

**THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes – Board Meeting**  
**December 4, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Ann Dickie, President; Don Sinclair, Vice President; Ron Bannister, Treasurer; Teresa Moore, Secretary; Ellen Rush, Director; Colleen Kasting, Director

**Regrets:** Marjan Jackman, Director

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1. Agenda- approved
2. Minutes from November 5, 2023- approved
3. Treasurer’s Report: Ron presented the November Treasurer’s Report. The report was accepted. Discussion regarding the advertising revenue from the webcam. Ann will contact Wendy Hinsperger to clarify where the revenue will be going.
4. Membership:
  - 170 family, 64 singles = 404 voting members in 234 households.
  - Income from donations for November 2023 = \$9940.
  - Donations from January 1 2023 to December 1, 2023= \$55,137
  - Total donations from January 1, 2022 to December 1, 2023 = \$145,706.
  - Pledges remaining to December 2026 = \$26,369.
5. Old Business
  - a. CVRD Meeting – Latest meeting date cancelled. Meeting was to include Thetis Island community members (Wendy Hinsperger, David Reay, Ann Dickie and Keith Rush) and CVRD CAO (Danielle Myles Wilson) and Jesse McClinton Area G director. Jesse McClinton will come over, possibly with a staff member, in December. Ann reported that 34% of the taxes collected in Area G (Saltair/Gulf Islands) come from Thetis which has only 22% of the population of Area G. The Thetis group will be asking for an annual contribution from CVRD to TICA of \$25,000 (a portion of the Recreational Tax that Thetis is currently paying).
  - b. Foundation Grant – Colleen spoke with a representative of *Grant Advance* which provides information about all the Foundations in Canada for an annual fee. The board had some questions regarding the possibility of getting funding for debt repayment and if not possible then other avenues that might be available for funding. Colleen will set up a Zoom call with the representative and members of the board to address these issues.
  - c. Christmas Market review- The market was highly successful with 17 vendors and over 100 lunches served. The board acknowledges and thanks Pat English and Eleanor Vandergaag for all their work in making the event such a success.
  - d. Legacy Members – deferred until 2024.
  - e. Additional Directors- deferred until 2024.
  - f. Power Outage Policy – The CEC will finalize hall usage policy once drafted. Discussion regarding BC Hydro contributing to the cost of leaving the Hall open during a power outage. Colleen will explore if BC Hydro provides any grants or other funding for this. (Note: CVRD provides funding to TICA when services are provided at the Hall during extreme heat conditions.)

- g. *Let's Talk Smoke* – \$1500 of the \$7000 grant has been put aside for the Structural Protection Unit.
- h. Thetis Community Assembly – Next meeting is in early January.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Restricted fund accounting – TICA's books will be changed in 2024 and the restricted funds will no longer be line items. Ron presented the following motion:  
**MOTION: That TICA dissolves the restricted fund accounting practice and establish an operating fund including all current assets (except property and equipment) and a property and equipment fund including the long-term debt. Moved by Ron, seconded by Don. Carried unanimously.**
- b. Cleaning of Hall – Ron will have a discussion with the cleaners to confirm working arrangements.
- c. Membership mail-out policy – When membership renewal letters are sent out, only Chris Fordham and Kevin Galbraith will receive letters for the Capernwray members. All other communications to members will go to all members, including those at Capernwray.
- d. Mailing lists - CEC will work on creating two mailing lists: one with current members and one with non-member contributors and previous members who have left the island. When appropriate, the latter will receive communication from TICA.

#### 7. Organizational

- a. Food Services & Events Group – Don reported that the last Soups On for 2023 will be December 13. It will resume in January.
- b. Health Services – Ann reported that all of those registered for Primary Care via Health Connect Registry have now been contacted. The Nurse Practitioner is now-accepting other new patients. Also, a dental hygienist is bringing her mobile services to Thetis. Ann has discussed using the Forbes Hall parking lot as her base on the island.
- c. Merchandise – Ellen reported that all 150 calendars are sold-out and there are cards left for year-round sales.
- d. Repairs and Maintenance – Ann reported that Noah Bond has been contacted to do some paint touch-up work in the hall in the new year.
- e. CEC – will work with Matt Hess to provide a quick guide for using the AV equipment.

#### 8. Ongoing

- a. Tennis court – TICA has purchased hockey nets, basketball net with back board and rebound wall from the funds provided for the upgrade of the court. A load of gravel will be ordered to complete the hardscaping around the fence.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Next meeting Monday, January 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.**