

Anarchist Mountain Community Society
Annual General Meeting – 7:00 PM, November 17, 2015

Minutes

- Meeting commenced at 7:00PM, with quorum in attendance. Approximately 80 families are currently members of the AMCS.
- Financial Report – Society president, Mark McKenney reviewed annual financial summary on behalf of Teresa Marty.
 - Treasurer’s notes are appended to these minutes.
 - Annual summary is:

Total Income:	\$7,566.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$4,821.44</u>
Net:	\$2,744.45

Closing Bank Balance: \$6,651.41

- Nomination of Directors
 - Request for nominations from the floor – none.
 - Motion for appointment of current directors, plus new director Patti Brazeau, for 2016 made by Sue Terada and seconded by Wendy Barlow.
 - Motion carried.
 - Board executive will be elected at next board meeting.
- Two presentations at the Summit Centre in 2015:
 - January: Gennen McDowell’s presentation on his Antarctic adventures.
 - February: Mike Biden, photo journalist presented “Over Okanagan”.
 - March: a composting presentation was made in Osoyoos.
- New for 2016 – “Live at the Summit” spearheaded by Debra and Peter Ceravolo.
 - First musical act November 20th – Poppa Dawg is sold out.

- Other bookings to follow, suggestions welcome.
- Silent Auction Committee report by Wendy Barlow
 - Report is appended to these minutes.
- Emergency Notification & Communications report by Wendy Barlow
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- FireSmart Committee report by Denis Thomson
 - We have recently been recognized for the second time as a 'Fire Smart Community'.
 - Denis Thomson invited to make presentation Union of BC Municipalities event – this was well received.
 - Activities this year included clean-up at Sasquatch pond, maintenance of Wapiti brush dumping site as well as 6 property inspections.
 - Future property inspections will be done as requested.
 - Accumulated brush at the Wapiti site will be burned in the winter.
 - A wheel-mounted 'weed whacker' has been purchased and will be made available to residents for rental at low cost (plus consumables).
 - May 7th, 2016 will be Fire Preparedness Day.
- Community Society website presentation by Patti Brazeau
 - Site has continued to see increasing volume of visitors since May 2014.
 - Photographs are being sought for inclusion in the next seasonal slide show – please submit to Patti.
 - Patti presented a variety of stats with respect to traffic on the website and the areas where people are spending time.
- Summit Centre by Patti Brazeau
 - Rented from OMEI for \$1/year.
 - Visited by Summit Centre Committee member several times a week for insurance reasons.

- Hasn't prevented two attempted break-ins that resulted in significant damage to two doors (twice) and the replacement of outdoor wall lights (twice).
 - Cameras have now been installed.
 - 18 meetings or events were held in the facility last year.
 - Anyone can book use of the building, contact Patti Brazeau.
 - It was suggested that a 'No Public Washroom' sign be posted on the rest stop area side of the grounds.
- AMFD address by Rudy Reimer on behalf of Urs Grob
 - Thanks were expressed for funds donated via the BBQ/silent auction.
 - So far money has gone towards radios for the emergency notifications team who have joined the fire department.
 - FireSmart activities are recognized and greatly appreciated. FireSmart must remain independent of the AMDF.
 - Seven volunteers have been trained as first responders.
 - The Christmas potluck will be held at the fire hall on Dec. 20.
 - New volunteer members are needed.
 - A membership drive will be initiated in the new year.
 - Wildfire training will be offered to residents in the future such that those trained will be able to assist fire fighters without joining the AMFD.
- Market on the Mountain presentation by Alice Zinowki
 - About 30 vendors participated in a very successful market this year.
 - Funds raised were used to purchase an air compressor for the AMFD.
- Other Business:
 - None.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Alice Zinowki, seconded by Patricia McKenney.

