



LASQUETI LAST RESORT SOCIETY
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held at the Health Centre
June 13, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

2. Present

The following Board members were present: Vic Downard (chair), Sandy Morrison, Ron Abrahams, Frank Buffam (via video link), Tom Carter, Tim Peterson (via video link), Marilyn Darwin, Gwen Bigsby.

Recorder: Robin Jacobs

Regrets: Robert Wallace

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting - May 12, 2020

The minutes of the last BOD meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sandy Morrison read the current account balances:

Operating account: \$11,417.64

Nursing services account: \$6195.52

Investment account: \$222,834.35

It was taken by general consensus to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

5. Administrator's Report

Administrator gave a report about recent activity in the LLRS office (**ATTACHED**).

Business arising from report:

Should the JFC re-open for community meetings? Directors: we should consult with Dianne McClure and Darcy Pascall (emergency coordinator). Next Provincial Health announcement is June 21st. Discussion about whether we should have protocol or "use at your own risk"; this needs to be determined.

Robin will check in with Dianne and Darcy; consensus is that the board is supportive of public use of the centre if compatible with current directives.

Cleaning chairs after meetings is the responsibility of the group using the space; Sandy will bring in alcohol and a spray bottle for wiping down chairs.

6. Maintenance report / State of the physical plant

Vic reported on the maintenance. Everything is fine. The generator has not run for months due to abundant solar input, but will be run briefly this month for maintenance purposes and oil change. Ben Cochlin did a training on the water system for Carly and Bob and that was successful. Ben has been very supportive and deserves thanks. With the boiler shut down, maintenance employees have been focusing on groundskeeping. Soon the boiler will undergo summer maintenance and internal cleaning. Karl D. will lead this, with Carly and Bob learning and supporting.

The directors received a letter from Peter Johnson (**ATTACHED**), reminding them of their commitment to investigate his previous inquiry about the relative costs of individual propane heaters versus wood, for all LLRS buildings.

Vic will email Joe Schley to ask for his assessment and recommendations, and will CC healthcentre@lasqueti.ca on this correspondence.

The idea of smaller localized heaters in each building would present a challenge to our obligations to provide heat to the qRD services.

7. Building committee report

The building committee will meet today at 2pm with the lower bidder on the duplex project. The current low bid is for \$170K (to lock-up). Committee is hoping to get the cost to lock-up down to \$140K. If that is not possible, the committee may recommend building a single cottage instead. To save costs, the committee may try to manage some of the materials and subcontractors themselves. There was a recommendation of a ceiling of \$200K for the total project.

Ron suggests we put out a call for donated local wood when we are ready to start construction. Local carpenters have a preference for importing kiln-dried wood, but some donated lumber might reduce the cost of the project.

There have been more inquiries from potential occupants of the duplex, however most people are reluctant to fill out the application, preferring to wait until construction is proceeding. It was noted that it's difficult to obtain "commitments" when the date of completion is uncertain. Suggestion: if interested occupants would allow LLRS to use their name(s), this would likely jump-start volunteerism and donations, as the community would understand the benefit to specific individuals. However not everyone would be comfortable with this kind of public presence.

8. Employees (Marilyn)

Both Carly and Bob are happy with their one week on/ one week off schedule. Both were very thankful regarding Ben's training. Kathie is back to cleaning once/week.

9. Storage spaces and equipment

Food bank volunteers have cleared out the laundry room and internal storage room, and took care of recycling and trash.

Suggestion: finish the interior of the outdoor storage room so it would be more usable.

Treatment rooms need to be clear of storage to encourage practitioners to use space. Many of the materials to finish the storage are already on site (insulation, some drywall, wire and outlet boxes), and others are inexpensive. Keith will rent his truck for getting rid of large amounts of junk; perhaps others would share costs for getting rid of construction debris, etc.

Decided: LLRS will hold a “yard sale” scavenger event for islanders to pick-over storage items and donate a few bucks. Marilyn will organize. Date: Saturday, July 11

Paper products: Marilyn has arranged with Graham Allen to source cases of paper towels and toilet paper. She will arrange.

10. Federal grant money

Robin will write an informal email proposal (as requested) to Caitlin Bryant to explain our plan to use the money to help seniors at home with domestic support. The money amounts to \$1000 and would be administered through the LLRS office, using local workers at a reasonable hourly rate, perhaps on a first come first serve basis.

11. Firewood

There are 3 dump truck loads from Lakota, mostly in the round, already at the site. Mark Young will deliver more donated rounds. Vic has followed up with the Shumak group (West Lasqueti Holdings) regarding another offered log donation, and may organize bucking and transporting rounds from their land. We need to split the wood and it does not need to be stacked right away. Vic will transport the splitter and buck more logs. Work party date: June 27th

12. Saturday Market

Will there be an LLRS presence at the Saturday Market this year? Volunteers are needed, in particular a market coordinator. Merchandise, tent, etc. are ready to go. Vic says he will help staff the table and will talk with others about possibilities.

