



Voice of Community and Land Society
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2009 7:30 PM at Round Hill Rec Centre

Present: Bill Sears, Scott Stauffer, Clayton Maurer, Brian Schultz, Jane Oracheski, Norma Williams
Regrets: Lonnie Lauber, Jon Kauffman, Robert Janzen, Julie Ishida

A. Bill Sears called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Agenda

MSC Schultz/Maurer: That the agenda be approved with the addition of Item #9, Other Business – Parades.

C. Minutes

MSC Stauffer/Oracheski That the Minutes of the March 25th meeting be approved as distributed.

D. Sherritt Meeting – Bill talked to Ben Ludwig at the U of A Social Impact presentation, and at that time Ben said he could come to our meeting tonight. Bill phoned him again last week to confirm. Ben is now unavailable. He says there is “not much new”. Sherritt has a newsletter that is due to be out this week. He will come to our next meeting.

ACTION: Bill will advise Ben Ludwig of the date of our next meeting and invite him.

E. Old Business

1. Stories for newspapers. We are still looking for ideas/.submissions.

2. Thank you cards. Julie had 100 cards printed at a cost of \$94.50, through Cheryl McCartney. They look great.

ACTION: Norma will send thank-yous to Tony and May for auditing the books.

Cheryl can also do fridge magnets. Jon also had an estimate done by Windwood – for 100 magnets they will charge \$1.10 + GST. We decided to order from Cheryl as she has the rights to the photo.

MSC Oracheski/Stauffer That we order 200 fridge magnets from Cheryl McCartney at a maximum cost of \$300.

ACTION: Bill will ask Julie to order these.

3. & 4. Tofield Homecoming. Julie has applied for a booth – July 1 – July 5th. We haven't heard back yet. Discussion ensued over the brochures.

MSC Stauffer/Oracheski That we print more brochures and have them ready for the Tofield homecoming.

ACTION: Bill will talk to Cheryl Lawson about printing 400 more brochures.

5. MLA Meetings: Bill phoned Ed Stelmach's constituency office, as well as emails. He has not been given a meeting time for Ed or received a response. He has contact Donna and Theresa. At the Constituency Association AGM in Lamont he talked directly to Ed. Ed told him to contact Donna. Now Bill is trying to set up a meeting again.

F. Reports

1. Landowner's Convergence: Clayton reported that early June is a possible date. This would be worthwhile to attend. RH-DAPA has not been paid by Sherritt since last June. They may pay the outstanding bill for B. Mallon. They are planning a gathering for a fundraiser. Ben Ludwig told Kyle Nahirniak that the “project was on the fence”.

2. Bill 19 – just passed second reading. Lonnie was not available to report.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bill verbally gave the treasurer's report for Robert. The current balance in our account is \$9944.69. Brian nominated Jane Oracheski to act as our new Treasurer. Jane accepted the nomination and will agree to be the Treasurer for VOCAL. Six members were present, so we had a quorum. All were in agreement that Jane Oracheski be the new treasurer.

ACTION: Bill will let Robert know about Jane's appointment as Treasurer.

ACTION: Norma will update the by-laws and send everyone a copy via email.

ACTION: Jane will contact Robert to set in motion the transfer of positions at the bank, etc.

4. Chairman's Report: Bill discussed his activities, including the U of A Social Impact Assessment presentation and trying to get a meeting with Ed Stelmach.

F. Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

G. New Business:

1. Treasurer's position – will be J. Oracheski, see E. 3.
2. U of A Social Impact Assessment presentation April 6th – was well done. Bill and Clayton attended.
3. Letter to Ed Stelmach re: meeting. Discussed by Bill above.
4. Letter to Premier Stelmach re: Bill 19 – Norma sent and copied all the cabinet. This was emailed and send regular mail as well on March 31, 2009. The letter has been received, no response yet.
5. Future Strategies – nothing else new right now. Jane suggested that we might want to think about getting more involved with one of the political parties and try to invoke a change. Should we hold another public meeting and get a speaker? Perhaps this fall.
What about sending our Bill 19 letter to the editor?

ACTION: Bill will talk to Lonnie about this.

6. Alberta Environmental Network: Brian explained what he new about Brian Stazinsky and his role in the AEN. It is an umbrella group of various like minded groups in the province.

ACTION: Norma and Brian will look into finding out more about the AEN.

7. Parades: Discussed having a bicycle pulling a cart with the logo "VOCAL – pulling for the future". We just need a bike, trailer and kids! Bruce parade is too far. We would like to participate in the Tofield parade.
Music Festival Float: Brian is organizing one for Wild Oats and Notes.

H. Next Meeting Date: **TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm Round Hill Rec Centre.**

ACTION: Norma will book the meeting room at the Round Hill Rec Centre.

Respectfully submitted by: Norma Williams