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Present:

President Mark McKenney
Treasurer Teresa Marty
Secretary Kevin Burk
Directors John Nett, Art Harfman, Jim Grey
Membership: Approximately 50 persons attending AGM

1900 hrs

Meeting is called to order by Mark McKenney.

- An overview of the proposed Agenda is presented via PowerPoint
- Opening remarks:
 - o 7th annual AGM
 - o Not For Profit – Annual Meeting required
 - Last meeting November 26, 2013
 - o 85 families registered, more than 25 % required to pass
 - o Approximately 50 persons present

Financial Report

- 85 persons registered:
 - o 71 are in good standing
 - o 14 behind in dues
- Annual Dues is primary source of AMCS's funds
- Opening Balance: \$3800
- AMCS has taken in \$11K and distributed approximately \$11K
 - o As per the requirements of a Not for Profit organization
- Majority of monies raised were from the Silent Auction in support of the AMFD
- Fire Smart – 1st Annual Fire Smart day raised \$99
 - o Annual BBQ Revenue was up 27%
- \$3871.10 in bank
- Motion by Chuck Harrison to accept the Budget
- 2nd by Art Harfman
- Vote: All present agreed, nil none support
- **Motion carried: Budget accepted**

Nomination of Directors

- 2014 Directors agreed to continue in 2015
- Floor opened to nominations
 - o No nominations motioned
- Motion to accept the current 2014 Board of Directors for 2015
- Vote: All agree, nil none support
- **Motion carried: All Board of Directors accepted for 2015:**
 - o **President: Mark McKenney**
 - o **Treasurer: Teresa Marty**
 - o **Secretary: Kevin Burk**
 - o **Directors: John Nett, Art Harfman and Jim Gray**

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Committees / Meeting Discussion during AGM:

- Lecture Series
- Fire Smart
- Emergency Communications Group
- Silent Auction
- Market on the Mountain
- Web Page
- Summit Centre
- AMFD
- Fortis Residential Conservation Rate Presentation
- Statues / Signage / Lighting of Subdivisions

Lecture Series

- Review of 2014 lectures:
 - o Wildlife, Geology
 - o Invasive Weeds
 - o Splendor of the Universe
- Proposed Lectures for 2015:
 - o January: Antarctic Wonders, Gennen McDowell
 - o February: Over Okanagan, Mike Biden, photo journalist
 - o March: Residential Composting, Cameron Baughen
 - o April: Water on the Mountain, Nelson Jatel (OBWB)
- All lectures to be held at Summit Centre
 - o AMCS has signed a 2 yr agreement with Osoyoos Mountain Estates (OME) to extend the lease on the Summit Centre at a cost of \$2.00

FireSmart

- Dennis Thompson , Chair of this committee presents
 - o Chuck Harrison, Walter Zinowki, Richard Douziech and Darren Hutchinson were recognized as Committee Members
- Activities this past year:
 - o In April 2014 the Anarchist Mountain FireSmart was recognized as first community in Canada to receive a FireSmart Recognition
 - o This was achieved in only 9 months
 - o Committee members attended a 2 day workshop in Creston to receive training to "Instruct Champions of FireSmart"
 - o Created a page on AMCS website site
 - o In June, attended Castlegar for the FireSmart Regional Conference
 - Only non-government persons present
 - Presented an overview of their activities and recognition received
 - o Have consulted with the provincial government watchdog to highlight their 2014 achievements
 - o Held a FireSmart Day, 40 persons attended
 - o Held a successful yard refuge collection and burn
 - o Completed Property inspections, approximately 12
- 2014/2015 Goals
 - o Continued Recognition

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- Recruit and Train Champions
 - To copy Callout Committees breakdown of areas
- Host a 2nd annual FireSmart Day
- Host another Residential Yard Refuge Collection
- Address Conservation areas to meet FireSmart requirements

Emergency Communications Group

- Sue McEvoy and Wendy Barlow presenting
 - Photo presentation of 2003 fire, 2013 Runaway Lane fire, August 2014 Sidley Mountain bush fire, Richters Pass 2014 fire
- A written Report presented to Mark McKenney
- Committee Members: Sue McEvoy, Carolyn Stromann, Richard Douziech
- Overview of activities accomplished in 2014:
 - Created a Plan for a Callout / Fanout
 - Anarchist Mountain divided into 10 areas
 - Manual system: Phone Tree
 - ISSUE: Many residences have no landlines and/or have limited cell coverage
 - Created leads for each of the 10 identified areas
 - Completed Door to Door notification
 - Researched automated system however very costly
 - Meet with AMFD and identified a Web Based System (WBS)
 - Email, voicemail and text notification
 - Created Information folders
 - Wished to recognize the Bank of Montreal who donated and funded folder campaign
 - Information Folders, passed to leads who distributed to each residence on Anarchist mountain
 - Extras held at AMFD
 - Test of WBS was conducted on 23 August 2014
 - Further tests completed on August 27th & 29th
 - Identified a need for Standing Operating Procedures (SOP)
 - Standardized Phone Trees for each identified area created
 - Copies held by leads and Committee members
 - Full mountain Test completed on September 20th 2014
 - Both systems were a success
 - Automated phones resulted in 43% live answer
 - 48% email answered
 - 7% no answer from resident
 - Phone Tree success ranged from 45 – 100% notification in all 10 areas
 - Annual tests are now to be conducted with both Callout / Fanout systems
 - Committee Members have joined the AMFD as its Communication Team
 - Wished to recognize Zach, Ajai and AMCS for their assistance

