**Minutes Rutland Residents Association** [www.rutlandra.com](http://www.rutlandra.com)

**December 8, 2014, 7 PM, Rutland Centennial Hall**

**Call to order** 7.PM John Huston **Attending** 11 members, 1 visitor

**Agenda**

**New Business**

1) Rutland May days

2) all Candidates Forum, Post mortem, Letters of Thanks , Thanks to media

3) Upcoming AGM

4) Rutland Middle School Response from hon. Norm Letnick

5) Electoral Boundaries

**Item 5 added Electoral Boundaries.** Adopted as amended.

**Minutes of Oct. 21, 2014 meeting** adopted by meeting

**Treasures reported** a bank balance of $ 3,542.99. Forum costs totaled $ 210.89 but with the donations of $ 126.15 received at the forum left a forum cost of $ 84.74

**Presidents Report**

I would like to thank the association for all their work in making the Rutland residents Association 2014 All Candidates forum a great success. We have done a great service to the Rutland community and the People of Kelowna for bringing together 46 of the 49 candidates together in one place – trustees, councilors and mayor Candidates. I heard many good things about the event by Candidates and Voters. Thank you for your efforts-job Well done.

- Coordinate the \Association all Candidates forum task Force

- Sent out many many emails to prospective Candidates for the forum and responded to candidates questions

- Meet with Parks Society regarding Hall and Advertising

- Web page mgmt, [www.rutlandra.com](http://www.rutlandra.com) and creating agenda finalize minutes and uploads etc.

**1) Rutland May days** President has received an email from Chris Brown (former president of Rutland Park Society and former secretary of RRA) stating that there would be no May days in 2015 and that the 5 year contract with West Coast Amusements has come to an end and would not be renewed. John Vielvoye commented that the Rutland Park Society has advised him that Chris owns the old Rutland Park Society web site and there is not much the current Park Society can do about that, but that the current Park Society web site has information stating that Chris has incorrect information and recommending that people consult the current Park society Web site for information

found on the Uptown Rutland web site. www.ourrutland.ca/

**2) All Candidates Forum Oct. 28, 2014**

President read article from Anita Sthanija (see our web site) from Kelowna Now Oct. 28, 2014 J. Vielvoye read several other articles from the Daily Courier and Capital news. All were complimentary. Discussion showed that members present had received compliments about the forum and the layout was good. No negative comments received. Suggestions for improvement need for a good microphone.

Candidates who did not attend were Sam Condy, Cal Condy, Derek Somer, Cannon P.S. Rielly. Letters of appreciation for help sent by Evelyn Vielvoye to the ladies who assisted her, to Specialty bakery by john Vielvoye. Letters of appreciation to be sent by the president and the secretary to Alf Kroshinsky, hall manager for his help and past help and the Rutland Park society for their help and the use of the hall. Some discussion concerning the usefulness of the sign we had made and placed at the front of the park. Appreciation is expressed to the various media for their support in announcing the forum. No comments received about the sign. Signage rules in the hall by candidates were generally observed. Signs were not permitted more than 2 feet above the tables, but there was no rule regarding balloons. Several candidates did bring larger signs but placed them on the floor. One had requested we permit a silent auction to help pay for his election expenses and help pay for ours on a 50: 50 basis, but this idea was rejected. Group of candidates were not permitted to share adjacent tables, but some how they did, and this was not a problem.

**3) Upcoming AGM**

Must be announced at least 2 weeks before the event in a newspaper. President to set a date. With the electronic age upon us we should consider alterations to our bylaws to permit email and use of the web site as an alternative. There are several other bylaws that need attention as well. We need to check on the hall availability for January with the hall manager.

**4) Rutland Middle School response from Hon. Norm Letnick**

President read the letter from Hon. Norm Letnick to the meeting. The replacement of the Rutland Middle School is ranked at the highest priority by the school district followed by a new Okanagan Mission Jr. Middle school and replacement of Glenmore elementary. Land purchase to replace the Rutland Middle School failed in Nov. 2012 but not for the other two schools. The local school district has not yet advised the Ministry of Education of alternative plans. The Ministry has ranked the replacement of the Rutland school as a medium priority until funding becomes available.

**5) Electoral Boundaries**

President John introduced Andrew Powel who has been working with the Boundary Commission on boundary changes for the provincial Electoral Boundaries in the Kelowna area. He had four different boundary adjustment proposals but the third one was the most acceptable to the meeting. It would separate Rutland from Kelowna and would join Rutland with Ellison, Black mountain, East Kelowna and Lake Country. The meeting suggested the Riding be called Rutland – Lake Country. President John to place more information on our web site [www.rutlandra.com](http://www.rutlandra.com)

President John to meet further with Andrew to obtain information for the web site

**Motion** The Rutalnd Residents Association endorse the electoral boundary proposed as presented by Andrew Powell Moved George Hermanson second Shirley Schmidt. Carried

**Heritage Week Evelyn Vielvoye**

Heritage week will be Feb. 16 to 22. The theme is Main Street at the heart of a Community. We will do the kick off breakfast on the 16th at 8 AM at 1st United Church on Bernard Ave. Open to the public. Talk & tour of building to follow breakfast.

**50:50 draw** won by Shirley Schmidt $ 13.50 to Shirley and $ 13:50 to RRA

Meeting adjourned 8 PM