

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27 '26

Time: 7:02

Location: Youth Building

Present:

Roy Davies, Roger Painter, Guy Kendall, Betsy Burr, Bill Winkerink, George Baird, Sonja Clarke, Gerry Giles, Scott Robertson, Dee Nelson

Absent: Kathy Pringle, Ann Baty

Roy made a Motion to Approve Agenda

Moved by: Scott

Seconded by: George

Motion carried

Roy made a Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by Guy

Seconded by Bill

Motion carried

President's Report – Roy

The Common's project is coming along and will be finished very soon. Roy has a meeting next week with CVRD to discuss the use of our WIFI on the commons. If this works out we may receive money from the CVRD to cover some of the cost.

There is a Letter of Understanding coming up. That is an agreement with CVRD since they have access to part of the property for the pathway leading to the Cenotaph. We also feed the electrical to them so they can use lights. As a result of this, the CVRD will pay part of the hydro bill.

The parking lot project, to level the lot, will be looked into soon.

Treasurer – Sonja

Sonja read the report. It's being kept on file and is available if needed.

Moved by George

Seconded by Betsy

Motion carried

Rental – Ann

Ann was absent today but did send a note saying nothing to report.

Maintenance – Guy

Guy would like to redo the kitchen ramp and handicapped ramp by adding some non-slip paint.

He would also like to make a larger baseboard where the tables and chairs go. This would prevent the dollies from damaging the drywall.

Roger -

South Island Mechanical is going to do a check over all of the wiring. New flags were put up. The burn in the main hall will also be fixed.

Roy –

There was a conversation at the Fair Board table regarding the trees on the side of the horse field. A quote of \$3000 was given to trim the trees back and free up some more land. It will also open the view so you can see the Baird barn.

A work party has been organized to clean up the grass field around the main hall for the Cowichan Craft Sale.

Gerry would like to move the trees between the horse field and the livestock area be trimmed for the estimated \$3000.

Seconded by Scott

Motions carried

Senior's Lunch – Gerry

Large crowds are attending the senior's lunches. They are almost sold out with 135 guests attending. The senior's lunch is continuing to be a popular program in the community.

New people are attending as well as the regulars. The senior's lunch was successful in getting their grant. With the grant money, they purchased a new commercial fridge for the storage room. Thank you to the MBFD for helping move the fridge.

The grant was also used to pay for a speaker to come in. The speaker will provide 11 sessions on many topics including fraud and elder abuse. All the topics will be rendered down and put into pamphlets and distributed to the community.

Cicely asked Gerry to put a page in the catalogue about Nellie and Claudia and John McCloud and how important volunteers are.

Gerry would like to purchase the large thermos that is owned by the Farmer's Institute. Since the thermos isn't being used by the FI, Gerry would like to buy it for a reasonable price.

Social Media - Scott

Scott has started advertising for vendors.

Show and Shine will be coming up July 19.

Scott offered to help Gerry with a post about Nellie and Claudia if needed.

Seedy Saturday - Betsy

Seedy Saturday went well. They had one blank spot; no Dalia's this year since they all previous sellers retired. Betsy may have a lead on some people who will fill the spot for next year. It was suggested that some advertising should be done to get people interested in growing things for the fair.

Show and Shine – George

There will be a meeting coming up this week for the Show and Shine.

Fair – Roger

Easter Egg hunt went well hosted by Dee and Bill Motherwell. There were about 70 kids. Lots of people came over and thanked them for putting it on.

Due to lack of volunteers including Flag bearers, the Legion will not be doing the indoor portion of Remembrance Day Ceremony going forward. Audiences are down. They will focus on doing the outdoor portion including serving hot chocolate.

No issues regarding the fair.

Blue Dragons will be attending. We are hoping the Cowichan Bowmen Archery Club will be attending.

MBFD is going to talk to other fire departments about doing a tug of war contest. Zucchini 500 will be on this year. Kids make their own racing cars out of a zucchini, and they race them down a track.

Danielle Sumner is the new volunteer coordinator.

Next year's theme will be Blue Jeans and Country Dreams.

Sponsorships are going well. About 2/3 of the sponsors are from last year. After one week of canvassing, we have commitments of \$17,000 which includes last year's sponsors.

Motion to accept committee reports – Scott

Seconded by Guy

Other business

Roy - The Cobble Hill Event Society are paying \$50 a month to park their trailer on the property behind the Stu Armor building. They are responsible for insuring it therefore there is no liability to us.

George – A retired member of the Cowichan Bay firehall approached George and offered him 14 round tables and a dolly. They would be free if used by the Farmer's Institute. George said yes to the tables, and they are being currently being stored at the Stu Armor Barn.

Gerry suggested Dee writes a thank you letter for donating the tables.

Next meeting will be on May 18, 2026, via Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn by George. 7:40 pm