

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
FEBRUARY 7, 2009 P.M., 2:00 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
Councillor Patrick Hirtle
Councillor Randi Dickie
Councillor Eric Hustvedt
Ms. Susan MacLeod
Mrs. Wilma Stewart-White
Mr. Alan Wilson
Ms. Shelley Zwicker
Ms. Cheryl Stenström, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Cathy MacDonald
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Mrs. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Mrs. Cindy Bruhm, Mr. Don Zwicker, Ms. Beverlee Brown, Councillor John McGee,
Councillor Robert Myra and Ms. Karen Dempsey

AGENDA

Motion: "THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.
HIRTLE/Brattston All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the minutes of
January 20, 2009 as circulated with one correction."
MACLEOD/Hirtle All in favour. Motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT - see attached

LBANS REPORT

Chair Marie Hogan Loker reported that each region is visiting their local MLAs and sending letters for the MLAs to support the report from the Library Funding Review Task Force. Chair Claire Detheridge, Vice President Mary MacLellan and Gary Archibald are meeting with Hon Judy Streach, Minister of Education on March 26.

Motion: "THAT the Chair Hogan Loker write a letter to the Minister of Education, Hon. Judy Streach asking her to support the Memorandum of Understanding."

SHEPPARD/Dickie All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTER

Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström reported the Lifestyle Committee continues to meet. The committee was pleased to note that the recent federal budget indicates, funding is available for recreation facilities, though nothing has been specifically allocated to the LCLC project.

STAFF ASSOCIATION – no report

HEBBVILLE RENTAL UPDATE

Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström reported that the business that was interested in partial rental of our Headquarters space is no longer pursuing our location. However, we will continue to pursue other avenues.

COUNCIL VISITS

Chair Hogan Loker reported that she and the Chief Librarian are visiting the local Councils in the next few months. Town of Bridgewater - February 9; Municipality of the District of Lunenburg – April 2; and Mahone Bay -- April 14. Other council dates will be confirmed.

MEETING DATES/TIMES

Some discussion ensued regarding changing the dates and times of the regular Board Meetings. It was decided to leave it as is for the time being.

OTHER

- Alan Wilson would like to make a short presentation to the Board at the next regular meeting regarding today's orientation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lunenburg Library.

ADJOURNED

Mr. Tom Sheppard moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Marie Hogan Loker, Chair

Cheryl Stenström, Chief Librarian

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Peggie Graham is beginning the year by compiling a list of funds raised in past years and preparing a plan for raising funds this calendar year. She is also working on a grant to the Bank of Montreal Foundation to improve our collection of audio books and related equipment.

The Friends of the Library are now an arm of the Board. This will allow Peggie to spend the majority of her time on grant writing and other fundraising initiatives. Marie Hogan-Loker, Cheryl Stenström and Teresa Workman attended the Friends meeting in January to discuss the change.

Teresa Workman and Sharon Hiltz finished up posters and publicity materials for the new line up of programs - Library Cafés, Small Communities, Big Books, Small Communities, Big Ideas, Family Literacy Day Events, author readings and the like. A new process for production and distribution of publicity materials seems to be working well.

We are slowly but surely updating signage in the branches that bears our old logo.

Teresa finished the annual report for 2007/08; work on the report was postponed earlier this year due to the launch of our new look in October.

Teresa Workman
Public Relations Coordinator