

Mayne Island Integrated Water Systems Society Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 4, 2010, 1:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the MIIWSS was attended by 25 people.

The meeting was opened with a power point presentation by Bill Warning.

1. Approval of Agenda

M/S JudyWalker and Louis Vallee

2. Approval of Minutes of 2010

M/S JohnZloman and Bill Warning.

3. Treasurer's Report

Diane Plucinak gave the Treasurer's Report.

Total Assets were \$14,789.44 as of December 31, 2010

Total Income \$17,659.64. Total Expenses \$14,979.62.

MIIWSS had no big workshop in 2010. We relied on grants and MB labs donation of \$1,000.

The replacement of toilets in the school were funded by specific donations. The church house and medical clinic toilets were funded by MIIWSS

M/S Louis Vallee and Ed Merinuk that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Bill Maylone resigned because of health reasons, and his position must be filled at the AGM.

5. Chairman's Report

Mary Cooper, Chairman, reported that membership was 109 single members and 33 water systems.

MIIWSS now has its own website managed by Steve DeRousie.

The February Operatro to Operator workshop was a huge success.

We continue to offer Caroma discounts through Wolsely.

At the Fall Fair, we will have a septic tank record sticker as a

handout, along with toilet leak tablets and a well owners brochure.

6. Election of 2 Directors

Diane Plucinak was nominated by Judy Walker, Seconded by Bill arning

Richard Jarco was nominated by Ed Merinuk, seconded by Ev McKay.

With no further nominations from the floor, Diane and Richard were acclaimed as Directors.

Dan Stanton will also attend all board meetings as a “director in waiting”.

7. New Business

(a) Membership Fees

Motion: That Membership Fees remain at the 2010 level, i.e., \$5.00 single and \$20 for systems, and \$50 commercial. M/S Louis Vallee and John Zloman. Carried.

(b) Colilert

Plans for coliform testing have been placed on hold because of the risk of legal suit threats. Mary Cooper, chairman, asked for feedback.

(c) Salt Water Intrusion Assessment project

There may be funds available from the Islands Trust within the next two years. Dr. Diana Allen, SFU, has suggested an opportunity for MIIWSS to work with her SFU students on a well testing study this summer. The Board will take this under advisement and consider acting as organizers and sponsors of the program.

(d) Mayne Island Fall Fair

MIIWSS will be at the Fair with large display like 2010 and 3 consultants.

(e) Tech Workshops: operator to operator and public

There will be no workshops for the balance of 2011. Mary Cooper asked for suggestions for 2012.

There will be a second Operator to Operator workshop in February, 2012 as well as broader based workshop in October 2012

8. Water Providers

Mt. Park – Gilian reported a very good year and looked forward to a good 2012. There were no new connections and no changes to the board or to taxes.

Bakerview

– John Zloman reported work required on 50,000 gal. reservoir because of rebar rust showing through on the outside of the reservoir. This expensive project involved burrowing with high water pressure, installing rebar, sealant. 50% of project has been completed.

Their 21,000 gal. reservoir hadn't been cleaned in 14 years. Water clarity much better, using less chlorine now that it has been cleaned and patched up.

Bennett Bay – Judi Walker reported same trustees, no changes in taxes. This ID has an every 2nd year prerenative maintenance program for replacing their mains, with the alternate years dedicated to smaller necessary projects.

Laura Point – Quiet year, change in secretary. Rate increased to \$150/yr.

Surfside - Louis Vallee gave report for Wesley Mulvin. They have 64 connections out of a possible 107, and two new in 2010. All connections are metered, but not charged by usage. Increase in taxes brings taxes to approximately \$1200 annually. General cost of administration has increased; CRD charges back vehicle and servicing costs. Operating costs covered by user fee. They have a grant to do a study on the infrastructure, life history of the pipes, in order to plan future budgeting. That way money will be in place for emergencies.

Lighthouse – Subdivision is completely hooked up. Residents pay \$500/yr. All four wells have been refurbished but only using two.

Marisol – Harold Kasinskyf advised they have 3 wells; not worried about salt water intrusion yet. The number of cabins will not increase.

Mary Cooper noted that 5 wells have been sealed in the National Park in Bennett Bay. Mary had contacted the Ministry of Environment in an attempt to have one well remain active as a test well in an area that has salt water intrusion issues. The answer from the National Park authorities and MoE was a flat no.

Saturna Water Conservation Committee: Janet Land

The committee made a brief report on the East Point water situation and a recent workshop. The Islands Trust had prepared by-laws protecting recharge area with Development Permit status and requiring rainwater catchment systems of 4000 gals.for new construction or large additions to existing houses, but the majority of public were not in favour so by-law turned down.

The meeting ended at 2:30 p.m. and was followed with a presentation by Dr. Diana Allen, Simon Fraser University, on water sources and protection in the Gulf Islands.

Adjourned At 3:30.