



Southern Cortes Community Association

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: February 9, 2025

Time: 10:00am

Location: Pioneer Room

Directors: Rebecca Thacke (Zoom) (Chair), Susanna Bonner (Vice Chair), Ruth Barrett (Secretary), Michael Taylor, Jeremy Parnell

Staff: Cora Moret (ED)

Guests: None

Regrets: Susanna Bonner (Vice Chair)

1. Call to order 10:07

2. Review of Jan 12 board meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes: JP/RT. Carried by all.

3. Executive Director Report Notes:

Strategic Plan . The Plan is broken down by Goal and Task Lists. Cora added more reference to the Playschool in Goals so a work plan can be created which includes the Playschool meeting the needs of the community and for annual review.. Cora created a spreadsheet for creating a work plan. All members will review the Strategic Plan and add to task lists. A person will be assigned to format the final Strategic Plan document. .

Motion: The current Strategic Plan was approved to go to formatting. MT/JP Carried by All

Action: The Strategic Plan can be formatted.

Playschool- Federal Funding for Playschool \$10/day per child. approved. Taylor Christmas who is an ECE has agreed to provide support to the playschool which will facilitate the playschool to better meet the needs of the children the facilitators and the community at large. With the new funding for the Playschool the current Gaming Grants can be allocated to other areas.

Request by Shirley (a parent concerned about the impact on her son re the gender equity/inclusion policy in the Playschool) that she be allow to do a presentation to the SCCA Board to address her personal request that she be notified which facilitator were assigned which days of the week so she could reconsider re-enrolling her son in the Playschool. Rebecca asked what information can currently be shared with Shirley surrounding this request. Cora reiterated that considered confidential information and Ruth



explained that gender identification of either students or facilitators was a currently non-issue at this age. The Board will allow Shirley to present to the Board at the next meeting with the understanding that she provide more information than was provided in her original letter. The Board suggested that they will not respond or make a decision at the meeting.

Action: Rebecca will respond to Shirley's request to present to the Board at the March meeting explaining the parameters of her presentation and the limitations of the Board response at that meeting.

On-line Workshop that Cora attended -

Action- Cora will meet to discuss going forward with this training.

New Pickleball Court site Update- Volunteers have begun clearing the site before the spring nesting birds arrive. Further discussion required with CIPS to include a design that could allow for tennis play since the agreement was that it is to be multi-purpose usage. - Who actually will own the courts is still under discussion since it is partially on SRD property. It is a very expensive asset (\$200,00) which will be built by the Hall and CIPS.so ownership of the courts is an important consideration..

Electric Vehicle Charging Station.- Currently BC Hydro will not provide for free installation of the stations because of the remoteness of Cortes but this could be challenged. However it could be classified as a workplace site and thus other Mansons Hall Grants/Funding could be used.

Motion- [Approve the upper parking lot as the site for the future EV Charging Station.-JP/MT :](#)

Action- Cora and Mark Vonesh will meet to discuss getting BC Hydro on board to install a free Charging Station..

Action- Cora will meet with CHS/ the Museum/ CHIS/ the Firehall to discuss the various options of the EV charging station.

Emergency Evacuation Plan for the Island-There is about to be a new contract position created by the SRD to rebuild the island evacuation plan..Discussed the importance of the Hall creating their own evacuation plan which will feed into the SRD Evacuation Plan.

Playschool Playground- The new federal funding available to the Playschool will create enough funds to build the new playground (to be metal and plastic for longevity and less maintenance) and a covered deck entrance to the Playschool. The funding currently ear-marked for the new playground could possibly be used to create an Adult Exercise Circuit along the path between the Hall and the upper parking lot when the new Pickleball courts are developed. .Cora mentioned that there is a Grant available to fix trails and the proposed Adult Exercise Circuit might be permitted through this Grant.

It was mentioned that the public school is replacing their playground which means the old equipment may be available and perhaps used in the Playschool playground build.

Action - Cora will contact the school to find out if the old equipment is available.

BCRPA Symposium May 5-9 in Whistler- Cora expressed that it would be a great networking and up-skilling opportunity for her if she were to attend.



Motion- Send Cora to the BCRPA Conference. CM?RB Carried by All.

4.Standing Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Jeremy- AGM Meeting held on January 25th

Friday Market- Jeremy-Only 2 stands at last Friday Market. Initial discussion on usage of the Pioneer Room for Friday Markets and future revenue opportunities for the Pioneer Room beyond that since it includes a full kitchen and non-competition with the Co-Op is a huge consideration which includes evening use of the space.

Action- Cora will work on a plan for future use of the Pioneer Room.

Action -Jeremy and Cora will meet with Jennifer in March to discuss future marketing for the Friday Markets.

Cemetery Committee- Cora confirmed that Dancing Wolf will be paid by the SCCA for any on-going cemetery maintenance. A battery powered lawnmower and plastic storage shed will also be purchased by the SCCA. A burial fee will also be implemented.

Action- This Committee will work with Death Care Collective to review by-laws/ volunteer involvement and allocating funding.

Event and Fundraising- Michael-

Discussed a Hidden Treasures and Market Dinner fund-raising event. It could also include commercial vendors.

Action- Event planned March 15th at 3-4 pm with food to be served. Cora is putting the details of the plan together including the food menu. Cora will ensure that there is a food license for this event. Name of the event has to be decided ensuring no conflict with any other market.

Fix-It Fair- Rex Weyler is spearheading.

Action- Cora will meet with Rex to put this together.

Possible Montecarlo Night with Auction- Michael introduced this.

Action- Michael will look into the legalities of hosting a Montecarlo /event.

HR Committee- Michael

Discussed formal process for employee engagement for Hall employees. A solid Employee Handbook which is underway will facilitate the ED-Employee engagement process.

Discussed Jennifer Pickford's contract- There are 2 versions of the contract to be negotiated with her and then one signed off when she is back in March.

Diversity Workshop which was proposed for the Hall. March 1st may be a good day for the workshop.

Action- Cora will put together the workshop plan. Other organisations will be invited to attend.



5. Date of Next Meeting: March 9th at 10am

Check- Outs- All agreed it was a very productive meeting,.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 12:10 - RT