

Anarchist Mountain Community Society

- MINUTES - Board of Directors Meeting – September 2, 2009 - Call to Order at 7 pm

Attending: Mark McKenney
Art Harfman
Caroline Van Donkersgoed-Holz
John Nett
Naga Terada
Regrets – Joe Cardoso
- Ron Palmer

Procedural Items

- Minutes of Last Meeting – January 19, 2009
 - Motion: AH, Second NT – Carried
- Review of Bank Statement (Ron Palmer – not available – circulate Bank Statement)
 - Balance end of July \$8,644.66
 - Board noted financial position
- Filing of Society Annual Filing to BC Ministry (Ron Palmer to do this)
 - Board noted
- **Directors & Officers Liability Insurance**
 - Purchased & in place
 - Cost \$650 for General Liability (Paid). Officer & Directors \$550 (Paid)
 - Board noted

Program Items

- **Community Watch Program**
 - Rod Flavell – has resigned as committee chair
 - Will seek a replacement
 - Program not well participated in – Garth Haskell / Gerrit Nienhuis most active
 - Discussion by Board
 - Board wishes to thank Rod, and committee, especially Gerrit Nienhaus & Garth Haskell for continued patrols
 - Board authorized \$150 payment to Garth for fuel & \$75 to Gerrit
 - Board thinks erecting signs would be a good idea to get Community Watch visible, Board authorized \$1,200 to do that. Naga asked to get quotes from Osoyoos Signs and what the hardware/ posts etc would cost. Mark asked to discuss with Garth & Gerrit on idea of signs.
 - Board also thinks another Community meeting with RCMP would be a good idea to heighten awareness... John Nett to speak to Sgt Kurt of RCMP. Date in the fall TBD
 - We need some additional volunteers for this program – suggestions were Brent Ross, Brian Ross, Brian Strohlman, Ken (Bull Moose), Cam Wright.
- **Tree Planting 2009**
 - May program planted 5,000 trees (cost ~\$1,350)
 - Survival rate discussion – cones protect trees, but cost more.
 - Watering appears to be needed to improve survival rates
 - Board feels it is worth doing again in 2010
 - John suggested potting some seedlings – letting them grow 2 yrs
 - Possible plantation in Regal Ridge where they could be watered
 - No decision on what to spend

- **Forest Health Consultant**

- o Eric Haupt , surveyed properties last Oct 2008
- o Reported on little Mountain Pine Beetle/ Western PB
- o Regal Ridge / Society shared in cost of Eric returning in August
- o Some MPB / WPB has been found (trees tagged to remove)
- o Tussock Moth is on Anarchist Mountain – bad in Bridesville. Trees can be sprayed with insecticide or with biological virus to kill moths – has to be done in May
- o Spruce & Fir Bud Worm also identified in some trees on Anarchist Mtn. Same spray treatment can kill these pests as well – application in May
- o Without taking action Tussock Moth and Bud Worm could defoliate lots of trees on the mountain.
- o Does the Society have an opinion about what should be done?
 - **Board Discussion**
 - Mark reported that he spent a day driving around with the Forester looking at trees and finding Tussock Moth, Spruce / Fir Budworm and some Mountain / Western Pine Beetle infestations
 - Report of Forester to be posted on the website.
 - Mark to write article in Newsletter describing problems at Bridesville
 - Consideration should be given to do aerial / ground spraying in May 2010
 - Two agents best – Sevin and BTK –effective on Tussock Moth & Budworm
 - If spraying is decided as the best option all residents that agree to it should have to pay something

- **Trees For Tomorrow**

- o 23,000 trees were planted in early May
- o 5,000 – 6,000 were protected by cones – others obstacle planted
- o Cost of program was about \$50,000 ---
- o No cost to Society – just volunteer time from Mark
- o Survival on non-protected trees LOW – with cones >70%

