

Allison/Borgeson Annual General Meeting May 19, 2013

Allison Lake Provincial Park Area

Susan Dixon, President, welcomed everyone. Each attendee self introduced. By a show of hands we saw there was a good representation of each area.

Minutes of May 20/2012 General Meeting were read by Barb Hamilton, Vice-President. No errors or omissions were found. Moved to accept by Tom Hamilton, seconded by Len Lemieux. Carried.

Treasurer's report was read for all three accounts under our Association's name; Firefighters, Ratepayers and Gaming accounts. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept by Yvonne White, seconded by Gordon Bell.

The Minutes and Treasurers' Reports will be posted on our new web site or hand delivered to those who do not have internet.

Susan Dixon introduced the guest speaker- Jessica Hobden, assistant, Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASSISS). This group studies noxious weeds and aquatic species, such as some types of algae, non-local fish and invertebrates.

'Hounds Tongue' weed was eradicated from the north hay field using biological control beetle known as 'Crucifer' (weevil). When that weed was gone the beetles died off due to lack of their food.

'Zebra Mussel' is a current problem which the Society is warning about. This creature is very small (almost invisible in its initial stage). They are fresh water mussels and love calcium rich water such as that in our lakes. They filter away all the good algae and leave the toxic type only, causing the fish and plants in the lake to die off. These mussels are introduced into lakes by unclean boats and vessels which have been in infested waters. Once in the lake they clog everything. So far they have not been found in BC but some boats come in from out-of-province. The only way to prevent infestation is to be on guard. Prevention method is called "Clean, Drain and Dry." Clean using high pressure and heat. Clean the vessel, carpets and bilge, etc. This includes kayaks and other small water vehicles. It would cost billions of dollars to clean up once infestation occurs. The Government is looking into special checks at border crossings.

Notices about these mussels will be posted at all of our boat launches, citing "Clean, Drain and Dry."

Brad Hope, RDOS, let us know about recent activities in our valley. There is still no sign of cell service here.

Hi-Speed Internet will be here soon. Work is starting on the tower on May 21.

Clear-cut logging has taken place at Stringer Lake and other areas affecting the valley watershed.

Despite several meetings between our Association, our Director of the RDOS, and various logging companies, they would not give up any of their plans except for a very small ring of trees around the lake.

A Hydrologist has done a study of the slide area around Hackett Creek and Stringer Lake. Apparently this area is a slide waiting to happen. There is a lot of damage due to excessive water and ATV use. In order to stabilize, several government departments would have to become involved because of the large amount of funding required. Our off-road committee will look into signage warning of erosion and slide dangers.

Apparently our valley is called "Alluvial Land" due to an ancient landslide.

RDOS-By-laws-including unsightly/noise/untidy properties, loose vicious dogs and poor animal condition have been introduced. RCMP has agreed to enforce the by-laws in cases considered to be a severe nuisance to others.

Above-water exhaust on boats is illegal.

Area H is part of a Forest Corporation group, consisting of Princeton, Upper Similkameen Indian Bank, Area H RDOS. Several blocks of dead (pin-Beetle kill) forests have been set out for this group and approximately \$250,000 was raised to date. Grants from this logging income can be dispersed to various associations in Area H for specific local projects.

High Pointe Explorations is presently doing some core sampling in the area. They have the right-of-way even on private property.

Interior Health reviewing status of need for doctors and specialists. Doctors have been offered a \$200,000 signing bonus to entice them to work in small towns. There will be some up-grades at the Princeton Hospital but no surgeries or obstetrics.

A Defibrillator is available at Allison Lake for emergencies. The location and phone number is shown on the back page of our pamphlet.

Allison Borgeson Ratepayers Association now has a web site. www.Area-H.org/Allison There will be links on our web site to Oassis and RDOS.

Due to time constraints it was agreed that the General Meeting will be adjourned until Sunday, June 30th 2013, at 10:30 AM. Notice of meeting will be sent out by e-mail or by hand for those who do not have internet access.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07. Moved by Craig Stout, seconded by Al Phillips. Carried.

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