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Silent Auction

- Presented by Wendy Barlow
- 2013 first auction raised funds for AMFD and continued in 2014
- 2014 committee: Candy, Wayne, Richard and John
- Started collection of items for auction in May 2014
- They developed a program to track items received, issue thank you letters, etc for further events
- \$ 6,880 was raised and donated to the AMFD
- Learned:
 - o To start earlier in collections as wineries distribute their annual contributions to charities prior to April of each year
 - o Require additional assistance for continued success
- Wish to thank mountain residences for support

Market on the Mountain

- Alice Zinowki and Trish Anderson arranged
- Much fun was had by all

Web Master

- Patti Brazeau
- Since its inception in May 2014 there have been:
 - o 102 posts
 - o 14,000 visits
 - o 43 comments
- Modifications are continuing and ongoing
 - o Testimonials to be added
- New residences and persons wishing to move to Anarchist Mountain are utilizing the site

Summit Centre

- The AMCS signed a 2 year lease extension with OMI
- The Centre has been very widely used by different committees and groups over the past year
- Work parties have been arranged to clean up the Centre
- Advised that any member of AMCS can book centre
- A Committee has been identified and routinely checks the Centre for insurance purposes

AMFD Update

- Presented by Kevin Burk
- Thanks and appreciation to Anarchist Mountain residents for the funds received from the Silent Auction fundraiser
 - o A portion of the funds will be utilized for the Emergency Notification Committee Annual Callout / Fanout tests
 - o Purchase of radios for the Communication Team as part of the AMFD
- Mutual Aid assistance in 2014 provided to West Kelowna and Kootney Boundary

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- Promotions to Gloria Richardson to Deputy Chief and Rudy Reimer to Lieutenant
- Replacement of Engine 42 with new fire truck purchased at auction
 - o 1993 Spartan, 1000 gallon capacity, V12 diesel, with only 53,000 km
- Overview of the fire at the Lookout Garbage
 - o Request to report suspicious activity to the RCMP

Fortis Residential Conservation Rate Presentation

- Presented by Nick Marty
- Fortis utilizes a 2 Tier pricing system which is revenue neutral to Fortis
- Commenced July 1, 2012
- 1600 k/watt threshold based on mean average of 90% of Fortis customers
- Evaluation Report October 31, 2013
 - o No incentive to urban residence to reduce energy usage
 - o No solution to equalize systems
 - o Only small portion of population negatively affected, including Anarchist Mountain
- What to do next to address this discrepancy?
 - o Number of complaints received
 - o Best to send individual rather than one complaint from a community
 - o Write to MLA Linda Larson
 - Advise of lack of representation for rural constituents
 - Hardships, fixed incomes
 - Discouraging people reside in rural areas due to high costs for electricity
 - o Motion to floor for ideas to address this issue
 - Post this presentation on the website: **Agreed**
 - Proposal: Invite Linda Larson to a meeting: **Strongly agreed**
 - o Motion for AMCS to forward a letter to MLA Linda Larson to attend a presentation of Nick Marty's findings
 - o Vote: All present agreed, nil none support
 - o **Motion carried: Mark McKenney to draft and forward a letter to MLA Linda Larson**

Statues:

- Presentation by Chris Tallwin
- Wish to positively promote our community with the identification:
 - o Highway signs identifying our community of Anarchist Mountain
 - o Sub-division identification signs
 - o Lights installed at the entrance of each sub-divisions
- Open to floor discussion:
 - o Signage laws – Limiting/preventing additional highway signs
- Motion: Proposal to hold a separate meeting to address this proposal
- Vote: All present agreed, nil none support
- **Motion carried: To hold a separate meeting to address the promotion of Anarchist Mountain. Mark / Chris asked to have a meeting with Mark Pendergraft to discuss RDOS position on signs.**

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2107 hrs Proposal to adjourn meeting: Vote: AGREED
Meeting adjourned.