Cost of Raven Project - 2009

	Paid by Trees for Tomorrow	Paid by Regal Ridge
	51%	49%
Mountainview - seedlings	\$ 2,057.24	\$ 2,057.24
Kayleigh Manufacturing - Cones	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00
Sinefor Products - Cones, straps	\$ 3,283.84	\$ 3,283.84
A & G reforestration - tree planters	\$ 10,973.81	\$ 10,973.81
A & G reforestration - cone installation	\$ 7,392.00	\$ 7,392.00
Urban Impact - Cones & Stakes	\$ 6,344.80	\$ 6,344.80
K & C Silviculture	\$ 4,797.18	\$ 4,797.18
Robin Clark - purchase supplies	\$ 106.00	\$ 106.00
Robin Clark - consultant costs	\$ 13,412.00	\$ 13,412.00
	\$ 50,046.87	\$ 25,661.06
		\$ 24,385.81
	Checksum	\$ 50,046.87

- Mark reported his disappointment with the T 4 T program
- T 4 T would not pay for the labour costs of planting the trees
- They would not pay for fencing to protect seedlings, but would pay for tree cones (but not the \$3 / tree labour to install the cones, total cost per installed tree + cone was about \$5 / seedling vs. \$0.65 for fencing
- Grant funds to do a project in Regional District of Kootenay –Boundary have been sent back to the Province – Regal Ridge / AMCS have declined doing more work with T 4 T

- **BBQ**

- o Big success – 136 people
- o Financially it didn't cost the Society anything ----
- o Shall we do it again in 2010..... what could improve?

July 18 - Dance & BBQ

Budget

Beef	\$450	60 lb
Event Tents	\$500	
Toilets	\$500	
Band	\$500	
Supplies	\$100	
Gross cost	\$2,050	

ACTUAL COSTS

\$212.00	Beef & Seasoning & Supplies - Paid to Art Harfman
\$62.69	Henry Woronko - Tarps & supplies - Paid by JN
\$84.00	Invoice pending from Darlon Septic
\$500.00	Band - Paid by John Nett from donations
\$200.00	Donation to Osoyoos Seniors for tables & chairs
\$75.00	Donation to Legion for Tables/chairs
\$40.00	Brian Ross - plates / napkins etc
\$20.00	Sign in book , name tags etc
\$150.00	Creation / purchase BBQ Signs (Invoice pending)
Gross cost	\$1,343.69 Actual Expenses
\$50.00	Membership sale
\$1,360.00	Donations for BBQ participants
\$1,410.00	
\$66.31	Profit / Loss

Special thanks to the organizing committee: John Nett, Joe Cardoso, Henry Woronko, Don Scott, Brian Ross, and Art Harfman. Also a special thanks to Marianne Arpagaus, of Arosa Guest Ranch Resort, for laundering the table cloths and to Irvin & Donna Redekopp and the Fire Fighters Society for supplying the coffee, utensils, chairs and tables and many other essentials. Thanks to John at Darlon Septic services who donated one of the toilet units to us at no charge. Like usual the cooperation between the Anarchist Mountain Firefighters Society, and the Anarchist Mountain Community Society worked well to pull off an enjoyable event. We also wish to thank Regal Ridge for the use of the Sasquatch Pond area as a new place for holding the event. All in all we had 136 friends and neighbours out at the BBQ & dance, a new record from previous years which were usually around 80 people. The event came in at "break-even" on costs / expenses on the basis of your \$10 donations; with a \$66 surplus going into the Community Society bank account.

We especially thank Art Harfman for getting the beef and doing the cooking. Well done Art !

- **Weed Control**

- o Efforts by Naga & Jodie were much appreciated
- o Seminar was well attended
- o Some people are interested in an assessment of weeds across the entire Mountain, with a plan created that could guide residents over several / many years
- o This would cost the Society some \$ - comments
 - Naga / Mark trying to schedule meeting with Lisa Scott to discuss
 - Board suggested also asking Barb Stewart in Kootenay-Boundary for her advice

- **Signs in Conservation areas**

- Work on paths / trails - Destination Osoyoos grants are not possible
- o More GPSing of trails – when will we get current trail maps from Hillside Engineering?
 - o Any volunteers to take on getting signs designed, installed in the spring time
 - No clear decision by Board
 - Would need volunteers to assist and suggest where signs should go
 - Interpretive signs – what subjects?
 - Consider in Spring time.

