



**Board Meeting Minutes
30 November 2022
Waberski Residence at Silver Star**

In Attendance:

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

Eric Dickie
Jake Baziuk (via Zoom)
Sheryl Bolton – Treasurer
Maura McCarthy

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

Delegation – Michel Woodman – FESBC Project

Michel was instrumental in getting the grant for Fire Smarting of the resort egress road (personal work) although she works in the Ministry of Forests. The grant amounted to \$474,600 for entire corridor, which will be completed in two phases – 50% in the Silver Star Provincial Park and 50% on the Crown Land to below the lower switch back. The SSPOA will be using John Davies of Frontline in conjunction with OKIB to complete the project

Ms. Woodman thanked us for the time allotted to her, and the formal part of the meeting started at 4:32 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with the addition of the new budget to be discussed.

MOTION: to approve the Agenda as amended. M/S/C

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the previous meetings dated February 16 and September 1, 2022 were submitted via e-mail to the Board and considered for approval.

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

Director's Reports:

Financial – Sheryl Bolton

The October 2021 to September 30, 2022 Financial Report (year to date, and year end) was distributed to the board via e-mail prior to the meeting. Sheryl addressed the document in detail to the satisfaction of all.

MOTION: to approve all Financial Report as presented for the period ending September 30, 2022 as circulated. M/S/C

Budget plans for the coming year ensued, with each line item being considered. Sheryl will produce the document as a Budget Proposal to be offered to the membership at large at the AGM in December.

Several projects for the coming year were discussed, and will be fleshed out more prior to being introduced at the AGM.

- Mailbox shelter needs to be re-stained. Will need product and volunteers.
- Ski way signs – repairs are needed on several of the sign posts. It was also brought to the board's attention that the large pillars as you enter the Knoll could use some work.
- Gift cards to various community members who continue to support us were discussed and budgeted for.
- Website update – we will work with Candace to upgrade the current Wordpress software.

MOTION: to approve the Proposed Budget as discussed, and offer it to the membership at large at the AGM. M/S/C

Member Engagement – Loreen Ruault

Newsletter – it is anticipated that another newsletter will be sent out shortly along with the Notice of Meeting for the AGM, which will also be posted on the website.

Website – it was reported that the posting of minutes to the website is will be brought up to date to reflect the current approved minutes.

AGM Organization -

- Website Registration – Mike/Loreen will to work with Candace
- Election of Directors – there are currently four vacant one-year positions that will need to be filled at the AGM. Current directors will decide if they want to let their names stand again. Eligible candidates are being sought, and invitations from the floor will be asked for on the day of the AGM.
- Speakers – Discussion about invitations to speakers ensued. Mike will follow up and have the info ready when the Notice of Meeting is sent out.

- Volunteers – Mike/Loreen will work to get the message out. We will need a few volunteers to help with all the screening processes necessary for attendance, although we will do pre-registration via online this year.
- Voting procedure – As we have no big issues that we will be voting on, a simple show of voting cards should suffice without requiring scrutineers unless we have an election.

Utility Services Committee – Mike

Two of Corix Utilities Representatives joined the meeting. Ms. Franca Petrucci, Director of Business Development and Mr. Ron Zink Director, Financial Development discussed Corix's operations in BC

Upon their departure, 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. The Strategy on Silverhawk was reviewed.

Safe Communities – Maura

SSPOA FireSmart Committee – The chipping was completed over a two day period last summer, and 50-55 tons of debris was hauled off the mountain. The cost for the chipping days came to almost \$11,000, and it was covered by a grant from the RDNO. The committee will actively seek out grant money to cover the cost for next year's chipping, which is tentatively scheduled for the last week of June. Members are also researching water sources, water storage solutions, and rooftop sprinklers. These types of decisions need to be made in conjunction with SSMR and the SS Fire Department, so discussions are necessarily ongoing.

Block Watch Committee – Maura expressed her frustration about the lack of leadership and activity from the RDNO over the past two years. We have had community members who have been waiting 1-2 years to be trained, and Maura's repeated calls to the RDNO have been met with silence or empty promises. There was discussion about the feasibility of continuing to be a Block Watch community, given that we can't recruit new co-captains (because they won't be trained), and also because we are a very low crime area. We will revisit this issue at the next board meeting.

Community Wildfire Steering Committee – The report by Kevin Dalgarno on the Structural Protection Plan that was prepared for the RDNO will be presented on December 14th at 7:00. The Board along with the Wildfire Committee and the FireSmart Committee are invited to attend.

Bear Smart Update – Lindsay was unable to provide a report. This will be tabled at the next meeting.

Ski Way Signage – a report by Mike on the meetings with AIM on maintaining the Ski Way Access was given and he discussed repairs to damaged Ski Way # 9 sign that will be made next summer.

Next Meeting – it is anticipated that most business can be done via e-mail and the Board will meet again in the New Year, after the AGM.

Termination – the meeting was terminated at 6:30 p.m.

