

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING, MARGARET HENNIGAR PUBLIC LIBRARY,
MAY 16, 2017

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

Present: Mrs. Cindy Bruhm, Vice Chair
Dr. David Brattston
Councillor Tina Connors
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Michael Graves
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Ms. Sara Lochhead
Mr. Troy Myers
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Staff
Mr. Eric Pottie, Staff
Ms. Christina Pottie, Staff
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Mr. Patrick Hirtle, Mr. Mark Taylor, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White, Ms. Brittany Hachey, Ms. Phyllis Price, Councillor John Veinot and Tom Sheppard

Charity Fraser represented the Staff Association.

Vice Chair introduced the new Board Member Jane Kristenson, citizen appointee for the Town of Mahone Bay.

Troy re-introduced Eric Pottie as Librarian/Branch Manager for the Thomas H. Raddall and the Greenfield Library. Eric did his internship at SSPL last fall and we have committed to him for the next two years.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the minutes of
March 21, 2017 General meeting as circulated.
LOCHHEAD/Hogan Loker All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG ACADEMY

Jeff reported that the tenders have been extended for interior work/furniture until the end of May. The opening of the library is now looking like sometime this fall.

LBANS REPORT

LBANS latest meeting was held on Saturday, May 6th. It was mostly a housekeeping meeting. Some items discussed included:

- The LBANS/NSLA 2017 Conference, 'Libraries 150' will be held at the Annapolis Basin Conference Center, September 29 – October 1st
- Four Trustee Governance Workshops have been completed
- A meeting with Honourable Tony Ince and LBANS Executive regarding the Culture Innovation Fund was held; a similar meeting with CORL and the Minister is scheduled for the future.
- A review of the Rural Services Report recommendations
- Strategic Plan review in the near future as the last one is dated 1998

- Next LBANS Meeting will be in June 24

SSPL TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

Some questions arising from the SSPL Board Governance Workshop:

- When will the Strategic Plan be reviewed
- SSPL Board Policies should be reviewed
- A discussion ensued regarding the frequency of Board Meetings; a poll will be circulated to establish the preference of the Board.

David Brattson gave notice of motion regarding the frequency of Board Meetings which will be addressed at the Annual Meeting in June.

STAFF ASSOCIATION

Charity Fraser represented the Staff Association. She reported that the Staff recently had their AGM and that they have a full slate of officers elected for the upcoming year.

LIT FESTIVAL

The Lunenburg Lit Festival is the same weekend as the LBANS/NSLA annual conference. As many senior SSPL Staff will be at the festival this is a good opportunity to encourage interested staff to attend the Conference.

BOARD PARTICIPATION IN RADIO SPOTS

Jeff asked Board Members if they would like to be involved in the local radio station (CKBW 98.1) Library spots on Sunday morning. Jeff does a taping every few weeks for the Sunday morning shows.

Eric also has a spot on the Liverpool radio station (QCCR-993fm) and is writing a weekly article in the Liverpool Advance and encouraged board members to participate.

ONE TIME GRANT FROM CCH

SSPL recently received \$52,000 from the CCH Department. These funds were SSPL's regional share of a one-time additional funding grant for the upcoming fiscal year 2017-18. Troy reported that he is still compiling the figures for the upcoming 2017-18 budget; but the initial plans for this grant is to repaint the mobile library, capital for IT equipment for the Lunenburg Library, and staffing.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Troy reported that our Community Board Member Phyllis Price has tendered her resignation with regrets. This goes into effect at the June AGM meeting.

OTHER

Dr. Brattston reported he had received an e-mail from Lynn Hartwell, Deputy Minister, Voluntary Sector thanking him for his service to the Library Board. She also encouraged other volunteers to put their names forward for other Boards, Agencies, and Commissions that have vacancies throughout the province.

MEETING DATES

Discussion ensued regarding changing the day of the week Board Meetings are held during the summer months. This will be included in the board survey regarding the frequency of board meetings.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual/General meeting will be Monday, June 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Margaret Hennigar Public Library.

Board Service Recognition will follow at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

ADJOURNMENT

Marie Hogan Loker moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Cindy Bruhm, Vice-chair

Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer