

Lochaber Community Development Association

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday January 9th

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Lochaber Hall

Call to Order

- **Meeting to Discuss**
 - Monthly Meeting
- **Attendee Names**
 - Shirley Hillies, Bev Tait, Glen Terris, Don Cameron, Brian Gillis, Tim Cameron, Jim Webber, John Gillis, Paul ?, Paul McClung, Joanne Campbell, Dave Brown, Renee Brown, Lorraine MacDonald, Paula Murphy, Carolyn MacDonald, Michelle MacEachern, Katie Edwards, Alison Sampson

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved by: Jim Webber

Second by: Glen Terris

Reports

Treasurers report – Michelle provided copies of revenues/expenses for month of December. A detailed explanation of all expenses was given.

New Business

- **Website** – Dave Brown has taken the lead on the website since the new build, he is ready to pass on that responsibility on to someone else. There is no contract in place for the website, Simply Ducky has been able to provide support when needed. Committee will work to find someone to take on these responsibilities. There has been an ongoing a problem with the calendar on the website – once someone is assigned to website maintenance this will be first priority.
- **Next Breakfast** – The next breakfast will be held February 11th.
- **New Secretary** – Jim Webber, nomination committee nominated Paula Murphy, Brian Gillis second. Paula Murphy accepted the position.

Other Business

- **Red Cross Comfort Centre** - Glenn Terris provided a detailed breakdown of the Red Cross Comfort Centre procedure if an emergency occurs and we would like to open the hall to public. Information pamphlets were provided with all necessary information.
- **Katie Edwards Update on Antigonish/STFX Rowing Clubs plans going forward-**
 - 6 year partner with Lochaber and felt it was going well and looking forward to continuing.
 - Goals for continuing 1) sustainability 2) developing athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers, 3) continued relationship with community of Lochaber, 4) steady injection of money 5) continued benefits of rowing club to community and 6) rowing on the lake.
 - Phase II of project - Permanent Structure - Boat House - consisting of 2 story bldg 40' x 70' with office space, boat storage (2 boat bays with room for up to 50 boats, currently there are 25 boats) and an inclement weather indoor training facility - hosting week long sculling camps on the lake, phase in intimate camps with a cap of 12 rowers. Looking at 3 week of camps in 2019, 5 weeks in 2020 and 8 weeks in 2021 onward.

- Funding - \$800,000 for boat house with funding coming from ACOA, STFX Rowing, Provincial and Municipal Governments, Rowing Community.

- Formation of a Super committee - possibly Lochaber Rowing Committee

After Katie's presentation she took questions from the floor and there was discussion and clarifications as required relating to:

1. Ownership of the building - would be a permanent slab building that couldn't be moved and it is proposed that it would sit on land owned by LCDA over by the small storage building and where the boats are stored during the rowing season currently.
2. What would building look like - similar to the two story building that was build in 2017 across from the Catholic Church and would consist of office, change rooms, and meeting room. It would be an unheated pole barn type and would require washroom facilities and water and septic. The outside finishes for the building would look similar to LCDA's building.
3. Boat Launch - this issue has been dealt with previously and was not on topic for this discussion.
4. Etiquette on Lake - respect for etiquette on the lake is paramount at all times.
5. Buoy's not being taken out of the lake last fall after the last regatta, the plan as per other years was to take the buoy's out but unforeseen circumstances delayed that somewhat and they should be taken out soon.
6. Permit for Buoy's - this issue has been dealt with previously and was not on topic for this discussion.

Katie was asked about next steps and she advised that she was looking at having a General Agreement with Lochaber on this Phase II Permanent Structure as per the document she provided the President a few months ago. This document had not been seen by the new LCDA President and therefore Katie agreed to forward the 15 page document to Carolyn MacDonald.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.