



**Board Meeting Minutes
15 November 2021
Waberski Residence at Silver Star**

In Attendance:

Mike Waberski - President
Ross Foden
Loreen Ruault - Secretary
Lindsay Brennan (via Zoom)

Eric Dickie
Bill Crum (via Zoom)
Sheryl Bolton – Treasurer (regrets)
Maura McCarthy

Prior to the formal part of the meeting, a guest was welcomed to speak with the members.

Kathy Jenkins, who introduced herself as a “Bear Person”, has been asked to help Silver Star become a Bear Smart community. Kathy comes with extensive knowledge and experience with bear management, and in working via a contract with Silver Star, has come up with an education program.

The desire is to create a working group (committee) that will focus on Bear Smart, along with SSRA, SSPOA, SSMR, and independent residents. Further meetings with the various parties will determine which group the committee will fall under.

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the previous two meetings dated April 19, 2021 and August 26, 2021 were submitted via e-mail to the Board and considered for approval.

MOTION: to accept the minutes as distributed. M/S/C

Director's Reports:

Financial – Mike for Sheryl Bolton in absence

The October 2020 to September 30, 2021 financial report was distributed to the board via e-mail prior to the meeting. Mike/Sheryl addressed several items to the satisfaction of all.

Discussion ensued regarding the separate account for the Action Fund. We will look for an opinion from Accounting regarding disclosure requirements of information on the accounts.

MOTION: to approve the Current Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2021 as circulated. M/S/C

Preliminary Budget discussion for the upcoming year will be held at a separate meeting.

Member Engagement – Loreen Ruault

Newsletter – it is anticipated that another newsletter will be sent out within the next few days. The contents of such were discussed and approved by the board members.

Website – it was reported that the posting of minutes to the website is current, and the minutes from the last two meetings that were just approved will be posted shortly.

Community Pig Roast – The Pig Roast was a Covid casualty again this year, but it will be visited again for next year.

Proposed Strata Council Presidents Meeting – Mike brought a request from a Strata President for the SSPOA to facilitate the various strata presidents in organizing a meeting to compare issues and solutions. It was decided to update the contact list on the SSPOA website and let the strata's deal with their issues directly.

MOTION: to update contact information for each of the stratas on the SSPOA website and advise the membership where they can find same. M/S/C

BC Winter Games – Mike

Mike attended the organizing committee's meeting held on November 4th at the Chilcoot Centre. The SSPOA will promote their sponsorship and volunteer efforts in our newsletters.

Utility Services Committee– Ross, Mike

Jake Baziuk has been asked to sit on the Utility Services Committee, and he has been assiduously bringing himself up to date on the files. We expect to go forward with the new resources and ideas that Jake brings to the committee.

Update on Silverhawk

Ross provided an update on the lack of progress with the promised Silverhawk rate review by FLNROD. We had a meeting with MLA Harwinder Sandhu. Tea and sympathy were offered. Unfortunately, there was no sense of any urgency from Minister Conroy.

The Board adjourned to an in-camera meeting to discuss issues related to the efforts regarding Silverhawk Utilities that in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the SSPOA if they were held in public.

Stargas Update

Mike provided an update on the delay of the BCUC proceedings regarding the FortisBC purchase of Stargas which has been caused by the Splatsin First Nation and their request for intervenor status. The delay has been four to five months. In the meantime, gas prices have escalated effective November 1, 2021, StarGas has increased rates going forward, but it did not include any retroactive Gas Cost Variance Account recovery. When the sale to FortisBC is completed Silver Star ratepayers will see a rate reduction to the FortisBC rates.

Report of Meeting with RCMP

Mike and Ross met with RCMP members Shawna Baher and Justin Theissen to discuss Community Policing, where members are posted, and how funding decides representation in the community. Biggest call outs are in the winter and are domestic and non-residential. Shawna was keen to speak with the community, if so desired and invited. They encourage every "event" be reported, and it can be completed online. We also have a responsibility to support the RCMP. Ross will follow up and get the stats.

Safe Communities – Maura

New SSPOA FireSmart Committee

Norm Crerar now has a group of community members willing to step up to the plate, but there needs to be agreed upon Terms of Reference for the new committee. Version 1 has been distributed and council committed to respond with comments quickly.

MOTION: in principal, the SSPOA will form a Fire Smart Committee that shall fall under the auspices of the SSPOA, we will have a board member as the liaison. Terms of reference will be reviewed before the next meeting. M/S/C

Ski Way Access -

On time. On budget. Totally awesome!

MOTION: to approve expenses as submitted. M/S/C

Next project in this regard is to address other signage, and refresh the existing sign posts.

Community Wildfire Preparation – Report of Meeting with Brad Baker

Maura and Mike met with Brad Baker on October 19, 2021 to discuss wildfire issues. We have asked to meet with Amanda as well to discuss community wildfire concerns. Our aim is to improve communication and build the bridges differently with the RDNO on the subject.

Some of the issues:

Topic - Wildfire:

- A wildfire safety plan for the community, how can we get a professional one prepared
- Fire Emergency, Command and Control, decision making (part of the safety plan)
- Emergency escape or our so called “safe places”, Evac route(s) other than Silver Star Road
- Water supply, adequate to fight wildfire
- Existing pump sizes
- Water storage bladders

Topic - Fire Department:

- Where SSFD is presently, where does SSFD need to be (numbers of members, equipment, training)
- Silver Star Fire Protection Area, is it appropriate in size (also part of the safety plan conversation)
- What is the SSFD authority with what jurisdiction

Topic - FireSmart:

- RDNO support for the Community FireSmart initiative
- Going forward, who is the champion of the cause on behalf of the Community?
- Potential of SSPOA to formalize a committee

AGM December 28, 2021

Nominations, existing Directors we asked their intentions to seek another term on the SSPOA Board. Due to the cancellation of last years AGM due to covid all directors are up for reelection

Bill – no
Mike – yes for two
Eric – yes, for two
Ross – yes, for two
Lyndsay – yes, for two
Sheryl – to be confirmed
Loreen – yes, for one
Maura – yes, for one

The Board discussed

- meeting format and confirmation of date
- pre-registration will be mandatory
- combination of live, zoom, etc.

- will follow current PHO at time of Notice of Meeting
- You MUST be a current, paid up member.
- Ross to research and write the rules and distribute before next board meeting
- Need for volunteers for registration, etc.
- Notice will be sent out by the 10th of December

Subjects to be discussed and potential guests to be invited to the AGM were briefly touched upon and will be finalized at the next Board meeting, as well as what projects we want to do for the coming year.

Next Meeting – the date is November 26 at 4:00 pm, at Loreen's or via Zoom, if necessary.

Termination – the meeting was terminated at 6:16 pm