

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
JANUARY 20, 2009 6:00 P.M., HEBBVILLE HEADQUARTERS

*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers the South Shore Public Libraries.
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Mrs. Marie Hogan Loker, Board Chair
Mr. Tom Sheppard, Vice Chair
Mr. David Brattston
Mrs. Cindy Bruhm
Councillor Randi Dickie
Councillor Eric Hustvedt
Ms. Susan MacLeod
Councillor Robert Myra
Mrs. Wilma Stewart-White
Mr. Don Zwicker
Ms. Shelley Zwicker
Ms. Cheryl Stenström, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Cathy MacDonald
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Mrs. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Ms. Beverlee Brown, Mr. Alan Wilson, Councillor Patrick Hirtle, Councillor John McGee and Ms. Karen Dempsey

AGENDA

Motion: “THAT the agenda be approved with additions: Council visits, Board Meeting dates, the former Provincial Librarian Betsy Armstrong, Booksale, and Mobile update.
MYRA/D. Zwicker All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the minutes of November 18, 2008 with corrections.”
MACLEOD/Myra All in favour. Motion carried.

Chair Hogan Loker welcomed new Board Members Councillor Randi Dickie from the Region of Queens and Councillor Eric Hustvedt from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. Councillor John McGee, Town of Lunenburg and Councillor Patrick Hirtle sent their regrets.

BOARD ORIENTATION AND 2009 PLANNING SESSION

The Board Orientation and Planning Session will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 10-3 at the Library Headquarters. Don Zwicker sent his regrets. Marie and Cheryl will be working on the agenda for the day. Marie emphasized that last year’s session was well worth the time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT - see attached

The Public Relations Report for January 2009 was circulated with notice of meeting.

Councillor Randi Dickie suggested that the list of items available for adoption include a way to identify Canadian authors.

GREENFIELD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – no updatePROVINCIAL FUNDING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Chair Marie Hogan Loker highlighted the progress of the Provincial Library Funding Formula to the new members. Cheryl and Marie will be meeting with Hon. Caroline Bolivar-Getson this Friday regarding this matter and hope to meet with the new Minister of Education, Hon. Judy Streach. They are also on the list to meet with Hon. Michael Baker. Cheryl added that the provincial budget is going to be late this year and that we would likely see a reduction in our funding by \$21,000 base on current census figures. Ms. MacLeod questioned whether the census numbers were based on permanent or seasonal residences.

LBANS UPDATE

Chair Hogan Loker explained that each Library Board had a member appointed to the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia. Their next meeting is this Saturday, January 24. Their main focus right now is promoting the Memorandum of Understanding for 3-year funding to the Minister of Education.

The 2009 NSLA/LBANS Conference is Oct 23-25 at the Rodd Grand Hotel in Yarmouth. The 2010 Conference will be at White Point Beach from September 16-19 hosted by SSPL.

LUNENBURG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTER UPDATE

Chair Marie Hogan Loker reported that the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Center is back on track. Cheryl has been attending committee meetings on a regular basis. Mr. Zwicker added that a short list of architects will soon be asked to bid on the project.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Cathy reported on behalf of the Staff Association that staff was working hard.

OTHER

- Chair Hogan Loker asked that the municipal representatives arrange visits for Cheryl and Marie to meet the respective councils for their annual visit.
- Dates of upcoming Board Meetings will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.
- Cheryl and Marie attended the funeral of former Provincial Librarian Betsy Armstrong on Saturday. A card and memorial donation was made from the Board and Staff.
- The Staff will be hosting a week long Booksale during 'Freedom to Read Week' from February 23-27 at Headquarters. \$5.00 a box!
- Cathy reported that the chassis for the new mobile will be here by the end of February.

RENEWAL OF HEALTH/DENTAL CARE, LTD, AD& D, LIFE

A cost comparison was circulated to the Board on the renewal of staff benefits.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board approve Blue Cross (Option #1) be the provider for Health/Dental/LTD/AD&D and Life Insurance Plan MacLellan and Moffatt Financial for a fifteen month period.
SHEPPARD/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

HEADQUARTERS RENTAL

Chair Marie Hogan Loker and Cheryl Stenstrom highlighted the prospect of subletting part of the Headquarters building. Cheryl added that we have grown to fill the space. We have a prospective renter and are awaiting a final offer. The Finance Committee has met on this matter recently and supports the possible scenario of subletting.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board direct staff to continue to search out a renter to sublet part of the Headquarters space.”
BRATTSTON/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Motion: “THAT the next regular Board Meeting will be at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2009 following the Board Orientation and Planning session.
MACLEOD/S. Zwicker All in favour. Motion carried.

Don Zwicker sent his regrets.

ADJOURNMENT

Shelley Zwicker moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Cheryl Stenström, Secretary/Treasurer

Marie Hogan Loker, Chair

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Public Relations Report for the Board
January 2009

December was a quiet month in the Communications Dept.

Adopt-A-Book wrapped up on December 31st with \$11,248 raised. This will purchase 420 new books for borrowers to read. Many thanks to Peggie Graham, Lynn Robart, Sandra Whitman, Sharon Hiltz, Cathy MacDonald and the frontline staff who help to make this campaign a success each year.

A new line-up of programs is planned for January - March. Details can be found online, at your Library, or in the Lunenburg County Rec Guide, which was delivered to over 20,000 homes with regular flyer delivery on January 2nd.

Nine local schools are enrolled in the Adopt-A-Library International Reading Challenge, which began in late November. Last year Big Tancook won the Challenge with an average of 632 books read per student. Local police officers work with the schools to encourage students to read. SSPL coordinates the program locally.

Teresa Workman
Public Relations Coordinator