

VANCOUVER ISLAND PARKS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
City of Victoria Parks Yard
Beacon Hill Park
Victoria
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Al Hood (School District # 61)
Richard Waterfield (CRD Parks)
Ray Laursen (Royal Oak Burial Park)
George Gollmer (CRD Parks)
Gordon Tolman (Retired)
Gary Hadfield (VIHA)
Roger Charles (Horticulture Centre of the Pacific)
Toni Botelho (Town of Qualicum Beach)
Peter Crawshaw (City of Parksville)
Andrew Giles (Saanich Parks)
Barrie Agar (Royal Roads University)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of and additions to the agenda:

Agenda approved

Approval of minutes of the May 2010 meeting:

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report:

- The current bank balance is \$2325.48.

New Business

- **Pesticide Free Weed Control**
 - General discussion ensued around pesticide free alternatives for weed control including the use of steam and vinegar.
 - Toni talked about his success using “Eco Sense” and “Eco Clear” which are vinegar based products

Updates:

- **Richard Waterfield (CRD Parks)**
 - The concession building at Thetis Lake Regional Park has now been removed
- **Andrew Giles (Saanich Parks)**
 - RINC grant projects are underway with some nearing completion
 - Dealing with lots of dog management issues in parks.
 - Experimenting with plastic wood sign posts at Mount Doug Park
- **Barrie Agar (RRU)**
 - Ready to start landscaping for the new building which is a LEEDS design
 - Some of the soil imported to the site was rejected due to high cadmium levels
- **Ray Laursen (ROBP)**
 - The Summer Solstice event was held very successfully
 - Having some problems with some John Deere equipment
- **Peter Crawshaw (City of Parksville)**
 - Asked the group about their experiences with introducing flex time into the workplace and decertifying union positions
- **Toni Botelho (Town of Qualicum Beach)**
 - The town has purchased a new John Deere triplex mower.
- **Roger Charles (HCP)**
 - The college was intending to do a September intake but the numbers are not supporting it
 - The college is offering a new on line botany course starting in September
 - A minimum of 5 students is required.
 - Contact the college for more information
- **Gary Hadfield (VIHA)**
 - Busy managing contractors at Royal Jubilee Hospital

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
LOCATION AND TIME TO BE CONFIRMED**