- **Fire Fuel / Common Burn Area**
 - o Fuel suppression in certain areas (i.e. below Black Tail there was serious blow down; are there serious fuel threats in other areas?
 - o Regal Ridge did some fuel cleanup in spring of 2009, below Black Tail
 - o Are there other areas of concern ? Should the Community Society try to organize activities clean up activities with Fire Dept / Society / Residents / Regal Ridge?
 - Spring central burn area – big pile is at Kehoe farm
 - Fire Chief Nett say go ahead and let members know they can add to this
 - When would this be burned? Likely in Feb or March before spring

- **Comprehensive Conservation Plan**
 - o Field walk in Nov with South Okanagan Stewardship / The Land Conservancy
 - o They are suggesting a field day / seminar day with / experts / hikes may be possible in the fall
 - o Are we still interested?
 - Board undecided – bring back for consideration in Spring
 - Discuss this with Paula de la Vega - SOS

 - o SOS also suggested that one project AMCS consider is a Comprehensive Conservation Plan
 - RR would agree to this on South Cons. Lands only as a start
 - Pull together existing reports / knowledge – local consultant (Mike Sarrell or Shari Lyn – RR OK with this)
 - Would request quotes – limit scope - apply to RR for AMCS funding
 - Do we want to do this as a Society?
 1. SOS wants to meet with our Board -- **are we interested?**

- **Bird Boxes**
 - o Mark met with Sherry Linn – former Conservation Manager & Bluebird Society , Pres
 - o Some 500 boxes installed around Conservation Areas,
 - o Locations known – or should be documented, boxes cleaned out periodically
 - Boxes should be cleaned out to be most effective
 - Mark asked to mention in next newsletter
 - Need to see if anyone in the Community is interest in getting a bird box program going – Sherry will assist if interest shown

- **New Business**

- **New Parklands – Caribou Area**
 - o See Diagram – 28 Ha of lands
 - o RDOS is requesting that Regal Ridge set parklands aside in the Caribou sub-division
 - o RR has asked that the Community Society assist in the supervision of those lands, in the same way we assist in the Conservation Lands.
 - o We would add a clause to the Stewardship Agreement identifying these lands as parkland, and we would be an advisory body to RR on the disposition of activities with that park
 - o Comments / Discussion
 - Board agreed to endorse this idea and let RR & RDOS know
 - Mark to communicate this to RR & RDOS

- **Trailers on Lots**
 - o Some residents have indicated concern about fifth wheels / trailers on sites
 - o One property in Eagle Place – has septic, electricity , a pool but no buildings in 3 years
 - o Question raised whether Society should have a position on this
 - Mark McKenney discussed this with Regal Ridge and with RDOS – Pendergraft
 - No recourse from Regal Ridge standpoint - once sold owner can do what they wish within the limits of existing by-laws and sales agreements.
 - RDOS does have a by-law limiting length of time a trailer can be on a vacant lot
 - Rules are 90 or 120 days (Pendergraft not sure of time limit)

- If complaint is received by RDOS , in writing , they will investigate
 - If in violation of by-law , RDOS can issue letter warning owner, and giving options
 - Options:
 1. Get a building permit
 2. Permits last two years and can be extended
 3. Figure out solution with your neighbours
 - Board's opinion – Society should NOT get involved, because:
 1. This is an RDOS issue
 2. Neighbours should figure out how to get along – not our place to facilitate that
 3. If we get asked – we can give Members advice about the options as listed above

- **Interest in Village Area / Store**
 - Naga has asked that we bring this up to the Board for discussion
 - Regal Ridge has indicated that RDOS has required them to hire an architect for this project because it is a commercial building
 - Project has been delayed by architect
 - Building Permit won't be issued until RDOS is satisfied
 - Discussion / Comments
 - Mark asked to speak to Adrian about whether RDOS is holding this project up
 - If this is so – letter to RDOS will be sent endorsing Village and asking RDOS to move
 - Subsequent to meeting – RR says RDOS is NOT the problem it is a problem getting the Architect and Engineer to agree. Letter not required.

- Other Business
 - No other business

- Adjournment - 9:30 PM
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- Next meeting – call of the Chair.