



Minutes of a meeting of the RFABC Island Zone held on May 25th, 2023, at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre

In attendance:

In person

Joe Jeffery	<i>Oak Bay</i>	Chris Nelson	<i>LD Course</i>
Matt Curtis	<i>Capital Regional District</i>	Ron Dietrich	<i>Westshore</i>
Rob Wilson	<i>Westshore</i>	Jim Weicker	<i>Retired</i>
Vince Kreiser	<i>Retired</i>	Joshua Beaulac	<i>Oak Bay</i>
Larry Braes	<i>Esquimalt</i>	Neil Pukesh	<i>North Cowichan</i>
Ron Aubrey	<i>RFABC</i>	Chris Spargo	<i>Sheepdog Self-Protection</i>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35am by Joshua Beaulac, acting zone director.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- RFABC Island Zone Education Grant
 - Haley Wingert was the successful recipient of the 2023 \$500 Island Zone Education Grant. Haley attended the meeting virtually and expressed her gratitude to the organization. Jim Weicker will coordinate payment with RFABC E.D. Dwayne Kalynchuk.
 - Discussion ensued whether \$500 was an adequate amount for a bursary. Ron Aubrey pledged to donate \$2000 to fund an increase in the annual grant amount starting in 2024, on the condition that the Provincial Board increase their contribution as well.
 - Discussion ensued on whether to increase the individual bursary amount, divide the \$1000 between 2 candidates, or require that one grant be for post secondary institutions and that one be for RFABC courses.

Motion to request the Provincial RFABC Board of Directors contribute an additional \$200 annually on the grounds that the Island Zone and Sponsors contribute an additional \$300 to increase the Island Zone Education Grant to \$1000 per year.

Motion: Chris Nelson *Second:* Ron Aubrey *Carried*

4. Reports

- **Treasurer – Jim Weicker**
 - Financial report attached.
 - Balance as of March 31st, 2023 = \$5,406.63

- **Education – Ron Dietrich**
 - Online courses doing well.
 - Online RSA course in development, expected to be finished in August 2023.
 - Parks Operator 1 & 2 courses being adopted from the Alberta association, optimistic about the increased offerings.
 - **Island Zone – Joshua Beaulac**
 - Annual conference in Penticton was a huge success.
 - 169 delegates
 - 15 Langara College students
 - 45 trade show exhibitors
 - 21 education sessions
 - 9 past presidents
 - 16 sponsors
 - 52 golfers
 - The Island Zone was awarded the Past President’s Award for being the most active Zone in 2022. We are planning to bring it home again next year with a full fall schedule of great meetings!
 - Zone services committee has the fall schedule loosely planned and we will be reaching out to communities about hosting meetings in strategic locations to boost attendance.
- 5. Presentation – Sheepdog Self Protection**
- Chris Spargo of Sheepdog Self Protection discussed the importance of self-protection and de-escalation training in the workplace. Chris provided useful tools for addressing aggressive patrons in our facilities that are relevant to all staff.
- 6. Message from our Lunch Sponsor – Myrtha Pools**
- Mark Versfeld, Western Canada Sales Manager, provided us with an overview of Myrtha’s offerings and process. Myrtha provides industry leading technology that changes the way pools are constructed and renovated. Please reach out to Mark if you are considering a pool basin refit at mark.versfeld@myrthapools.com
- 7. Round Table**
- Joe Jeffery – Oak Bay
 - Pickleball is causing the gym floor finish to wear unevenly. Looking for feedback on how often other facilities are refinishing gymnasium floors.
 - Ron Dietrich – Westshore
 - New skatepark is proving extremely popular.
 - Difficulty hiring and retaining line cooks for sporting events.
 - Matt Curtis – Panorama
 - Energy recovery projects approved. Moving forward with design.
 - Covering outdoor lacrosse boxes.

- Rob Wilson – Westshore
 - New lighting in 1 arena.
 - Hosting archery nationals.
 - BCHL increasing standards for facility amenities.
- Vince Kreiser
 - Positive feedback on Sheepdog presentation, emphasized importance of this awareness.
- Neil Pukesh – North Cowichan
 - Governance review following referendum on new funding arrangement.
 - Municipal forest review.
- Larry Braes – Esquimalt
 - Looking for feedback on new adhesive board advertisements vs Lexan covered.
- Ron Aubrey - RFABC
 - Financials from the conference in Penticton are coming back very positive.
- Chris Nelson – Leisure Development Program
 - Working on his last year, looking forward to the legacy continuing through the RFABC.

8. Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

A special thank you to Sheepdog Self Protection for providing us with an informative presentation and Myrtha Pools for sponsoring a great lunch.

The next Island Zone meeting is scheduled for October 5th at Gorge Park Pavilion in Esquimalt. Details on agenda topics and presentations to follow.

VANCOUVER ISLAND ZONE - RFABC

TREASURERS REPORT

3rd Quarter Report to March 31st, 2023

December 31st, 2022 - Balance brought forward **\$5,311.07**

INVESTMENTS

Note: the RBC G.I.C. was NOT re-invested in February 2023

Balance on RBC Business Savings Account = \$4,311.07

RECEIPTS

RBC - Interest deposit on January 3rd \$ 6.77

50/50 Draw – January 19th, 2023 \$ 45.00

RBC - Interest deposit on February 1st \$ 6.81

RBC – GIC Interest deposit as of February 6th \$ 6.50

Matured balance on RBC G.I.C. (returned February 6th 2023) \$1,000.00

RBC - Interest deposit on March 1st \$ 8.43

50/50 Draw – March 2nd, 2023 \$ 22.50

Total Receipts = \$ 1,096.01

DISBURSEMENTS per RBC Business Savings Accounts

1) cash deposited fee per Business Account Statement less = \$0.45

Outstanding balance towards account = \$1,095.56

Account(s) balance as of March 31st, 2023 **\$5,406.63**

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Weicker & Sheena Boyles