

MAYNE ISLAND INTEGRATED WATER SYSTEMS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting June 03, 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the MIIWSS was held June 03, 2007, at the Mayne Island Community Centre. Eighteen members present with Ev McKay, in the Chair.

Ev opened the meeting by welcoming those attending.

1. Approval of the Agenda. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. 2006 Annual General Meeting. The minutes of the 2006 AGM were approved. (Mary Cooper/Sheila Dunnachie)

3. Business Arising: There was no business arising from the 2006 Minutes

4. Treasurer's Report: Diane Plucinak gave a summary of her report, noting that finances are in good shape. Our balance is now \$5,404.84 compared to \$3,550.80 in 2006. Report attached.

MOTION: Move to adopt the treasurers report. Diane Plucinak, 2nd Al Wood. Carried.

5. Officers' Reports. Treasurer and Program Reports are attached.

5.1 Chairman Ev McKay's Report: Ev McKay gave a brief history of MIIWSS. It has evolved into an educational role, working with water groups, the public and various government authorities. The latter work is most important because there has been a steady increase in policies and regulations affecting water suppliers, eg. an ongoing issue is accreditation of water system operators. Cooperation with governments also allows a better opportunity to obtain grants. This past year MIIWSS received \$2,000 from Ministry of Environment, \$500 from the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee, \$100 each from Saturna, N. Pender and Galiano. Susan DeGryp, CRD, gave \$3500 with proviso that we attend seminars and work on behalf of all the islands within the constituency.

5.2 Program Reports and Proposals: Mary Cooper

β 2007 Workshop went very well, with 103 attending and 15 small water systems operators getting .4 CEUs. Our expenses were less and we received good feedback. There are 4 speakers lined up for next year's workshop which will be April 26, 2008.

β The water sign goes up soon on Joan Drummond's property (Rootseller) and the Mall.

The website is being updated, about 2/3 done. It cost \$250 to set up, \$50 annual fee and \$50 an hour for updating. Special project links for districts will be available but if it

requires extra work, costs will be passed on to the district.

β MIIWSS submissions concerning hydrofracturing have been acknowledged by the Ministry of Environment and verbal reports indicate that some regulation of hydrofracturing may be considered in upcoming Phase 3 policy writing.

β We have two tables reserved for Fall Fair, with Bob Burgess, Rainwater Connections with a demonstration display & Gary Gibson, VIHA consulting on wells, in attendance. Hoping to do light bulb exchange if a grant from Natural Resources Canada comes through.

β Trying to get water board trustee workshop sometime in late Sept or early Oct with Ministry of Community Services and VIHA. Also trying to set up with Corix for an industry provided workshop covering BFPs and meter maintenance and repairs.

β Dennis Illingworth has volunteered to take on well mapping project.

β CRD Director and Mary are trying hard to get LFT project with Mayne as pilot location using Gas Tax refund monies. Currently being blocked at the federal level, Ministry of Infrastructure in Ottawa.

β Mary attended two conferences: One at UBC, May 13 & 14 on Ecological Governance of Groundwater with Canada wide policy makers and scientists, including representatives from the San Juans comparing their islands with the Gulf Islands on water issues. The second, Coastal Water Systems Suppliers at Qualicum, May 24 & 25 with VIHA, EOCP, several BC Ministries and industry suppliers.

β Membership: Diane and Mary sharing the job. We have 8/11 water systems on the island as members. We have about 96 individual member , a high count due to overlapping time of year.

6. New Business. The Chairman stated that it has been difficult to find members of the water systems boards to serve as MIIWSS directors because of their responsibilities on their individual boards. MIIWSS is still operating under old by-laws because the application to change the constitution to allow public participation in MIIWSS was not acted on by the office administering the Societies Act. He recommended we take this opportunity to open up access to the Board by allowing general members to serve.

The following change to Part 2- Membership was proposed:

3. Membership in the Society is open to all water providers and the general public.

Passed unanimously by a show of hands.

It will now be sent to the Societies Act people, brought to the membership for final approval at a membership meeting this fall.

7. Water Provider's Reports

7.1 Laura Point Water Society– Ev McKay Twelve connections. No problems since all toilets changed to low-flush with \$200 incentive. Some manganese. Not chlorinated but UV system and chlorination system in storage. No storage tank---water supplied direct from well

7.2 Lighthouse Point Improvement District, Ken Chubb: Hallett UV system installed at cost of \$5,000. They had a boil water order last year.

7.3 Bennett Bay Improvement District, Mary Cooper, 131 customers connections out of 152 lots. Lost 20,000 gallons in 4 days due to a leak in a 3" main. New #8 well, chlorinated and Hallett UV system. Rebate program incentive of \$100 per toilet to change to low-flush gradually working.

7.4 Village Point Improvement District: Henry Till: Largest system on Mayne Island. CRD completing study, so no report yet. Expected to be costly.

7.5 Bakerview Holdings:Eddy Carmack: nothing to report

7.6 Mount Parke Estates: Gillian Ewing: no report

7.7 Not in attendance: Campbell Bennett Bay Improvement District, Skana Waterworks Ltd

7. Election of Officers

Ev McKay stated that he wished to step down as Chair after serving for twelve years.

Proposed slate:

Chairman and Program Director: Mary Cooper

Vice-Chairman – Ev McKay

Secretary – Marie Elliott

Treasurer – Diane Plucinak

Call for nomination for the above positions and Directors at Large received no response. The new executive acclaimed.

8. Guest Speaker: Dr. Harry Hartmann, owner of MB Laboratories, Sidney, gave an excellent presentation about well tests, test result interpretations, water content, aesthetics & more. He answered questions about using filters and UV systems, hydrogen sulphide, rock bloom, tests for fecal coliform, and protocol followed if client has contamination.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.