

Wreck Beach Preservation Society
Annual General Meeting
May 21st 2009
4915 W. 16th Avenue
Vancouver B.C.
6-7:30 P.M.

Minutes

Attendance: Normand Auclair, Rick Fearman, James Loewen, Craig Heale, Marilyn Hogan, St.Sgt. Kevin Kenna, Chris Rarinca, Lance Read, Luzmila Rodriguez, Richard Wallis, Judy Williams

I. Introductions

II. Treasurer's Report – see Chris's report

III. Chair's Report - see Judy's report, MOVED James – unanimously accepted

IV. Nominations – no one nominated from the floor

V. AGM change of date to March (next AGM March 2010)

- due to attendance issues at this time of year

- Passed UNANIMOUSLY

- Judy to send letter of notification of change to Victoria (Societies)

VI. Elections- The following persons agreed to stand for office again and were acclaimed

Chair - Judy Williams

Vice Chair - James Loewen

Treasurer - Chris Rarinca

Secretary - Lance Read

Membership - Marilyn Hogan

Media and Communications - Steve Kisby

Community Liaison - Rick Fearman

Vendor Liaison - Normand Auclair

Member At Large - Eric Kaipainen (On Leave)

VII. RCMP Report (5 Minutes)

Quite quiet lately; some gearing up / rehearsal towards 2010 security

Sgt. Brian Decock has been assigned back here as a sgt.

Several other new constables have been appointed

VIII. Metro Vancouver (10 Minutes)

A. Vending Protocol and Approved Vendors

- Several vendors approved, several more have applied,
- Vancouver Coastal Health form must be submitted
- Top Trail 6 vendor not selected yet

- B. Trail 3 Stairs; Trail 6 bench pull-out's
 - In the process of building stairs to be completed in several weeks
 - Trail 6 pull-outs complete
- C. Potties and Squatties
 - Beach Squatty fence to be cut down to about waist height
 - Wooden wall to be built between squatty and potty
- D. A Thank you for leaving part of the old fir
- E. Move from here to new parks office in August
- F. Help Needed from MV for the July 5 Run
 - Tents and tables to be supplied by MV as per last year
- G. Progress with the major slide below the towers? What is being planned?
 - Geo-technical engineering consultant has been hired to review damage
 - Rick Fearman to be contacted and met with, by MV re history of that area
- H. Anthropology Reflector pond – MV to contact WBPS re this
- I. Marilyn

IX-WBPS (18-25 Minutes)-Anything over this time will be taken forward to the June 18th Meeting, 6 p.m. at a location to be announced; likely it will still be here.

- A. Run of July 5- We need volunteers to make this work. So far only one person has responded to my request for a May 24th meeting. Even though most of the planning is in place, without volunteers we cannot do this.
- B. Body Acceptance Day and Group Photo plus Wreck Beach Day: July 19, Rain or Cloud Date will be July 26th.
- C. Tree Ceremony for Douglas Fir at Point Grey- Video in process.
- D. Guided ethnobotanical tours from Acadia to Trails 3 and 4
- E. Media Contact: Men's Journal, H&E, Bloomberg magazine
- F. Guinness Book of World Records Swim - July 11th
- G. Surf Smelt Monitoring Grant Received \$1700.
 - Monitoring session, noon at Trail 4, May 23rd.

Adjourned – 7:00

Next Monthly Meeting: June 18th, 6 p.m. - here unless otherwise notified

Chair's AGM Report for 2008 to May 2009

As always with Wreck Beach it was a year of getting to know new people (Xavier, Matthew, Naomi, Stephen) and saying goodbye to many others including our beloved Candice, many parents, and loved ones. We saw a major slide on January 7 below the accursed towers and remediation work is yet to be undertaken. The WBPS Liaison Committee met in November 2008 where new changes to the VCH policy regarding Wreck Beach vending were unveiled after less-than forthcoming liaison with the WBPS folks. We conducted our 12th annual bare buns run and buns-across the Border event with the 13th annual one coming up too quickly for July 5. Our Second Annual BAD Day, photo shoot and 29th or 30th Wreck Beach Day is slated for July 19th with a cloud or rain date of July 26th. The annual Christmas party saw five major trips being offered to entice folks to buy raffle tix. Surf smelt monitoring got underway in earnest and we have been given a grant from the Pacific Salmon Foundation to continue our work this year. Volunteers needed. We had ongoing discussions with Metro Vancouver regarding type and placement of public toilets at the beach level. Western thought processes are amazing regarding normal human biological functions...I started my ethnobotanical tours of the foreshore and uplands with the Ideas Fair busload of keeners in early March, took two individual tours along the foreshore, starting with Acadia, and for the Jane Jacobs Neighbourhood walkabout in early May with a final walk on May 17th as part of the Walk and Talk Series for Pacific Spirit Regional Parks, preceded by a slide show on May 14th in the evening about how plants were used for food and medicine by First Nations and pioneers.. Finally, we would be remiss if we were to say that the battle over PWC's is not going to be an ongoing one. The threat to the safety of humans and to our environment are incalculable and they must be banned from the Wreck Beach swimming area!