13. Generator shed

Discussion about having an engineer look at the plans for the shed regarding acoustical engineering. Vic will approach the engineer who worked on the duplex design to see if she would help at a reasonable price.

14. Water system

Ray Lipovsky is meeting with William Shulba, the Islands Trust water expert who has worked with PLWUS. He has already expressed support for point-of-use systems and is sympathetic to the plight of small rural water systems. There is no cost to LLRS for this consultation.

15. Treatment #2 storage and culling

Marilyn and Sandy will coordinate a day to work on sorting through the stuff in outdoor storage. There are plans for the donated dental equipment currently in TR #2 to be installed permanently; discussion ensued about whether dental services are a realistic goal. Marilyn plans to talk with a local dental hygienist to investigate the feasibility of offering dental cleanings at the JFC, should the dental equipment be installed. Apparently Dr. Francis Lacouvee, who donated the equipment, also made a verbal commitment to Ray L. that he would send a technician over to Lasqueti to install the equipment when we were ready to do that. Discussion about what furniture and/or equipment should remain in that treatment room given current use; this will continue to be investigated.

16. Thank-you acknowledgments

Robin will include some thank-yous in the next Isle & Times, including to Ben C. for offering training and expertise; to Karl D. for various technical assistance including transport of gear from French Creek; to Keith and KGL for help and offering a discounted rate; to Jan D. for volunteer time in maintenance and various projects; to Daniel J. for pro-bono work on the Sunny Island system.

17. Planned departure from Board

The chair shared the news that Frank Buffam plans to step down from his role as Director, as of the September AGM.

18. Next Meeting

Next Directors' Meeting: tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 11th at 11:00 AM.

19. Adjournment

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM

Minutes submitted by: Robin Jacobs

Adopted minutes accepted by: _____, Secretary

Attachment 1: Administrator's report

Administrative report: June 13, 2020

Nursing clinics have been going well, with most patients making appointments, so no congestion in the clinic. Dianne is wearing a mask, but patients are not required to unless in a close examination.

Mental health Counselor Dan Clark will return to the JFC on June 26th. Dianne is scheduling appointments with a buffer of time between each to allow for cleaning.

Website has been further updated with new documents including COVID-19 guidelines and Practitioner Usage Agreement. Site traffic stats have improved since I have been sending out links, but some traffic still originated from Google or Facebook.

Re-opening JFC for health-care practitioners: the community has been notified, and Pia Lironi has held 2 massage therapy days at the JFC so far with more planned, including today. She is using the respite suite. We both agreed Treatment Room #2 is not ideal for massage in its current state (too much equipment stored there). This needs to be addressed (decluttering, etc.).

Kathie has been working hard to clean the JFC to standards befitting the pandemic but has no training in this type of sanitation, so if anyone has advice or specifications for her to follow, that would be welcome. She was not aware of nursing clinics resuming, and needs to be kept up-to-date on developments affecting need for cleaning.

I have been in contact with Caitlin Bryant at First Credit Union in Powell River, who is administering some federal money which is being released to support seniors during the pandemic. The money she is dispersing is for the entire RD and a portion of \$1000 has been set aside for Lasqueti. She is willing to release this to the Last Resort if we have a plan to use it to directly support local seniors during the pandemic.

I have completed the Annual Report for Powell River and will be following up with them to find out when the money will be dispersed.

The meditation group would like to know when it will be OK for them to resume meeting at the JFC. They are committed to following current health guidelines.

My hours are increasing again as the clinic and other activity at the JFC is increasing again. I am again in the centre Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Attachment 2: Letter from Peter Johnson to the LLRS Directors

Subject: backup/seasonal heating system

Hello Last Resort directors,

I apologize for this last-minute email. My internet connection only just started working again, after Larry made a trip south to fix it.

I spoke with Vic this morning by telephone. I am disappointed that nothing has been done about my request that a study be done of the advantages and costs of installing a backup and seasonal heating system in the Health Centre. At your last meeting, you decided to ask Joe Schley to do some work on this, but Vic says that nothing has been done yet, and gave me a whole bunch of reasons or rationalizations about why.

This non-action is exactly consistent with a decision by the board to do nothing, and could lead community members and LLRS members to doubt the sincerity of the board's commitments.

I hope that you will very soon ask Joe if he will look into a backup and alternate heating system inside the health centre, so that the costs, advantages and disadvantages can be compared with the current wood-only heating system. It could well be that for a fairly minimal capital cost, savings could be made through the years, and flexibility and convenience greatly increased. We won't know for sure until someone knowledgeable looks into it and gives the board, and the members and community, a report, and hopefully a recommendation.

Thank you for considering this again, and making sure that some movement and progress comes about soon. Thank you for all your work and energy on the board, and for the community.

Peter