

Meeting Minutes  
Shawnigan Lake Parks & Recreation Commission  
September 17, 2009

Present: Trina White (scribe), Betty Lord, Lori Treanor, Bill Savage, Al Brunet, Catherine Whittome, Margaret Symon

Called meeting to order 1900 H

Approved meeting minutes from July 17, 2009

Presentation: Ride to Conquer cancer – Al Brunet was one of 1700 riders that cycled from Vancouver to Seattle on a 264 km course and 6.9 million was raised.

Old Business:

- Parks & Trails Master Plan – Brian Farquhar to provide update at October meeting.
- Budget Review – The commission requests that for the upcoming budget review we are provided with the following information; rental prices for Shawnigan hills and revenue from the fields.
- Shawnigan Hills (Turf) – Ken Cossey wants the commission to still move forward with setting up a user group meeting to investigate if the users want all weather turf, even though the commission was informed that Baseball couldn't be played on all weather turf.
- Water Safety – RCMP have increase their patrols on the lake and residents have seen a small positive change.

Commission wants to see signage up around boat launches prior to this coming spring. This was requested for last summer. We would also like to look at moving the boat launch site and setting up a water safety program with the CVRD's help.

- Coleman Road property proposed rezoning – Wetland will become a park area.
- Silvermine Trail & Park Fuel Reduction – JOP crew will start the program in late September.
- Ancient Forest – CVRD with Ken Cossey are working on funding for the forests with Warrick Whitehead.
- Memory Island – People are still camping on the island. We need to implement a program to prevent people from camping on the island.
- Silvermine Trail (Ingot) – Trail building almost complete. For next meeting we all need to meet at about 6:00 pm to have a walkabout on the new trail.

New Business:

- South Cowichan Parks – Trina White will attend the further south park meetings.
- Shawnigan Lake / Kinsol Trestle ½ marathon November 1 – Will have a new route to run.

Pending:

- Ken Cossey to set up a meeting with all local commissions.

- Boat signage at boat launches
- Have complete Master Parks and Trail plan at the next meeting in October.

Action Plan:

Parks commission Motion to create an identity program for the commission board. This program would encourage residents to communicate with us and to allow us permission to talk with users about misuse of parks and trails.

This type of program could help control campers on Memory Island as well it could be used as a marketing tool for parks and trails at events in the area.

Parks commission Motion to have outhouse at the wharf built into a structure like at most parks in the area.

Meeting adjourned 2100 H

Next meeting: Oct. 15, 2009 (Budget)