

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, HEBBVILLE HEADQUARTERS

Present: Mrs. Marie Hogan Loker, Chair
Mr. Tom Sheppard, Vice Chair
Councillor Beverlee Brown
Mrs. Cynthia Bruhm
Mr. Debra MacLean
Councillor Robert Myra
Mr. Alan Wilson
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Branch/Extension/Systems Librarian
Ms. Cathy MacDonald, Acting Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Councillor Karen Dempsey, Councillor Heather Anne Getson, Don Zwicker, Clara Dugas, Wilma Stewart-White, Councillor Susan MacLeod were unable to attend.

Chair Maire Hogan Loker stated that this is the last Board meeting before our new Chief Cheryl Stenström begins on October 1st. She thanked Cathy for her hard work and support during this time of transition.

Motion: “THAT the agenda be accepted as circulated with two additions; a letter from the Friends and a fundraising idea.”
BROWN/MACLEAN All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion: “THAT the minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting be approved as circulated.”
MACLEAN/Brown All in favour. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

.01 Update Bridgewater Library

As stated at the previous meeting we are still talking to the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre Society regarding Bridgewater Library and Headquarters being a part of their proposed facility. Mr. Wilson would like to ask other municipal units for extra funding to include Library Headquarters. Mr. Sheppard stated that the other municipal units contribute annually to accommodate the Headquarters. Councillor Brown stated the multipurpose facility will be built with or without the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

.02 Supervisor of Vehicles

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board approved the job description for Supervisor of Vehicles.”
WILSON/Myra All in favour. Motion carried.

ITEMS RECEIVED

- .01 Annual Report from Cape Breton Regional Library is available at Headquarters for viewing.
- .02 A letter was received from the Town of Lunenburg regarding the installation of the alarm system and panic button for staff. Ms. Bea Renton, Town Manager paid for the installation of the panic button out of her own pocket. Cathy MacDonald will call Ms. Renton and send a thank you note for her contribution.
- .03 A letter was received from the Friends of the Library requesting representation on the Library Board, a meeting with the Board and a suggestion for fund raising. Chair Hogan Loker will write a letter and thank them. Their requests will be forwarded to the new Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström for input. The request for representation on the Library Board requires the Library Board’s By-Laws to be changed.

CHEQUES/DEPOSITS FOR AUGUST 2007

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board received the list of cheques totalling \$39,985.72 for August 2007.”
BRUHM/MacLean All in favour. Motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – attached

Chair Marie Hogan Loker read the report. Cathy MacDonald added that the Adopt-a-Book preparations was well underway that the ‘sneak preview’ would be going out on October 5, with the full start date October 22.

Branch/Extension/Systems Librarian Jeff Mercer stated that the Teen Reading Program was originally from British Columbia Libraries. Walmart has donated two \$50 gift certificates each month. There will also be occasional opportunities for teens to participate in online chats with authors from across Canada and homegrown Skateboards will provide t-shirts at cost.

LBANS REPORT

Marie Hogan Loker reported that Alan Wilson, Tom Sheppard, and herself will be attending up the upcoming LBANS/NSLA Conference this weekend. The LBANS web site has been updated. Just google LBANS and it will be the first hit.

OTHER

- Tom Sheppard recently attended a Folk Festival in the Valley where he spoke to one of the performers (Greg Simms) who assists with a Patsy Cline Tribute and donates the funds to a local charity. Mr. Sheppard hopes a similar event can be planned in Lunenburg with the help from the Friends.

- Cathy MacDonald circulated the SSRL Annual Report and the new mobile schedules.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board will be October 16, 2007 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Hebbville Office. Our new Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström will be attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Sheppard moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Marie Hogan Loker, Chair

Cathy MacDonald, Acting Secretary/Treasurer