

THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes – Board Meeting
January 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Present: Ann Dickie, President; Don Sinclair, Vice President; Ron Bannister, Treasurer; Teresa Moore, Secretary; Ellen Rush, Director; Marjan Jackman, Director

Regrets: Colleen Kasting, Director

1. Agenda- approved
2. Minutes from December 4, 2023- approved
3. Treasurer’s Report:
 - a. *Back into the Black* report:

Ron reported that TICA paid Local Lenders this month as follows:

 - Interest owing to Local Lenders for 2023 = \$3112.50
 - Paid debt owed to six Local Lenders of \$10,000 each = \$60,000
 - Paid debt owed to one \$50,000 Local Lender loan = \$50,000
 - Paid two of the \$50,000 Local Lenders \$25,000 each = \$50,000
 - Total debt paid \$160,000
 - Outstanding debt= Two Local Lenders @ \$50,000 and two @ 25,000 = \$150,000
 - These have interest rates of 3% or 0%.
 - b. Tax on Merchandise - Ron is also looking into any tax requirements for merchandise sales for non-profits.
4. Membership:
 - 170 family, 64 singles = 404 voting members in 234 households.
 - Donations for December 2023 = \$12,565.63.
 - Donations for all of 2023 = \$67,702.63
 - Total donations from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023 = \$158,271.63.
 - Pledges remaining to December 2026 = \$31,549
5. Old Business
 - a. Thetis Community Assembly – The Assembly met on January 4, 2024. Fourteen organizations participated as well as many audience members. Reports were given on various topics. Minutes from the meeting will be available to the public through espokes. The next meeting will be held April 15, 2024.
 - b. CVRD Meeting update – The CVRD meeting was held December 16 with Jesse McLinton (Area G Director), Ann Dickie, Keith Rush, Wendy Hinsperger, Gord Prescott and David Reay toured all facilities including the dock then met with Danielle Myles-Wilson (CVRD CAO) and Darcy Mooney (CVRD COO). There was discussion about an annual CVRD contribution to TICA for the Hall. CVRD has a funding model for operations of buildings that they do not own. There is an example of the Cowichan Station Hub, a centre owned and operated by a community association, that receives annual funding through this CVRD fund. A report of the CVRD meeting is included in the minutes from the Community Assembly which will be available via espokes.

- c. Hall cleaners update – Ron met with the cleaners to discuss working arrangements.
 - d. Power Outage Policy – The Health Services group is meeting to discuss the CVRD the possibility of getting the same funding (\$1000 a day) they provide for official warming centres for the Hall when it is used during power outages.
6. New Business
- a. Facilities Utilization Network/CEC: Many people have approached David Reay since he started Bingo with other ideas for fun things to do at the Hall. He would like to develop a subcommittee of TICA where people could suggest ideas for new events at the Hall. The events would be run by the organizers (like yoga and fitness classes) and David’s committee would be the go-to group to present these ideas and have them approved. He would report monthly to TICA to keep the board informed but TICA would not organize or run the events.
 - b. TICA’s role in reducing impact on climate change: At the Assembly meeting each organization was asked to describe who they are working to reduce impact of climate change. Board discussed ways to improve the kitchen and garbage processes. Three approaches were discussed. One, if people scraped clean their take-out containers whether they use them at the Hall or at home, they can be recycled. If they aren’t cleaned, they are garbage. By creating clear and explicit signage over the garbage cans people will know how to best dispose of their garbage or recycling. There was also discussion about increasing the percentage of vegetarian offerings from 25% to 50%. Finally, Ron pointed out that once the debt is repaid, TICA can think about other methods of reducing the impact on climate change such as installing solar panels. It was agreed that the biggest impact we have made on climate change is how the building was built.
 - c. Hall patching and touch-ups: Noah Bond will give a quote to repair and paint the areas needing touch-ups from displaying different sized photos and artwork.
 - d. Table microphones: Ron will investigate the cost of purchasing an extra microphone and a table stand for the microphone to make it more convenient to change speakers during meetings.
 - e. Membership renewal: The letter and renewal form will be sent out by the end of January. Don has already received two 2024 membership renewals.
 - f. Membership non-members: TICA to approach TIRRA in the upcoming months regarding notification of new people moving on to the island, as TICA should be including them in our new members’ drive in March/April when a letter will be sent out to non-members and new community members.
7. Organizational
- a. Food Services & Events Group – \$676 was carried over in Cash on Hand from 2023 to 2024.
 - b. Health Services – Health Services is meeting to discuss the logistics of referrals for Home Care Support to those on the island who need it.
 - c. Merchandise – Ellen reported that sales of Maynard Johnny’s t-shirt has provided \$459 to his requested charity Hope & Health in 2023. We will continue to give money to charity with each Maynard Johnny Jr. t-shirt sale. An excel spread sheet will be developed to track merchandise purchases and sales. As Ellen will be away January and

February, Don will handle merchandise sales in January and Marjan in February. People may still contact Ellen via email then she will refer them to Don or Marjan.

- d. Quarterly – Teresa reported that she has spoken with Veronica about the distribution of hard copies of the magazine. We will print 15 copies (10 for the two marinas, 2 for the Quarterly, 2 for the library and 1 for the BC Ferries toll booth). Advertisers receive an online version not a hard copy. Teresa will ensure Nan is aware of this and remove the advertisers from her distribution list. Discussion about cost of subscription for 2024. Currently it is \$30 for three issues. Decision to leave the cost at \$30 for four issues.
- e. Facilities Group – Dental Hygienist starts tomorrow. She will be parked in the Hall parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting Monday, February 5, 2024 at 9 a.m.