

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
REVISED AS PER NOV. 16TH, 2023 MINUTES
Board Meeting held Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 at 09:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre,
12150 224th Street, Maple Ridge, BC

PRESENT: Don Mitchell (President), Fran Preston (Vice President), Karen Hjort-Olsen (Treasurer), Susan Schenkeveld (Secretary), Bobbi Duncan (Director), Richard Newman (Director), Angie Hodgins (Director), Margaret Attwell (Director), Gayle Lyons (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Michael Hayes for Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows) Tony Cotroneo (Manager of Community Recreation), Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator)

REGRETS: Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows) Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda

Removal of item 5.4 from the agenda.

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the Agenda be approved as amended . Seconded by Bobbi Duncan.
CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the minutes of June 28th , 2023, and the minutes of the July 5th meeting.

MOTION: Richard Newman moved that the minutes of June 28th be approved. Seconded by Gayle Lyons. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the minutes of the audit meeting of July 5th be approved. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan. **CARRIED**

4.0 **Staff Introduction :** Katie Cowieson was introduced to the group as the new Events Coordinator for RMSS. She will be focused on adding new events, supporting the Lunch buddies program, as well as many other activities going forward. She joins us with past fund raising experience. All welcomed her arrival.

5.0 **Reports**

5.1 Liasons

Tony Cotroneo

- The Maple Ridge Council will be taking a summer break.
- A second grant was submitted for another stream of the Poverty Reduction initiative.

- MR has finished the upgraded Pride sidewalk.
- July 1st celebrations were well attended.
- Movie night at the Park has begun (Memorial Park Park).
- The MR Operating agreement is being reviewed by their legal counsel, and it was suggested a meeting be set up to discuss further. Tony to have a discussion with Don on next steps.

Michael Hayes

- Recent retirement of the Director of Finance, with a new individual joining the Pitt Meadows team.
- Summer break to begin for the Council.
- Attended a presentation by the Cricket club, seeking to play in the City.
- There are no underpass updates at the moment, but more information to come.
- The Active Transportation Plan is now finalized
- The Community Support and Accessibility Committee continues its work.
- The Low cost Housing initiative still proceeding.

Jackie Didrikson

- The Summer Serenade series in the Park is happening.
- The Farmers Market on Tuesdays is also occurring.
- The roof replacement project for the PM Recreational Centre is in progress with a target of the end of August for completion.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Renovations and refresh for the Social Activity and Craft Room will be starting the second week of August, with the membership choosing the final colours.
- The rental agreement with Steven Levitt is being reviewed, with the group requesting more time slots at PM.
- The New Horizons grant application to open soon for submission. There is hope that monies can be received to create a music program that will run in tandem with the Care Givers support group, including seeking a music therapist.

5.3 Finance

- Karen provided an overview of the financial statement.
- Overall the budget is on track with a small deficit.

5.4 Fundraising

- Duck Race tickets sales are nearing completion. As of the date of the meeting, tickets were sold that represent a total of \$3760, representing \$2960 for RMSS. All outstanding ticket books are asked to be returned to Gayle prior to the end of July. The next weekend represents the end of the booked venues for Duck ticket sales.

5.5 Maple Ridge Strata

- Tiles still need to be put back up and the exhaust fan fixed.

5.6 Bus

- Still have not been able to hire a driver, so the Bus is a work in progress.
- Some partner agencies have notified RMSS that they will not be part of the funding, however, the MOU is still being developed.

6. Unfinished Business

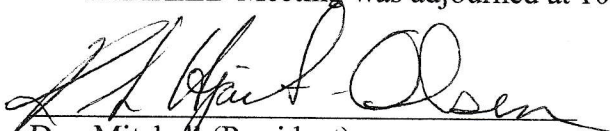
6.1 Annual General Meeting

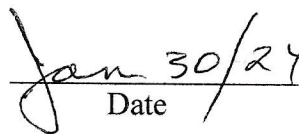
- A reminder that the AGM will take place on September 27th.
- We need to replace 5 people for the Board for the next term, so it is imperative that all current Board members try and seek out new members.
- It was suggested that a table at both centres be set up to provide information to the membership about joining the Board – what it means and who they can talk to for more information. All are encouraged to share the information with their circle of friends, family and acquaintances.
- Clarification was provided, that nominations for Board members from the floor are not permitted under our bylaws during an AGM meeting.
- A draft AGM report is being compiled.

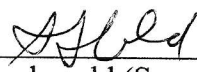
7. Adjournment

MOTION: Richard Newman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Fran Preston.

CARRIED Meeting was adjourned at 10:37.


per Don Mitchell (President)


Date Jan 30/24


Susan Schenkeveld (Secretary)