**Rutland Residents Association**

**General Meeting**

**Feb. 19, 2015**

**7 PM, Pool Room, Rutland Centennial Park**

**Call to order** 7 Pm. Pres. Huston

Roll Call9 members & 3 visitors

**Agenda adopted as circulated unanimous**

**Guest Speaker Mr. Ryan Donn Councilor, City of Kelowna**

**Mr. Donn is of Scottish background, moved to Kelowna in 1990, has musician background, graduated from Rutland High School, lived on Dougal Road, feels that our election forum was the best, wants to add parks, is working with staff to become familiar with City works. Mentioned that staff considers heritage as an expense.**

**Reports**

**President’s report**

**Report was part of agenda handed out.** Took Part in the open house Information session for Centennial Park. Web page work, discussion/meeting regarding bylaw changes. Met with local Book Store owner of Flip Flop Books on Gray Road. Changed over signing authority.

**Treasurer report**

Financial report handed out. Highlights were: Heritage breakfast income by donation was $ 184. Total Jan. deposits were $ 23.50 Expenses were $ 260.03 Total bank balance at Feb. 19, 2015 was $ 3,586.60 Moved acceptance Jill Siebert, seconded Mary Luttmerding, Carried unanimously

**New Business**

1) Heritage Week (Feb. 16-22) Programs for Heritage Week were provided as handouts. Evelyn Vielvoye reported on events to date. Breakfast with followed by a tour (At First United Church on Bernard Ave.) was well received with about 75 people present. Also provided was a display of heritage by the Okanagan Historical Society and the RRA. Royal Ann Hotel has provided the Cutters Room for heritage displays during the week. RRA will provide a display of Rutland History, provided by Evelyn. RRA volunteers participating at the Breakfast kick off were Ola Casan, Jill Siebert, John & Evelyn Vielvoye. Volunteers for Feb. 21 at the Royal Ann include Danita Lischka, Andrew Powell, Peter Pagliocchini, Shirley Schmidt, Ev & John Vielvoye.. Heritage week ends with a tea & tidbits and special guests Sharon Simpson and Alice Lundy at First United Church on Bernard Ave. on Frb22.

**Mr. Donn asked what the criteria was for something to be declared “heritage”. Evelyn Vielvoye listed 3 or 4 to answer his question. RRA has provided $ 3,500 to Central Okanagan heritage Society for the restoration of a cairn that was at the Brents Mill site.**

**Motion:**

**That RRA discuss Rutland heritage at the June meeting and that RRA have a position on Rutland heritage by September.**

**Moved Peter Harshenin Seconded Peter Pagliocchini Carried unanimously**

**2) St. Aidans Evelyn and John Vielvoye have received word that St. Aidan’s church has been sold and will be turned into a Buddhist Church. Restoration work should start soon. The City has already demolished the building in the adjacent lot to make room for the move of the church. Peter Chataway is available to make more comments.**

**John Vielvoye asked by this meeting to contact Peter Chataway and ask him to come to the next meeting (March 19) and perhaps help identify Heritage sites in Rutland and advise on setting priorities for heritage in Rutland.**

**3) Centennial Park A public information session was held Feb. 18 at the Centennial Hall. Posters showing the long term master plan were shown. The long term plan is not one of the three options people were asked to vote on, but rather a hybrid of option 1 & 2. The city staff on hand circulated and collected questionnaires that dealt with the park and future uses including dogs in the park, licensed commercial venders, structures, basket ball area, etc. There were some disappointed people who felt the City had not lived up to its commitments during discussions of the sale of the park in the park design, and there were some who felt that anything is better than the current park. Comments that the basket ball area should remain as parking, combination of the washrooms and stage area, and others were made. President John brought a copy of the questionnaire and polled the meeting for their preferences. The results of the poll were:**

1. **Universally Accessible Playground**
2. **Washroom**
3. **Uninterrupted play field**
4. **Stage**
5. **Cultural Gardens**
6. **Perimeter walk way**
7. **Basketball court**

**The results of the poll are to be sent to the City Mayor and Council in a letter together with direction to the City that we wish the park renovations to be completed within the next 3 years and that we expect the City to work towards that goal with the Park Society as well as residents of Rutland including the RRA.**

**It was moved that President John Huston and Peter Paglocchini would meet and write the letter on behalf of RRA expressing the results of the poll and feeling of RRA towards the long term master plan.**

**4) Bylaw Changes John Vielvoye handed out current and proposed changes to several bylaws and presented a special resolution that would if accepted, change some of the Association Bylaws to permit voting and non voting members, extend membership to people who were members but moved out of the Rutland area and who wanted to remain members, reduce the quorum from 7 to 3 people, permit advertising of the AGM in various media, add a bylaw that deals with conflict of interest and renumber several affected bylaws. Each proposed changed was discussed and members expressed support for each change.**

**Motion**

**Resolved that bylaws 2-1, 2-2, 4-7, 4-11 be deleted and be replaced with Bylaw 2-1, 2-2, 4-7, 4-11 as proposed in the hand out and that Bylaw numbers 9,10,11,12 be changed to Bylaw numbers 10,11,12,13 as proposed in the handout and that a new Bylaw 9 Conflict of Interest be added as proposed in the hand out.**

**Moved Peter Harshening Seconded Mary Luttmerding. Carried unanimously**

**John Vielvoye to write up the changes as required for the registrar and submit the changes to the registrar.**

**Added business**

**Signing authority for the RRA is Evelyn & john Vielvoye, Mary Luttmerding and John Huston**

**May Days are set for May 16,17,18. Parade on May 18. Volunteers are needed to help at May Days. Mid way will be run by Shooting Star Amusements (not West Coast), there will be vendors in the park, stage events, events in the hall. There will not be an entry fee to May days, but there will be a charge for the rides.**

**John Vielvoye found a note while going through old RRA files recently acquired, that reminded members that the RRA does not carry Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.**

**Next meeting to discuss May Days is March 9. Everyone welcome.**

**50/50 draw won by Mr. Ryan Donn. Our account increased by $ 7**

**Motion to adjourn by Jill Siebert @ 9 PM.**