

# Shaw Islanders, Inc. Board Meeting

## 08/02/04 Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Carole Davis, Doris Oliver, Willie Williams, Cyrus Field, Mary Reeve, Jane Baier-Nelson

**Absent and excused:** Vreni Borner, Dell Laursen, Allison Lengyel, Roman Miller, Dorothy Powell, Sandy Walker,

**Absent and unexcused:** Chad Swanson, Ron Woodard, Al Wilding

Meeting called to order at 4:01pm  
June minutes were approved.

### **Report from Treasurer, Willie Williams:**

- A. Willie shared a written treasurer's report that showed we are ahead of budget in terms of income and below budget in spending. (attached)
- B. Market Day Report is still incomplete as she is awaiting data from some people. Tentative profits were @\$1800; the barbecue profits are still unknown.
- C. Charles Schwab Account – The account continues to lose money as interest earned is less than management fees. Willie will contact the account manager to see if they have any recommendations. The board is considering closing the account with them completely, and reopening another like account if and when any stocks are received as donations.
- D. Cy agreed to contact Jon Christofferson regarding any recommendations he may have re. our investments and staggering of CD's.

### **Report from 1st VP for Programs and Education, Doris Oliver:**

**A. Shakespeare** - Much Ado About Nothing: The evening was a great success with a wonderful performance. It was suggested that next time, we not combine such performances with a potluck. The board confirmed our previous decision to to augment the donations given with another \$300. Mary Reeve will write a thank you letter on Shaw letterhead with an included check.

### **Report from 2nd VP for Building Maintenance, Roman Miller:**

Roman was not present but several problems were discussed and a report is requested by Roman for next meeting.

1) The **toilet** was again recently plugged, and Janice Hokinson, the building cleaner, wondered if a new, bigger higher volume toilet might be in order. She suggested that this might decrease problems with plugged drains.

2) Noises and increased noxious odors are coming from the **septic tank**. The board wants a more detailed report from Roman re. what the problems are and what options are available, including a discussion of a complete revamping of the current system and what it would cost and entail..

### **Correspondence:**

Carole read a letter from Caryn and Andy Buck re. the use of their field for the baseball game. Generally they were pleased and noted no major problems, though they did have some concerns regarding the number of "unknowns" attending the game. The board generally felt that these "unknowns" were island guests.

## **Building Use, Vreni Borner:**

Vreni was not present to report progress on fee collection.

## **Old Business:**

- A. It was wondered whether Ron has done anything yet about getting **thank-you stationery** from the Costco printers. Ron was not present to report.
- B. As authorized, Cy bought and installed a new **microphone** (\$300 authorized, cost @\$250). The board also authorized him to buy a 9V battery charger for the microphone, as it is often left on and thus the need for new batteries is high.
- C. Carole re-iterated her request for **written 4<sup>th</sup> of July reports** from Jane, Ron, Sandy (already received), and Vreni.

## **New Business**

- A. **Insurance Policy Deductible** – After much discussion, the board voted to raise our deductible to \$1000, thus saving more than \$200 a year in premiums.
- B. **Power Point Projector** – There is a need on the island for a power point projector for use by the library, Shaw Inc., Wednesday lunch speakers and 4-H. The cost of such a projector is thought to be about \$1400. Currently, all groups are borrowing one from the Friends of the San Juans, but the Friends would prefer not to continue to do this. The board would like to buy one but realized that the amount is above the \$500 we are allowed to spend without membership approval. This led to a discussion of the need for a by-law change to increase our spending limit to \$2000 to better reflect replacement costs and other needs that the board might deem appropriate. A by-law change vote will go out with the annual letter. In the meantime, the board would like Ron to look into prices.
- C. **Shaw Index Revisions** – The board gratefully reviewed all of the work Allison has done in updating the Shaw Island resource index for next year's booklet. Changes noted were: 1) need for inclusion of Shaw Landing info, 2) correction of library hours and 3) possible name change of store. The plan is to send out the new directory and index AFTER we receive votes/dues/etc from the annual letter, budget and proposed slate of officers.
- D. **Town Meeting** – The annual town meeting will be August 14 at 4:00. All speakers have been arranged. Carole will lead meeting and arrange order of speakers. Doris will make arrangements for food and drink.
- E. **Nominating Committee** – By next month we need to get a nominating committee for new officers. Four people are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year and will need replacing. It was stressed that new members of the board need to be active and available to attend as many meetings as possible (there are only 10 a year).
- F. **Budget** – Willie will prepare a two year budget for discussion next month.
- G. **Secretary Substitute** – No one came forward to volunteer for minute taking during Allison's pregnancy/birth absence. Carole will do the minutes unless someone else volunteers.
- H. **EMT request** – The medical team requested a donation from Shaw Inc towards purchase of a several thousand dollar mannequin for CPR training. The board voted and approved to give them \$500.
- I. **Music from Chile** – Jane presented the possibility of a Shaw Inc program featuring a Chilean man playing a number of native stringed instruments. This would occur some time in September. She will arrange and get back to the board at our next meeting. Payment to him of \$100 was approved in principle pending more details.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Davis for Allison Lengyel

