after the Negotiating Committee meets with Adrian? Mark McKenney indicated that once the Negotiating Committee had reached a draft agreement with Regal Ridge, then it would be circulated to the membership for comment and or endorsement.

Leo Callarec: Moved to Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 20:00 Hr.

