

Allison/Borgeson
Ratepayer's Association Annual General Meeting held May 22 at the
Allison Park Picnic Grounds.

The Annual Spring General Meeting was held May 22, 2011 at the Allison Park Picnic Grounds. There were 40 people in attendance.

Minutes of the Sept. 5, 2010 General Meeting were read by Barb Hamilton. Moved to accept the minutes as read by Len Lemieux, seconded by Laura Peet. Adopted by Tom Hamilton.

Treasurer's report read by Barb Hamilton. Balance to date was 665.66 for the Ratepayers and 2387.61 for the Allison Lake Firefighters. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Len Lemieux and seconded by Tom Hamilton to be adopted as read.

Elections-

It was moved by Danny Salentich to elect Directors for a 3-year term. The motion was seconded by Laura Peet and it was adopted as moved.

No members stood for positions so current directors remain in their positions.

Susan Dixon is president and chairperson
Barb Hamilton is vice-president.
Irene Kovacic is treasurer
Paddy Nielsen is secretary
Maurice Dufour is Director
Len Lemieux is Director

Lyndamae Ooms will act as a liaison person for recreation vehicles between Allison and Borgeson Lakes.

Official Community Plan

There will be an Open House in Princeton to present the OCP. We will be advised as to the date.

Water Report

Susan reported our goal is for the Allison Valley to be a water resource area or Watershed. It was suggested that the creek that runs through the provincial park be made to follow the original route.

Allison Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

The volunteer fire committee is Tom Hamilton, Len Lemieux, and Moe Dufour. Due to the Slave Lake fire, Steve Doubinin, who was to attend this meeting was unavailable. He will arrange another meeting to set up a training session for the Allison Lake Fire Fighters. We will be advised of the date. Our firefighting equipment will be used to suppress grass fires and attend

small fire emergencies. It is believed it could take Forestry up to 40 minutes to arrive on scene of a fire in our area. Homeowner's fire insurance policies will not be affected by the availability of our volunteer fire fighters.

Ratepayers are asked to ensure their properties are fire-proofed by clearing all dead grass, downed branches and trees and removing low tree branches up to 8 ft.

An application will be made to the Provincial Government Gaming Department for a grant that could be used for equipment and supplies for our fire brigade.

Susan Dixon reminded us there is a total fire ban regarding brush burning and campfires are restricted to 1/2 meter in diameter and 1 meter high.

Fund raising will be done for the Volunteer Fire Fighters. A suggestion for a 50/50 game was made by Dean Frances.

Parks and Trails

The west side trail has been cleared by a Princeton Suppression Crew, directed by Kelly Cook. 50 trees were removed by the crew. Minor maintenance on the trail will be done by the Ratepayers. We were advised by Ed Abels, who is the supervisor of recreation and trails in our area that he will take care of removing large trees from the trail.

A large mountainside area at the North end of Allison Lake, west of the North subdivision is now officially called "Stout Park."

Forestry and the RDOS are planning a grand opening of "Stout Park." The date will be announced.

Allison Lake Provincial Park and Allison Lake Campsite is to become a Regional District Okanagan Similkameen Park. The park will be owned by the regional district and managed by the RDOS and the Allison/Borgeson Lake Ratepayers Association.

The RDOS has donated \$1000 toward the cost of mapping and GPSing the east side of Allison Lake. Our vision is for a trail that circumvents all of Allison Lake.

Off-Road Vehicle Committee.

John Macoranato and Lyndamae Ooms will be looking into ATV routes on Missezulla Mountain and Pike Mountain. They would like to see signs posted advising ATV's that these areas are available.

Susan Dixon explained why ATVer's need to stay off private land. The land owner would be liable for injuries. This fall new laws require licensing of recreational vehicles and there is to be designated highway crossings. Everyone was reminded young children should not be allowed to travel mountain roads unsupervised. They were also reminded that it is illegal to be on public roads in subdivisions and it is not safe.

There was discussion regarding a telephone/e-mail tree for communication when there is an emergency.

Susan Dixon put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Moe Dufour.