

French Creek Residents Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Oceanside Place Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Past Pres Williams

Directors present as noted (quorum 5 or more):

Rob Williams - Past President

Lloyd Sargison - Director

Mike Cook - Vice President - Regrets

Pat Weber – Director - Regrets

Jervis Swannack - Vice President

Brian Coath - Director - Regrets

Barb Riordan - Treasurer

Lyle Hollingworth – Director

Dan Goodfellow - Director

Agenda:

Adoption of amended agenda.

M/S Dir Sargison/Dir Goodfellow - Carried

Adoption of Amended Minutes of Apr 6, 2023 Board Meeting

M/S Dir Sargison/VP Swannack - Carried

Treasurer's Report

Treas Riordan reported a balance of \$2,302.07 with no interest paid.

Motion to receive the Treasurer's report M/S Treas Riordan/Dir Hollingworth - Carried.

Old Business

1. Community Wagon

Dir Sargison was able to contact the lady handling Community Wagon who picked up the rack cards. He will pick up more cards from Treas Riordan for general distribution.

2. Minutes

PP Williams volunteered to take minutes at our next Board meeting in June. Dir Sargison volunteered for July.

3. Snow Clearing

PP Williams asked Stephan Yancey at Mainroad Contracting if there was a schedule for reviewing the snow accumulation limits in classification of roads for snow removal. Yancey said no, it is reviewed only as necessary. PP Williams said he would ask for a review and forward communication between himself and Yancey to Directors.

4. Area F Governance Study

No one from the Board attended the meeting scheduled for Apr 26th at the Bradley Centre in Coombs to hear the final report by the Committee. PP Williams will download the report when it becomes available on their website and distribute to Directors.

5. AGM

Directors need to arrive at St. Columba Church at 6:30 pm to set up chairs, tables, and projector. Area G Director Wallace will give an update on activities/issues in Area G. RDN Senior Parks Planner Elaine McCulloch will give a presentation on Area G Community Parks. PP

Williams has created paper copies of the Candidates List for Board Members to be handed out to attendees at the door to make it easier for people to keep track of who the candidates are. He also provided a copy of the Agenda.

There was a discussion on recruiting a President, Secretary, and Directors. Dir Goodfellow suggested making it a rule that a VP must become a President. PP Williams stated this would require a change to the Bylaws which is onerous. It was suggested that we ask neighbourhood groups and stratas if they would like to have a representative sit on the Board. PP Williams will announce this at the AGM. Treas Riordan suggested PP Williams hold up a copy of the Minutes of a meeting, which are only 2 pages in length to show being Secretary is not a difficult job.

New Business

1. New Projects

It was suggested we ask the Water Comptroller to get EPCOR to test for asbestos in the water due to the presence of asbestos cement in the water distribution pipes. PP Williams will ask.

2. Threat to FCENP

Treas Riordan reported that a resident living on Viking way has been cutting back blackberry near the pond where birds are nesting. This is a disturbance to wildlife and goes against the intent of the Nature Preserve. They have also planted garden flowers on the roadside of the Elkay property. The concern is these non-native plants will invade the Nature Preserve. Dirs Riordan and Sargison will speak to the resident about cutting in the NP and Treas Riordan will contact Elkay about the garden plants to see if they want to do something about it themselves or have FCRA speak to the resident about it.

3. FCRA Logo

VP Swannack recommended FCRA have a logo that is on all printed and digital material we produce to bring more attention to the Assoc. It should have Coast Salish imagery and perhaps be created by Coast Salish artist. He will investigate what is involved in creating a logo and cost. Dir Sargison stated his wife is an artist and will ask her if she knows a Coast Salish artist

Pending to a Future Date

- Dalmatian Drive culvert replacement
- Sandpiper Water
- Community Grant – FCRA Open House

Closed Session

None

Announcements/Notices

None

All business being complete, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7:00 pm, Oceanside Place meeting room.

Meeting room arrangements are scheduled through RDN's Kathleen Richmond krichmond@rdn.bc.ca . Phone arena reception 250-248-3252 to remind that the room door be unlocked.

Meeting Schedule 2023

Meeting room is booked for Jun 1, July 6, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 and Dec7. There is no meeting in August.

Minutes prepared by Treas Riordan.