MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE SOUTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AT 4212 OWL VALLEY DRIVE, GLOUCESTER, ONTARIO 1936 HOURS, September 23, 1999

Reference: September 23, 1999 Agenda (Copy attached)

ATTENDEES (at beginning of Meeting):

Sue Farley – President
Anne Farrell – Treasurer/Street Rep Owl Valley Drive
Megan Jenkyns – Street Rep Wildmint Square
Jennifer Nield - Street Rep Wildmint Square
Dan Ross – Vice-President
Debbie Kemp – Street Rep Totem
Verena Holmes – Street Rep Covehead
Al St-Onge – Director-at-large, Neighbourhood Watch
Sean Brennan – Webmaster
Joannette Wallace – Co-director, civic affairs
Danny Fernandes – Co-secretary
Paula Walker – Social Director

MINUTES

Item 1
Call to Order and Introduction

1. 1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM

Item 2
Approval of Agenda

2. 2. The agenda was accepted with addition of Webpage (Sean Brennan) as new item 4. Change to agenda carried.

Item 3
Review and Acceptance of August 19, 1999 Minutes

3. 3. It was moved that the minutes of the August 19, 1999 meeting be accepted with amendment to Debbie Kemp's last name. Carried by all those present.

Item 4
Old Business

4. 4. New Item4 – Web page The president reported receiving emails from members and so too did Al St-Onge with respect to the Neighbourhood Watch Program. Sean Brennan handed out the attached update regarding usage of the web page. He noted the recent addition of the scrap book. Other changes to the page were discussed and will be incorporated. Problems regarding browser were also discussed. Allen St-Onge will continue keeping a hard copy record for the community centre.

5. 5. Item 4(1) – Financial Report - The Treasurer tabled an updated version of the Financial Report. See attached. Paula reported that the cost of the bouncers used at the BBQ was reduced to $100. Total membership has increased to 162. The Treasurer is looking into changing branch location for convenience sake.

6. 6. Item 4(2) – Home Phone Line Interference Update – Fred Kahn will look into it and Paula will advise him to go ahead on behalf of the RSCA.

7. 7. Item 4(3) – Playground Advance Signs – Allen St-Onge reported that all the signs for playgrounds are up all over the community.

8. 8. Item 4(4) – Update on RSCA BBQ – The Social Director reported that everyone had a good time. There were 7 reported bee stings. Only two persons sought assistance from St-John's Ambulance. Pediatric blood pressures were conducted. Lone Star did a great job. Bob Rae was requested for next year. Kevin Bowie gave out pop tarts. Junkyard were great and made the 6pm new. Face painters and Gloucester fire department were great. Volleyball nets worked out well. There were 3 problems: (1) toilets were removed prior to arrival – Paula ordered on e for $190. (2) helium tank received was smaller than the one ordered (3) generator problem because company responsible for bouncers did not bring one.

   Magic 100 should be booked next year. The RSCA's request for city grant should be tabled sooner (April or May) as we only received $500 instead of the allowable $800. We could have had more picnic tables. Congratulations to the Social director.

   Decision 1: September 16, 2000 will be the date for next year's BBQ. Carried.

9. 9. Item 4(5) – Membership Drive – The Teasurer reported 164 members. A list of members has been prepared. **Decision 2: Membership Drive must be done by this Executive prior to end of term in early Spring. Carried**.

   Suggestions were made to take more forms and go door to door along with Anne's membership chart. We can add Halloween Flyer at the same time. Also the renewal of Business directory needs to be done in early Spring.

   The Vice-President suggested that we assign the project to find commercial advertiser for website. al St-Onge will contact Tony Crewe to discuss this.

   All directors at large will be invited to next meeting for the purposes of assigning projects. The President will be contacting them to invite them to participate in any one of the following: commercial advertising, CRTC/Bell Can., soccer field

10. 10. Item 4(6) – Secretary – This was dealt with at last meeting.

