



LASQUETI LAST RESORT SOCIETY
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting
Held at the Health Centre
June 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

2. Present

The following Board members were present: Ron Abrahams, Frank Buffam, Marilyn Darwin, Susan Morrison (president), Tom Carter, Tim Peterson, Sandy Morrison, Vic Downard

Recorder: Robin Jacobs

Members of the public: Peter Johnson, Shelley Garside, Eugenie Pelletier, Joyce Bonfield, Charlotte Taylor, Brian Pitt, Celia King, Marti Wendt, Andrew Fall, Willy , Wendy Bartholemew, Tom Weinerth, Sylvain Lieutaghi

3. Approval of minutes from last Extraordinary Meeting - June 16, 2018

The minutes of the last Extraordinary Meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Treasurer's Report

Sandy Morrison gave a verbal report of the Society's financial situation.

MOVED/SECONDED that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read.

CARRIED

5. Building Committee report

- a) Vic Downard showed and explained the architectural plans for the duplex elder cottage which is proposed to be begun this year.
- b) A goal of the committee is to have a foundation poured before next winter.
- c) The suggestion was made to display the drawings at the Last Resort Saturday Market table. Volunteers will be asked to add these drawings to the material taken to the market.
- d) Administrator will put the drawings on the Last Resort website and notify the public via the email list that they are on display there.
- e) There will be a community meeting in July at which the plans will be presented and feedback be requested.

MOVED (Ron) **SECONDED** (Frank) that the BOD make a decision on building the duplex by July 31th, based on community input received on or before that date.

CARRIED

Suggestion: that minutes and financial reports be added to the website. The administrator is working with a new website coordinator and an index of minutes and reports is among the goals. Financial reports could be circulated in advance of the meeting for the public to read and understand.

Suggestion: that members of various committees be named on the website and Facebook.

Feedback can be sent to administrator at healthcentre@lasqueti.ca.

6. Health Committee report

Susan, Frank, Marily, Shelley

Committee will continue to dialogue with Island Health regarding the Nursing Services Contract, with the goal of meeting the changing needs of the Lasqueti population by advocating for additional services, such as a regular mental health practitioner and a primary-care nurse practitioner.

The committee coordinates the reporting to Island Health (year end, quarterly) with the help of the administrator.

Shelley Garside will be in contact with Shelley Gallant (our current contract manager at Oceanside) to follow-up on previous dialogues regarding the possibility of adding mental health, nurse practitioner hours. A recent email went unanswered, so Shelley G. will try again. An in-person meeting has also been requested to further these goals.

Foot care, parent/tot groups, immunization, mental health, addictions treatment, diabetic care, heart-health care, are among the priorities identified by the committee, some of which have been successfully furthered in recent years.

7. Policies and Procedures Committee

Committee members: Susan, Peter J., Ron

Committee has not yet met this year. Committee could use new members, applicants can speak with Susan or Robin for more information.

8. Chili Dinner

Charlotte reported that Mary Jean suggests we raise the price of the dinner to \$10, based on public feedback. We need 3 more chili makers. Marty is calling people about desserts. Robin will post another request for volunteers on the e-list. All willing to help please call Mary Jean.

9. Saturday Market

LLRS table at the market needs one person to take responsibility for the table each week of the market season. Joyce, Brian, Kath Downard were put forward as possible volunteers for market

table. Sandy M., Terry T., and Jessica S. have already volunteered. Robin will contact all involved to schedule.

10. Better at Home

Joyce contacted Qualicum Better at Home, and they said the management of that organization has declined to fund us, based on lack of available money.

Joyce then called United Way, who said they are negotiating with the Province for more funding. United Way put us on their waiting list of communities who want funding, and it was suggested we also contact our MLA to advocate for funding.

Lasqueti Community Services may have ideas about how to assess community needs.

Adam Enright may have input into community needs as a home-care worker. Joyce will continue to follow up on this project.

11. Qathet Regional District agreement

The RD has approved the service establishment agreement, which is being held up based on negotiations between insurance companies. Robin will be following up in hopes of making more progress with this contract soon.

The agreement for sharing services (washroom access, electrical power, heat) with the Recycling Centre has been finalized, and the agreement for sharing services with Emergency Services is currently ready to be signed.

Discussion:

Is there a plan for a community 5-year review of the tax requisition? The community may be concerned about possible increases to the tax burden; Andrew F. explains that the service establishment does not allow for increases without a process involving the electors.

Is there an estimate of what the new duplex will cost to run? Since the services (heat, water, electrical) are in place and designed to scale up, additional operating costs will be fairly low. Rent for the elder cottages includes electricity, hot water, sewer. Tenant currently pays propane for cooking and summer heating, but other utilities are included in the occupancy fee of \$650 per month. Some of the elder cottage income goes into a maintenance fund.

Should there be a built-in cost of living increase added to the elder cottage occupancy agreement? Should the occupancy fee take into account the financial need of the approved tenant? It was explained that the rent is designed to be affordable to all, and takes into consideration the SAFER housing subsidy which is available to all qualifying low-income residents. When the subsidy is increased, there is an opportunity for the rent to increase commensurately without adding to the financial burden of the resident.

Is there a business plan for the elder cottage, to plan for needed repairs or improvements? Suggestion that a business plan be drafted to cover all 3 elder cottages.

12. Discussion on duplex elder cottage

Wendy would like to see a current site plan to look at where the future buildings are planned to be situated.

Peter would like to know the details of the budget. Sandy will supply.

There is a plan for bringing the duplex plans to the community in a larger public meeting, with the intention of gathering as much feedback as possible before the BOD proceeds with a construction plan.

13. Adjournment

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Robin Jacobs

Adopted minutes accepted by: _____, Secretary