

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC VON 3A0**

Date: 17 September 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Wilma Lorimer

Present: The sign-in register showed 41 members present

1. **Singing** of O Canada was led by Wilma Lorimer
2. **Announcements:**
 - a. Wilma Lorimer asked for a round of applause to thank Katie Brown, Theresa Allen, Carol Bowie and Ron Atkinson for their work in the refurbishing of the Lobby and Auditorium.
 - b. Wilma Lorimer announced a Board Governance Workshop being held on 28 September and recommended that anybody thinking of serving on the Board of Directors for 2010 should consider taking this workshop. The Seniors Centre will cover the registration fee such individuals. Since pre-registration is required she asked anybody interested to see her in the office.
 - c. Members were reminded that all candidates for the Board of Directors must have been members of the Seniors Centre for at least one year and be nominated by another member in good standing.
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes of 16 April 2009.**
Motion: It was **MOVED** by Dawn Thorpe and **SECONDED** by Barrie Aitken to accept the 16 April, 2009 Minutes.

CARRIED
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Ron Atkinson presented the current Balance Sheet on behalf of Maureen Heaven After a couple of questions had been asked and answered:

It was **MOVED** by Eva Wall and **SECONDED** by Christa Haas to accept the Treasurer's Report.

CARRIED
5. **Correspondence:** The Regional District of the Sunshine Coast gave us a \$1,500 grant for 2010. This grant goes toward financing our Office Coordinator.
6. **Business arising from the 16 April General Membership Meeting:**
 - a. Ron Atkinson presented brief update on the search for a replacement bus. We have been offered two, neither of which was satisfactory. The search continues.
 - b. Fund Raising: Barrie Aitken reported that we have sold all but 59 of the 500 raffle tickets and announced the Wine and Cheese Event to start at 3:00 pm on 8 October at which the final draw will be held. Tickets are free for those in possession of a raffle ticket, otherwise admission is \$5.00.

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7. **Business Arising from Directors Meetings:**
- a. The date for this year's Chinese Buffet Lunch has been changed to 29 December.
 - b. A dinner "murder mystery" is being planned for New Year's Eve. This will finish early enough that people will be able to still go to another New Year's Eve party if they wish. This will be a sit-down dinner and details about the meal are still being worked out with Laura Keno.
8. **New Business:**
- a. **Friday morning information sessions:** There are a number of individuals and organizations ready to do presentations on subjects of interest to Seniors. We need someone to volunteer to contact these presenters and finalize the arrangements.
 - b. **Bus Questionnaire results:** Ron Atkinson reported that there had been good response to the questionnaires and that as a result of a number of suggestions we are holding our first overnight bus trip. This will be to Harrison Hot Springs on October 14-15.
 - c. **2009 Board nominations** – Only three or four of the present Directors are standing for re-election. We need individuals to consider taking on this responsibility and to consider what would happen if no one steps up.
 - d. **Gardens:** Adrien Tylor reported on the search for a gardener to clean up and maintain the beds along Sherlock Lane and the retaining wall behind the bus compound. We received bids from 8 applicants and she recommended that we accept the bid from Ron Wilson.
- Motion:** It was **MOVED** by Adrien Tylor and **Seconded** by Dorothy Fraser that this bid be accepted. **CARRIED**
- e. **Cleaner:** Ron Atkinson reported that a new Cleaning contract been awarded to Jim Coffin. Jim will work at the Centre for 4 hours in the evening 5 days/week.
9. **50/50** Jack Randle had the winning ticket for \$45.00 and donated his share back to the Centre. Thank you Jack.
10. Ron Atkinson displayed the new format to display pictures of Past Presidents. All the old pictures have been reformatted and placed in a frame under glass with room for several additions as required. There was a spontaneous round of applause for his initiative.
11. **Early Bird Draw:** Two tickets were drawn for two early bird prizes.
- a. Val Thorsteinsen won the Vancouver Harbour Cruise and one night at the Delta Vancouver Inn.
 - b. Donna Gabriel won an overnight getaway package in Chemainus.
12. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.