Item 5
New Business

11. 11. Item 5(1) – Rideauview RA Report – The Director, RA was absent. The Treasurer reported on this matter in his place. Only 4 persons attended the RA meeting. Sheena Seguin went over the tri-city vs. mega-city concepts asking the RSCA to promote the tri-city proposal. With respect to the recreation centre questionnaire that was distributed to the outlying communities, the last question was: would you be interested in assisting the recreation association? Only one yes was received. All decided to hold off until January at which time we will plan a sleigh ride for February. After the sleigh ride, the community centre will open. All felt that at this time, a centre would make it easier to educate people on the RA's services and benefits through the community centre. The Centre will allow for monthly meetings for the RSCA.

12. 12. Item 5(2) – Rideauview RPB Rep Report – The Social Director reported on the RPB meeting held on Monday, September 27, 1999. The Mayor addressed the mega-city vs. tri-city concepts.

The Rink contractor for the park needed to be decided. The cost for cleaning the rink would be $1,518.00 and the RPB agreed to pick up the tab and have the access cleared from Rolling River to the park. Flood lights will also go in at no cost. Permanent flood lights on the future site of the basketball courts will go in. The courts will measure 4000 square feet. Lighting will be placed on a timer. The City noted that they will be coming earlier on week-ends to clear the rinks.

Other announcements were made starting with the 150th anniversary for Gloucester. The Social Director proposed having a special event to commemorate the occasion at the next RSCA BBQ.

Last year, the RPB paid for toilets having extended the service to 4 months. They were shocked to hear that the toilets were removed upon our arrival at the RSCA BBQ. The bill the RSCA received for toilets will be reimbursed by the RPB.

Echolands park is to be revamped for boat launch. The City hired by-law enforcement officers, free of charge to the RPB, to check on parks given previous reported incidents at Echolands, but problems are being moved to Millenium park. It was suggested that if open cooking takes place, that the city be called to send enforcement officers or in the alternative, ask persons engaging in such activities to stop. Members are encouraged to call the city by-law enforcement office and ask for Cindy.

Garbage can lids to not fit park cans.

The Community Centre will be changed. A copy of diagram is attached.

Pick-up soccer at park did not happen. Shawn Thomson did not coordinate.

Harvest House will be staying until 2002. This land was purchased by Urbandale. They will move to Ramseyville school. A marina will be added to allow for river access, boardwalks and restaurants over the water.

13. 13. Item 5(3) – Halloween Event – **Decision 3: The RSCA will play an active part on Halloween night by being present and identifiable on the streets so as to promote safety and discourage horseplay. Carried.** Al St-Onge will be contacting Kevin Bowie for access to vests and he will also prepare a safety bulletin.

14. 14. Item 5(4) – Resident Feedback Forms – Joanette reported concerns with phone exchanges. The President noted that Ottawa-Carleton was to change this month so no one in the Ottawa-Carleton regions will be charged for long distance phone calls.

    The Social Director reported on a complaint regarding the dust on Armstrong road and whether it can be sprayed. The answer received from the city was no.

    The President received requests regarding when we might get a shopping centre on Armstrong Road. She has bee advised that it has been delayed and a re-zoning meeting was postponed indefinitely.

Item 6
Other Business and New Items from the Floor

15. 15. Jennifer Nield volunteered to look into possible magnets identifying key emergency numbers for the community.
16. 16. The Community Centre will be reduced from 6500 sq. feet to 6200 because of cost.
17. 17. McDonalds brought in $50. Only 14 cards were submitted. The President will draw for the family meal prize and advise the winners.
18. 18. **Decision 4: Saturday, December 11, 1999 between 5 and 7 pm will be the RSCA's next event "Festival of Lights". Carried.**

Item 7
Next Meeting Agenda Preparation

19. 19. The next meeting will be held at 4224 Owl Valley at 7h30 pm, October 14, 1999 (Sue Farley).

Adjournment

20. 20. The meeting was adjourned at 10h17 pm.

Danny Fernandes
Co-Secretary

S. Farley
President

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