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report [Teresa Marty]

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Financial Statement

11/1/14 Through 10/31/15 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Category Description	11/1/14- 10/31/15
INCOME	
Advertising Revenues	225.00
↓ see attached - Annual BBQ Revenues	1,486.00
Donations In	150.00
Fire Smart Revenues award (Deni's)	530.00
LATS Ticket Sales	1,160.00
79 families who are members in good standing - Memberships	4,015.00
TOTAL INCOME	7,566.00

EXPENSES	
Annual BBQ Expenses	743.66
Bank Charges	83.43
Donations Out	408.40
Entertainment AGM wine & cheese	219.78
Fire Smart Expenses - push mower	571.16
Insurance	1,276.00
Lecture Series Out	100.00
Office Supplies mail out on ENCOM to absentee owners	187.76
Petition	89.50
Rent	3.00
Society Registration	25.00
Summit Centre	454.72
Volunteer Appreciation Day	536.85
Website	122.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,821.44

BBQ
330 - fire dept
78.40
ceremonial
phlegm

light bulbs
locks
snow removal

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Category Description	11/1/14- 10/31/15
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	<u>2,744.56</u>

Closing
CURRENT BANK BALANCE \$6651.41

**ANNUAL BBQ COMPARISON
2014/2015**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Total Revenues BBQ</u>	\$2137.00	\$1486.00	- \$651.00 (-30%)
<u>Expenses</u>			
• ice, drinks, coffee, dinnerware, buns, creamers, water, stationary	\$163.39	\$362.42	+\$199.03
• Beef	<u>297.57</u>	<u>349.96</u>	<u>+ 52.39</u>
Subtotal	\$460.96	\$711.38	+ \$251.42 (+55%)
<u>Net BBQ Revenues</u>	\$1676.04	\$659.62	- \$399.58 (-25%)

Donation of \$330 to FD (netted out \$70 for ceremonial cheque for Silent auction donation)

Appendix 2: Silent Auction Report [Wendy Barlow]

The Silent Auction began in 2013 by Sue and Naga Terada and has continued under the guidance of myself - Wendy Barlow, Candy Anders, Wayne Kelley, Richard Douziech and John Anders.

We would like to thank the following people who volunteered for the day of the auction:

- a. Rudy Reimer, Stefan and Suzie Beckmann for set up and support during the day;
- b. Suzie Beckmann and Shelley Judd as 50/50 volunteers;
- c. Bryan and Shelley Judd for the distribution of items to winners; and
- d. Hilda Reimer, Laura Haslett and Debbie Dundass assisting at the cash tables

The Silent Auction raised \$6,800, AMCS donated \$330 and the United Church DORCAS Thrift Shop donated \$1,000. Total donation to the Fire Dept was \$8,230!

Currently there are only 3 of us approaching retailers for donations, myself - Wendy Barlow, Candy Anders and Wayne Kelley. Who to approach has become easier as we have a data base with the list of donators from the previous years and the items they donated. We divide the list among us. Richard Douziech produces the auctions sheets on each of the donated items and is there the day of the auction for set up and follow up. John Anders provides assistance where needed and helps on set up.

Lessons learned this year:

1. The 8 volunteers the day of the auction were certainly needed and the same number will be needed next year.
2. We need to have at least 2 more volunteers for approaching retailers, following up, prize pick up and delivery of Thank you letters. These volunteers must be able to start March/April time frame.
3. General Announcements and speeches should not be made during the last 30 min of the auction as it pulls people from the auction at the time up bidding is active. Speeches and General Announcements are strongly recommended when the auction has been announced closed and the team is compiling the results.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Mountain residents and town business's who donated auction items, to the Mountain residents who willingly placed bids on the items, and to the AMCS for organizing and administering the annual BBQ.

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy Barlow

Candy Anders

Wayne Kelley

Richard Douziech

John Anders

Appendix 3: ENCOM Report [Wendy Barlow]

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (ENCOM)

At the last AGM you were informed of the following 4 topics:

1. We had established both the automated system and the manual phone tree system for each area. Standing Operating Procedures were created for the ENCOM team and the leads then distributed with follow up meetings.
2. Each system is activated at the same time and we do annual mountain wide tests of both systems each spring.
3. The folders containing Emergency Notification and Communication information and sites, as well as Fire Smart information were distributed by the area leads and the remainder are being held at the Fire Hall for any new residents.
4. The ENCOM team, composed of myself -Wendy Barlow, Sue McEvoy, Carolyne Strohmann and Richard Douziech became members of the Anarchist Mountain Volunteer Fire Department as the Communication Team.

Since the last AGM we have the following to report:

The first part of this year the team drafted a letter to be sent to property owners who have not built so informing them of our Emergency Notification Systems.

The letter was signed by AMCS president, Mark McKinney, inviting them to be part of our automated system so they can be kept up to date on situations on the mountain. We received some positive responses and they have been added to our automated system. Each Area Lead received a copy of the letter and a list of the lots in their area that the letter was sent to.

