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# LOWER NIPIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD JUNE 30, 1991 AT THE TWIN LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

The Chairman, Mr. Alex McClellan, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were only 21 members present. Each member was asked to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the 1990 Annual General Meeting were read by Mr. Doug Brenton. Moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Goldie that the minutes be adopted as read. CARRIED

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. McClellan touched briefly on the unsuccessful attempts to remove our District from the KalRec specified taxation area. A group of our members attended, as observers, the July 19, 1990 RDOS Board Meeting to see and hear first-hand the indifferent attitude of the majority of Board members toward our concerns. A motion put forward by our Area D Director, Mr. Bill Barten, to look further into this matter, was defeated by a margin of one. The person casting the deciding vote was Mrs. Jeanne Lamb who had earlier advised our Chairman during a phone call made to him, that she wished to disassociate herself from this issue.

The Secretary commented on a meeting he attended October 23rd with Mr. Rob Rounds, Manager of the Improvement District Section of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The situation regarding our dispute with the RDOS was discussed at length. Mr. Rounds was supportive of our position but could only advise us to write to the Deputy Minister/Inspector of Municipalities, Mr. Ken MacLeod. Mr. MacLeod's reply dated October 19, which the Secretary read to the meeting, tried to rationalize regional board decisions in matters such as we were involved with while admitting these decisions quite often cause much controversy. The following is the last paragraph from his letter:

"In closing, I would note that many services, especially in the parks and recreation sphere, are conducted and funded on a very broad basis throughout regional districts and large municipalities in full recognition that those directly using and benefiting may in fact be in the minority. It is, however, only one piece of a large fabric of community activity that contributes to the overall quality of life in British Columbia. Finding the balance between those who directly use services and those who contribute to their support is not easy. It is in this instance a task that the Directors of the RDOS must adjudicate."

Since the matter was now back in the hands of the RDOS Board, it was felt that further effort would be fruitless. Our new Area D Director, Mr. Ed Sims (who was elected last October), has stated to the Secretary, that although he also feels that the process has been unsatisfactory, once a project has been passed into By-Law, it is extremely difficult to change. Mr. Sims has promised to keep us better informed by appointing a person from our District to the Area Planning Committee (APC).

The Secretary explained to the meeting that the APC is composed of people distributed throughout each Area which meets once each month to discuss matters pertaining to that Area. The function of the Area Director is to act as chairperson and to relay the collective wishes of the Area residents to the balance of the Regional Board. Our having someone from our District on this committee should ensure a more democratic and effective form of representation for our District residents - something which has been missing in the past.

The Secretary advised the meeting that a letter had been forwarded to Mr. Si Sieben on July 11, 1990 thanking him for his quick action to repair an overflow at a culvert on Horne Creek.

The "bear-proof" garbage container for the public access at the south end of the lake was purchased and installed last July.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Trustees during the past year and acknowledged the extra efforts put forth by the Secretary toward the KalRec tax issue. He informed the meeting that the additional ten inches of dam installed in 1984 to control excess flow into Twin Lake was made permanent when Mr. Kreger applied for and received a water licence for this purpose.

Mr. McClellan also advised the meeting that he had been approached by Aurora Aquaculture Ltd. of Lethbridge regarding removal of the carp from Twin Lake. Their proposal entailed the use of a boat with a 40 hp motor which would net the carp. The estimated time to complete the project was two months. The members agreed with the Chairman that we would not want to permit that type of operation to take place on our lake. It was pointed out that the carp do have a beneficial effect on the water. The matter was not considered further.

A letter had been forwarded to the District Office, Ministry of Lands and Forests advising them of a large slough which appeared to be about to overflow and wash out the Horne Creek road just above the 8 km marker. A culvert was subsequently installed.

#### WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bob Tate reported that he and Mr. Goldie had established a good rapport with the managers of Twin R Ranch.

Mr. Goldie then modestly described a comprehensive "Water Committee Report" - a ten-page document which brings together in one place, various fragments of information, all of which pertain to the use of water from Twin Lake. It fully explains the Water Act and the rights which have been established under licences issued to individuals in our District.

The Chairman praised this very interesting report which took a great deal of time to prepare and is of vital interest to the members of our District. A limited number of copies are available from the Secretary for \$2.00 each (497-5326).

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Secretary/Treasurer read the Financial Statement to the meeting. He reported that there was a closing balance of \$2972.45 in bank/term deposits and petty cash - a decrease of \$188.83 from last year. This loss was due to the purchase of the garbage container, paint and plastic bags (\$276.71) and to declining interest rates on our deposits. Moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Goldie that the Financial Report be adopted as read. CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

3 circulars re interest rates on taxes in arrears

3 circulars re Goods and Services tax

Several reports from Min. of Health re condition of lake water taken from various points at various times which indicated substantial improvement due to recent run-off

Copy of letter dated March 26, 1991 from Mr. Eric Ripley to Ministry of Environment re concerns about quality of Horne Lake water flowing into Twin Lake.

Letter from Secretary to Mr. Si Sieben

Letter from Trustee Mrs. Betty Purdy to Ministry of Lands and Forests dated October 1, 1990 re potential road washout

File of correspondence related to KalRec tax which was detailed above

Letter dated June 24, 1991 with brochure from Aqua-Flo Testing & Equipment Ltd. re their services which included testing water wells and pumps not performing to requirements

Three water licences issued. One new application.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mrs. Doreen Goldie was elected by acclamation to the position of Trustee for a period of three years to replace Mr. Brenton.

The Trustees are now:

Mr. Alex McClellan - to 1992  
Mrs. Betty Purdy - to 1993  
Mrs. Doreen Goldie - to 1994

Mr. Hugh Goldie volunteered and was appointed Auditor for 1991-92.

NEW BUSINESS

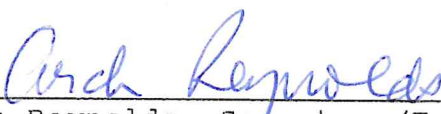
The Chairman advised that both the Post Office and representatives of the 911 Program had expressed the concern over a lack of a numbering system for houses in our area. Moved by Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mrs. Brenton that an approach be made to the RDOS regarding the establishment of an appropriate house numbering system for our area. CARRIED

Mr. McClellan also suggested that since we were contributing via taxation to the Kaleden Parks and Recreation, that possibly we could prevail upon them to arrange for the collection of the garbage from the container now installed. (Mr. Tate has been looking after this delightful task by including it with his own garbage.) It was agreed that this matter would be pursued with KalRec.

Mr. Jack Laisi, who was absent from the meeting, had indicated to the Secretary that he would be willing to serve as our representative on the Area Planning Committee. Mr. Laisi was appointed to this position for one year starting in December.

Mr. Ed Sims, Director of Area D, who was expected to attend the meeting was unavoidably detained. He had expressed the wish to smooth relations between ourselves and the RDOS and to assure us that we would be kept informed in the future.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 after which a short social gathering was enjoyed by all.

  
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Arch Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer