

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held at Youbou Lanes, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:07 pm.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marcia Stewart
Vice-Chairperson Gerald Thom
Dan Nickel

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Tara Daly
John Cummings Recreation Programmer, Cowichan Lake Recreation

REGRETS: Director Pat Weaver
Rose Davidson
Rob Somers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of July 9, 2013 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS J. Cummings

- The concession for the Youbou Regatta grossed \$1365 (normally an average of \$1100-\$1200)
- Cowichan Lake Recreation is suggesting, in conjunction with the new lifeguard building at Arbutus Park, that the Commission consider the addition of a hard-wired concession; CLR could operate it for 3-4 hours a day/ Friday, Saturday, Sunday throughout the summer months (estimation of \$1000 gross/week or \$10,000 for the summer)
- Cowichan Lake Recreation is supporting the promotion by the Canadian government in the resurgence of "Participaction" – marketing fit, happy, healthy people; CLR staff will analyze the programs they offer and canvass the public for input on future programs

AREA I DIRECTOR

Director Weaver • No Report

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

L. Blatchford • Great Lake Walk has been cancelled in its 12th year; potential participants dropped below 160 making it impossible to cover costs; the committee plans to come back next year with great enthusiasm and new ideas

- Thanks is passed onto the Commission members (R. Davidson, R. Somers, D. Nickel and wife, Diane) who helped with the Youbou Regatta concession

CHAIRPERSON

M. Stewart

- M. Stewart also thanked the Commission members for volunteering for the Youbou Regatta concession; she also thanked Jody, CLR staff for her expertise on the grill
- Gillian Scott, a former Commission member passed away on August 27th; a card will be sent to the family from the commission

CVRD

Ryan Dias

- Power pole at Arbutus Park will be replaced by the end of September
- Maintenance crews winding down from the summer; preparing for fall/winter schedule
- October meeting will be budget discussions

OLD BUSINESS

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Shaw Creek Estuary – Report from G. Thom

Three lots of 50 acres each are for sale with another one sold and one remaining with the owners, a group of eighteen; DFO and MoE report that the area is the best spot on the lake for many species' habitats; Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society is interested in purchasing and is pursuing funding; the parks acquisition fund through CVRD is overextended and unable to assist; Nature's Trust is also interested in purchasing – are there any funds available through Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks that could be used?; could the parkland at Meade Creek be sold with the funds assisting in the purchase? – M. Stewart will ask CVRD Parks (Brian Farquhar)

NEW BUSINESS

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Swordfern Park – R. Davidson has concerns; report attached

ADJOURNMENT

9:07pm

It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission will be held on October 8, 2013 at Youbou Lanes at 7:00 pm.

The October meeting will be budget preparation; all Commission members are asked to attend.