

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING
April 19, 2021
6:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting



ATTENDANCE: President Mike Pashak, Duncan Binder, Rob Dickie, Peter Pellatt, Marlene Walsh, Pete Langelle, Morris Nesdole, Dennis Evans, Teresa Beets, Gary Burns

REGRETS:

RECORDING: Deb Hamilton, Executive Director, Guest: Sherry Poole

DELEGATION: Decibel Coalition: Alan Drinkwater

1. Call to Order

President Mike Pashak called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda – There were no additions.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Res. 21-26

Moved by Gary Burns that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations – Alan Drinkwater from the Decibel Coalition joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and reviewed his PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- At this time the coalition is focusing on boats that have no mufflers or illegal mufflers or have a bypass switch, those 75 decibels or louder.
- Group has asked Transport Canada to provide efficient & effective enforcement procedures, will be speaking to RCMP as well.
- There is currently legislation in place that addresses mufflers
- Wake boards and loud music is different and there is currently no legislation that addresses this.
- At this time the committee is not pursuing new legislation to address wake boards and music but may be in the future. Current focus is to advocate for enforcement of legislation already in place.

President Mike Pashak thanked Alan Drinkwater for attending and he left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

5. Minutes – March 15, 2021

Res. 21-27

Moved by Marlene Walsh that the March 15, 2021 Board meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

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6. Financial Reports

- a. **For the Period Ending March 31, 2021:** Treasurer Rob Dickie reported that there was approximately 96% of the memberships paid. Other items to note is that audit costs have been paid as well as the annual insurance premium. A GIC matured in March and was reinvested for only 90 days as interest rates are extremely low

Res. 21-28

Moved by Rob Dickie that the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021, be accepted as information.

Carried

7. New Business

- a. **Bank Signing Authority and Visa Card**

With the appointment of a new Executive Director, the bank will require notification of the new Executive Director's name and approval from the Board that that this individual is authorized to sign on financial matters on behalf of the association and to apply for a Visa card. Part of doing financial business is utilizing a credit card. This limit is needed particularly when dealing with conference expenses.

Res 21-29

Moved by Peter Pellatt that the Board of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta:

- 1. Advise the Royal Bank of Canada that Sherry Poole has been appointed the new Executive Director of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta effective May 1, 2021***
- 2. Advise the Royal Bank of Canada that Executive Director Sherry Poole is authorized to sign on behalf of the association for financial matters with the bank effective May 1, 2021***
- 3. Advise the Royal Bank of Canada that Executive Director Sherry Poole is authorized to apply for a VISA credit card to use on behalf of the association with a maximum limit of \$10,000 effective May 1, 2021.***

Carried

- b. **Decibel Coalition Support**

The Board discussed supporting the Decibel Coalition and participating in the committee with the following statements:

- Safe Quiet Lakes has established the national "Decibel Coalition" of like-minded stakeholders called "The Decibel Coalition"
- The objective of the Decibel Coalition is to have the Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits

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on the amount of noise from boat motors and include effective and easy enforcement procedures

- Excessive noise from boats on waterways across Canada has been a pervasive, persistent and growing problem for many years and the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta welcomes the chance to join the Decibel Coalition.

Res 21-30

Moved by Morris Nesdole that the Association of the Summer Villages of Alberta officially and publicly join and support the Decibel Coalition, allow the Decibel Coalition to use the ASVA logo in any of their communications, partner with them when appropriate, communicate about the Decibel coalition with our members and encourage their support of the Decibel Coalition.

Carried

c. Planning 101 Workshop

The Executive Director reviewed the two quotes provided relative to delivering a Planning 101 course after Summer Village elections, sometime in September. She also reported that she had canvassed the Summer Village CAO's to see the numbers that may be interested. Of those that responded there was a commitment of approximately 62. Further discussions took place regarding the fee that was identified in the March 15th, 2021 meeting.

Res 21-31

Moved by Gary Burns that Brownlee LLP be contracted to deliver a Planning 101 course in September 2021 for a total cost of \$4,200 plus GST, that Jeneane Grundberg deliver the workshop and further that ASVA administration facilitate the registration process.

Carried

d. Conference Planning Startup

Discussions took place regarding the 2021 Annual Conference. The Board felt that because of the uncertainty of the status of the pandemic by fall, this year's conference may once again have to be held virtually. Members that volunteered to be on the Conference Committee are: Marlene Walsh, Rob Dickie, Teressa Beets and Duncan Binder.

The Conference Organizing Committee agreed to meet on May 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

e. Alberta Real Estate Foundation

The Board reviewed the grant information from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation (AREF) as well as information on a proposal from a consultant. Mike Pashak advised the Board that this individual can facilitate a forest health management project. Further discussions took place

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regarding administration of the project and if ASVA could charge costs for administrating the project against the grant.

Res 21-32

Moved by Mike Pashak that the ASVA utilize consultant Toso Bozic to assist in completing a grant application through the Alberta Real Estate Foundation.

Carried

ACTION: The Executive Director to contact the AREF to ask if time spent on administrating a project can be charged against the grant.

8. Review of Action Items

The Board reviewed the Action Items and requested that the Town Hall Meeting be removed from the listing.

9. Committee Reports

- a. AUMA Board Report – Mike Pashak: Advised that the AUMA delegation highlighted their recent activities at the last meeting in great detail.
- b. Lake Stewardship / AIS – Marlene Walsh: Information was circulated with the agenda. Moss balls are a big focus at this time.
- c. MSSAC – Dennis Evans: At their last meeting discussion focused on the new planning regulations. Also it is apparent that the ministry is targeting support for struggling municipalities to help them maintain their municipal status.
- d. AWC – Morris Nesdole: Continue to work with AWC who has hired a consultant to put together a table top process whereby scenarios are input and outcomes are ideas that help mitigate drought. Have asked to join Source Water Protection Group, focus is on lake management and lake governance. Morris suggested that the AWC present at the conference.
- e. FRIAA – Peter Pellatt: Information was circulated with the agenda. Also advised that they continue to fund projects with a total \$5 million per year in grants; application is much more streamlined; continue to solicit that the local forestry reps are ready to help with the applications; good opportunity to get FireSmart education out to the municipalities
- f. ASVA Conference Organizing Committee – Rob Dickie: Committee has not met at this point.
- g. Executive Director – Circulated with Agenda

10. Correspondence – Included in the Agenda.

11. Round Table:

Morris: What are the risks on AWC, appreciate any comments.

Gary: Have initiated a fire ban in their summer village

Marlene: Lac Ste Anne County under a fire advisory, Onoway Fire Services recommended a fire ban be initiated so Val Quintin did this however it has since been removed as recommended by the County; group of summer villages in the area did submit 2 ACP grants and one received \$100,000 to hire a

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consultant to work with the summer villages in the region on a regionalization feasibility study; sharing information on the reduced support through the Disaster Recovery Plan, encouraging residents to check with their insurance companies

Duncan: Gave third reading to their MDP and finished up the public engagement process for the new LUB; will have a 2.5% tax increase, have wrapped up the FireSmart project; under a fire advisory.

Peter: MDP process underway

Teresa: Awarded tender for the waste water project and will start construction in May, getting residents ready for the tie ins; did get support from the County to police their boat launch as it is the only one in their area; researching an area for a second boat launch.

Rob: Have initiated a fire ban in their summer village

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next meetings: May 12, 2021 Conf Organizing Com. at 6:00 p.m.

May 17, 2021 Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.