

VANCOUVER ISLAND PARKS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

Friday, December 17, 2010
Cedar Hill Golf Course
1400 Derby Road
Saanich

10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Richard Waterfield (CRD Parks)
Ray Laursen (ROBP)
Al Hood (School District # 61)
George Gollmer (CRD Parks)
Roger Charles (Horticulture Centre of the Pacific)
Barrie Agar (Royal Roads University)
Carlos Moniz (Butchart Gardens)
Gord Smith (City of Victoria Parks)
Gord Tolman (Retired)
Ron Carter (Saanich Parks)
Gary Hadfield (VIHA)
Andrew Giles (Saanich Parks)

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Approval of and additions to the agenda:

Agenda approved with additions under New Business

Approval of minutes of the November 2010 meeting:

Minutes not available

Treasurer's Report:

- The current bank balance as of November 10 is \$2174.63

New Business:

- **Tulip Festival 2011 Field Trip (Skagit Valley)**
 - Ken and Roger are working on the details for this planned field trip in April and will provide more information at the January meeting.
- **2011 VIPGSA Trade Show**
 - Planning for this bi-annual event will be discussed at the January meeting
- **2011 VIPGSA Meeting Schedule and Locations**
 - Meetings will continue to be held the third Tuesday of each month
 - January 18th meeting will be hosted by Gary Hadfield of VIHA
 - Locations discussion deferred to January's meeting
- **34th Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training Conference**
 - Conference scheduled for February 8th and 9th at the Langley Events Centre
 - For more information go to:
 - http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/recreation_parks/parks/spring_training.htm

Updates:

- **Richard Waterfield (CRD Parks)**
 - Trail restoration work has been completed at the north end of Elk Lake
 - Project planning for 2011 is underway
- **George Gollmer**
 - Updated the group on the status of the Harbourview project in the Sea to Sea lands (Sooke)
 - A significant section of the Galloping Goose Regional Trail in Sooke has been resurfaced with new gravel laid by an asphalt spreader
- **Gord Smith (City of Victoria)**
 - Gord will arrange for a power point presentation at the January meeting reviewing the aftermath of the Christchurch, New Zealand earthquake
 - Below is a summary of the presentation:
- [In September, 2010, Christchurch New Zealand was rocked by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake. The city is located on the coast of the South Island and has the same type of](#)

demographics as Greater Victoria and the same types of buildings and in-ground utilities in a general sense. The City of Victoria sent 4 senior employees down to study the aftermath of the earthquake and how the City was responding. Rob John`s from the Victoria Fire Department has images and insight of this earthquake and the role parks personnel at all levels can play if this type of situation ever hits Victoria . Rob has firsthand knowledge of how various cities have reacted to natural disasters and is willing to share that knowledge with us through visual images focused on the Christchurch situation and explaining how the Parks staff assisted in the process of getting the city up and functioning immediately after the event. When Rob was actually in Christchurch, he experienced a significant after shock which occurred during working hours.

This will be a very enlightening session and be well worth while attending.

- **Roger Charles (HCP)**
 - Reviewed the college's arborist program
 - Distributed a vacancy posting for the Head Gardener position
- **Al Hood (School District #61)**
 - Seismic upgrades continuing on a number of schools
- **Carlos Moniz (Butchart Gardens)**
 - 24th year for the Christmas Lights at Butchart Gardens including the skating rink and the carousel
 - Like many of us, was dealing with extensive drainage issues after the significant rains earlier this month
 - Indoor display garden in the restaurant

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

**VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY
QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL
2400 ARBUTUS ROAD**

9:15 a.m.