In our preparation for the spring test of both systems we noted that the addition of towers for cell phones has increased our coverage capability for the upper areas of the mountains. The result of the spring test compared to the fall test in September 2014:

20 September 2014: 43% live answers; 48% voice mail and 9% no answer

11 April 2015 was 48.5% live answers; 43% voice mail and 8.2% no answer

The automated system is a great start for notification as it does contact the majority of people, either live or voice mail - 91%

Due to the observations that emails are not necessarily being received on the test, we provided the following information to the leads:

The automated system is a phone based system and emails are secondary. We are finding that emails are not always going through and can only assume it is due to Spam blocks. We have done everything possible to eliminate Spam blocks at our end but it is the user end too that sometimes has to be adjusted. Unfortunately the carrier issues are beyond our control.

Every test has us fine tuning the systems to meet our needs.

On 12 August 2015, Urs Grob was appointed as our new Fire Chief. His total acceptance and understanding of our Communication Team in the Fire Department resulted in us developing our role further. This development occurred very quickly since the Fire Chief was addressing the Fire approaching us from Washington within days of taking control. The ENCOM committee members on duty issued Emergency Notifications via the automated system and initiated the manual system as per directions from the Fire Chief. ENCOM remained in continual communication with the Fire Chief during the incident and posted communication messages to the Fire Department Facebook and Web sites.

Following the summer fires, follow up meetings with the Fire Chief has us progressing on the Standing Operating Procedures between the ENCOM team and the Fire Dept. The SOPs will have our roles in 3 areas:

a. How and when to send Emergency Notification to the areas affected. The automated system provides Emergency Notification and as per our SOPs established last year we only contacted the areas affected by the emergency. There were a number of discussions on this procedure as to whether this information should be sent to all areas. The conclusion of the discussions was to only notify the area or areas affected. The rational was that since we limit the use of the system for Emergency Alert, Emergency Evacuation and Rescind only, and once a year we do a full mountain test, this ensures people will know on hearing that **it is an emergency**, so will pay attention. Using the system to notify areas not affected may cause people to become complacent and not fully listen to the actual info. In the same vein, we discovered human nature on the last Emergency Alert - a number of people heard "Emergency" and evacuated, which is their choice, but in the end no Evacuation was issued. There were 3 homes that received Evacuation notice from the Emergency Responders on the scene going to their homes as it was the lay of the land and conditions that dictated this procedure.

b. The Communication portion of our role: Emergency Notification and **Communication** (ENCOM), has us providing up to date information on incidents by postings on the AMFD web site, twitter and Facebook. This was provided to a degree during the August fires. With the new Fire Chief, we are busy working on the Communication portion, as in our SOPs developed last year with the Area Leads we only explained we would be "updating this on a continual bases". Due to many factors we are slowly working on the most efficient method on how to populate the 3 media sites, as well as how the information will be presented so people can make their choices accordingly. In addition, we want to ensure people don't go to the area where the incident is occurring, and sadly many people do, which only hinders the emergency personnel progress. We are in discussions with the Fire Chief as this affects his ability to safely direct his Fire Depts resources with the safety of all people on the mountain in mind. It is not an easy nut to crack.

c. On the last Emergency Alert notification the Fire Chief started getting many calls from the residents from both the area affected and other areas. As we want the Fire Chief to concentrate on the emergency and directing his resources, the Fire Chief is working with the ENCOM team to handle incoming calls to either provide information, where to find further information or direct to the Fire Chief when necessary.

The ENCOM Team met from Jan to Nov 2015, for a total of 7 meetings along with many hours of preparation and updates. On 20 July 2015, the Team provided a brief to Fire Hall members explaining our roles.

The Area Leads are active in their roles too as they are continually providing updates. In the spring they are our key contacts in preparation for the Mtn wide

test, by verifying phone numbers and reviewing their phone trees to ensure the flow is the best fit for their neighbours and adding any new additions.

The ENCOM Team wants to express our sincere appreciation to all our Area Leads for their continued efforts, to the Anarchist Mountain Society for their support in all our community dealings, and to the Anarchist Mountain Fire Department's Chief, Urs Grob, for his understanding and acceptance of our endeavours and inclusion in the Fire Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Barlow

Sue McEvoy

Carolyne Strohmann

Richard Douziech