FORT LANGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DIRECTORS MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 - 7:30PM

(via Zoom)

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Schildhorn, Danielle Twist, Malcolm Weatherston, Karen Zukas, Sandy Cameron, Scott Jacobsen, and Nicholas Rawcliffe.
SPECIAL GUEST: Jeanette Martin.
REGRETS: Harold Whittell.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM (via Zoom teleconference).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with no recommended amendments.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The January 19, 2021 Minutes were approved with no recommended amendments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. **Year End Financials -**
   The Chairman shared a copy of the FLCA's General Ledger, Balance Sheet, and the Profit & Loss Statement.
2. **Bank Balance –**
   The FLCA's bank balance of the year-end (December 31, 2020) depicts the sum of $1,919.27.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Web Design -**
   The "keys" have now been obtained from the prior webpage administrator and this project is now moving forward. The chairman called for volunteers among the directors to take a more active role in this project and Sandra & Karen agreed to cooperatively communicate between each other to advance the process of updating the web site design. It was noted that Christy at Flying Horse is currently auditing the web site and will provide recommendations in due course. A few observations were made by some of the directors, as noted below:

- MailChimp does not align with our website functionality.
- a Facebook widget is required to “feed” FLCA Facebook topics to the FLCA website.
- integration of content is required and google undertakes 90% of all searches.

It was suggested that Sandra and Scott would develop a list of website “needs and nice to have’s” from information provided by other directors.

2. **Festival Coalition Update**
   Some uncertainty exists at that point regarding the organizational aspects of a Festival Event Society. A central coalition organization is being explored that may be the keepers of a common calendar that independent organizations, working collaboratively and cooperatively together (but separately), could upload their events and local data (such as traffic projects). The “coalition” is not intended to be an overseeing body but rather a resource. Input was shared by several directors about how this larger cooperative could function and integrate for the benefit of individual groups.

   It was further discussed that, realistically, it will be 2022 before events commence again in Fort Langley.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Truck Route**
   There is nothing new to report regarding the truck route.
2. **Heritage Committee**
   Some discussion ensued about historian and writer, Kathryn Jane Watt, who recently was a guest speaker at the Langley Heritage Society. She lives and works in Fort Langley, and her book High Water; Living With the Fraser Floods was a comprehensive look at the flood history of the Fraser River, including the great Fraser River flood of 1948. It was noted that flooding also occurred in Fort Langley in 2001. Scott is going to send link(s) to the other directors. It was agreed by the directors that it would be good to have Kathryn Jane Watt as a guest at a future FLCA meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

1. **Plans for 2021:**
2. **AGM**
   It was discussed that the FLCA AGM should be deferred until September.
3. **Survey**
   The prospect of conducting the 2021 survey on-line only was canvassed with the FLCA directors? This is to be further considered by the directors.
4. **Grant Application**
   Regarding the $1,000 community grant application, a report will be filed on how the money is to be spent.

5. **Councillor Arnason motion – Letter of Support**
   Councillor Arnason put forward a motion in support of a change in grant criteria and a policy amendment that integrates additional criteria that will allow for the combination of virtual, and limited in-person hybrid programming, during the remainder of the immediate pandemic period, with further applicability to any subsequent instances of future pandemics that could restrict physical participation in events. This motion is based on Covid-19 pandemic health protocols and restrictions precluding historic gatherings and events that were funded by the Township community grant framework, and the proposed creation of a parallel funding model for virtual events in order to offer an opportunity for qualifying applicants to move forward with needed financial resources ensuring their survival in the Township of Langley.

   This motion was defeated last year, and it was noted that the TOL director of Parks & Culture is designing the applicable criteria for this proposed motion, if approved.

OTHER

- There was some further discussion about the FLCA website, and a regular blog in a magazine-article-type format of 500-800 words. Scott may become the blogger for the FLCA. This could become a format for the sharing of stories.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2021.