

THE VICTORIA BOWMEN ASSOCIATION

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting January 5, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1930 by the President.

In Attendance:

Tracy Klat, Greg Birtwistle, Bruce Reed, Doug Bell, Sonya Bell, George Trattner, Al Wills, Mary Wills, Bruce Somers, Helena Myllyniemi, Allison Weick, Sharon Cunningham, Greg Durwood, Kevin Parkinson

Absent:

Lynn Brochu, Bradley Clements

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Greg Birtwistle welcomed the Board of Directors and members in attendance and introduced Dave Tabernor, Manager, Real Estate Services

3. Discussion of Treasury Board Policy and its ramifications for the Vic Bowmen's lease of DND property.

Dave – explained the evolution of government policy which allows extra capacity land to be leased out. According to the Treasury Board Policy, however, this must now be done at market value. The result is that the property has been assessed at \$720,000. For leasing purposes a range from 8 to 15 percent of the total assessed value must be used. Using the more conservative assessment of 2006, where property value was \$600,000, the lease would be \$60,000 per year. To mitigate this huge increase DND is willing to raise it in increments over three years. This would result in an immediate increase to \$1500 per month.

Club members raised point that we simply cannot afford such increases – what would happen to the land?

Dave – If the club cannot make payments, DND would reconsider use of land for operational uses or open it up for other renters to apply. Since the club is not used for DND purposes (ie. If it was a military club through PSP) it cannot be exempted from the Federal Property Act.

Greg B. – If club has to leave because it can't pay the new fees – what happens, what is the next step?

Dave – negotiation on the end date would be possible (ie. when are the last shoots), but good faith necessitates obvious steps be taken to comply with environmental issues, safety issues (fire inspection), and clean up/bringing buildings up to code. A time table would be laid out in detail once it becomes apparent that the club cannot meet the leasing requirements. Incremental progress would be part of the exit strategy.

At 2032 – Dave was thanked by the President and the then left.

The Board members discussed the reality that the club cannot meet the demands of DND for new lease fees and therefore must prepare an exit strategy. Important to maintain presence on Base until 30 Sep as FITA and 3D shoots don't finish until then. We still need to bring in money to pay the present rent and therefore must still be able to put on the various shoots.

Al proposed setting up a committee for the exit strategy. Members will be Bruce Somers, Al Wills, Greg Durwood, Bruce Reed and Doug Bell. The Secretary will write a letter to the Base Commander explaining that the club cannot sustain the increase, and is prepared to stay at the present rate and terms. Club will begin to implement "TO DO" list given

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Duane Freeman, Acting Formation Environmental Officer, concerning safety and environmental issues with land club using.

Letter from Dave Tabbemor, regarding increases to rents due to enforcement of Treasury Board Policy.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M Al/ 2nd Doug/ Carried

5. REPORTS

a) Tracy – FITA shoots Feb 7th and Mar 7th at the gym, commencing 1015; proposed tournaments later in year will cost @ \$775.

b) Bruce – will progress 3D shoots

c) Al – 39 members renewed (122 in 2008), reminder that people must wear membership cards and club to enforce no shooting if individuals have not paid their membership
BC Property Assessment for 2009 is \$730, 800

d) Helena – money for Juan de Fuca investment is in the club's bank account (\$110,000) and \$17,000 is in a term deposit. Last class was cancelled as only 6 members, however a new class is starting at Commonwealth 23 Jan

e) Allison – there will be an indoor fun shoot 14 Jan

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

AI – re: the format for giving Juan de Fuca our money to invest - proposed to wait until we know for sure what is happening to the club

Bruce S – Treasurer will ensure best investment of club money, while still allowing for us to take it out quickly

7. NEW BUSINESS

Fire Inspection report – President will take care of deficiencies in consultation with Fire Inspectors

8. DISBURSEMENTS

\$800 for FITA tournaments

\$18.47 for glue for repairs

M Bruce Reed/ 2nd Bruce Somers/ CARRIED

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

1930 on Feb 2 at the clubhouse

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2116.