**Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association**

**General Meeting**

**Swan Lake Nature House**

**7:00 – 9:00 pm, Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**MINUTES**

Minutes prepared by Jean Hodgson.

Susan Haddon welcomed everyone to this great meeting location.

1. **Approval of agenda** – moved – John Schmuck and seconded – Peter Haddon. Passed.
2. **Approval of minutes of June 26 2018** – moved – Peter Haddon, seconded – Helmuth Mueller. Passed.
3. **Treasurer’s report** – Art Beck**:** Art reported as follows:

Short Term Funds Available $9325.

Total receipts 5776.

Total disbursements  4,637.

Net for the Period  1138.

Approval of the Treasurer’s report: moved – Art Beck, seconded – Peter Haddon. Passed.

1. **Membership** – Noella May: Total membership: 153 including 22 new members. Contact Noella if you are interested in being on the contact list (currently 213 recipients).
2. **President’s Report** – Susan Haddon**:**

**Music In The Park**– 2 more very successful events this August. Kudos to Chris Bartlett and Karen Dearborn for their organization.

In early 2019, Saanich Planning will begin two important **planning updates** for QCHCA - the Quadra corridor and the Local Area Plans for both Quadra and North Quadra (simultaneously). Contact Susan if you are interested in being involved.

QCHCA will host an **All- Candidates’ debate** at Garth Homer Centre, Oct 4.

**The newsletter** will be available about October 19. Volunteers are needed to deliver the newsletter in their area. Contact Peter Haddon.

The **Strategic Plan** developed last year and updated in January 2018 includes six **Action Groups** – Community and Outreach (contact Noella May), Development and Infrastructure (John Schmuck), Events and Activities (Chris Bartlett), including speakers (Margaret Taylor), Organization of finance – leadership and governance (QCHCA) (Art Beck), (Saanich) Budget and Finance (Pam Edwards) and Environmental sustainability (Peter Haddon and Lana Burns)*.* The chair of each Action Group is asked to call a meeting to establish priorities and actions to report to the next executive meeting (October 23). Anyone interested in being involved in any of the groups is asked to contact the committee chair.

1. Ken Whitcroft provided an update on **Cecelia Creek Park**, a Saanich Centennial Legacy Project proposed by QCHCA in 2006, to daylight Cecilia Creek. Council approved the project in 2009 but it has not been brought to a ‘project ready stage’ by Saanich Parks in order to apply for further grants. Saanich Legacy Fund is holding $30,000 already available to the project and could be the agency to apply for further grants.

Susan suggested a meeting with the Parks Department be arranged requesting an update of the status of the proposed park.

1. **Development** – Susan described the many development proposals for our area, including two Abstract Development proposals and the large Nigel Valley Development recently approved by Saanich Council. For more info go to: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/development-applications/active-development-applications/quadra.html>
2. **Graffiti tagging** was raised as an issue with increased tagging in the Quadra area. It was suggested that the only way to combat graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible. A graffiti clean-up could be organized by QCHCA as has happened in the past. An article will be in the next newsletter. An organizer is needed to take the lead on such a project.
3. **Library boxes** – there are still 4 old Times-Colonist boxes behind the Times-Colonist building on Douglas if anyone is interested in putting up a library box on their street. Teale Phelps Bondaroff has a map of the 200 boxes located around the Victoria area.
4. Update on the status of the Parks and Rec request to rezone an area of Cedar Hill Park – this was turned down by the ALR but the decision can be challenged.

Following a break, a very interesting presentation on **Bees and Beekeeping**, the importance thereof, locally, nationally and internationally, was given by Nairn Hollett of the Capital Region Beekeepers. She noted two things that everyone could do:

1. Never use pesticides, especially ‘neonics’. Canada Wildlife Federation has a petition on-line which people are asked to sign, including a plan for the future [www.banwithaplan.org/SignOurPetition](http://www.banwithaplan.org/SignOurPetition)
2. Grow plants that bees can use, from crocus and snowdrops early in the year to asters in the Fall. Plant herbs especially, including lavender. Group plants so that bees can spot them more easily.

**Adjournment of the meeting at 9.00.**

**KEY DATES:**

October 4 – All Candidate’s Debate – Garth Homer Centre

November 25 – Next General Meeting, Cedar Hill Rec Centre, 7 -9 pm.