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Minutes of the Saugeen Cottagers' Assoc.
Annual General Meeting
10am, August 30, 2025
Sauble Beach United Church

1. Welcome and Introductions:
   President Lucas Cugalj welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order. Then Lucas announced that there was sufficient attendance to meet quorum. He passed on regrets from Chief Conrad Ritchie who was unable to attend.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Lucas called for a motion to accept the agenda as circulated.
   Moved by Jim Grant, seconded by David Collie - carried.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. Moved by Marion Leifso, seconded by Ken Mercer. Carried.

4. President's Report:
   Lucas indicated that this was the end of his term as President and thanked David Collie and Chris Ball for nominating him.
   Thanks went also to Rob and Kathie McLaughlin, Charlene and Jim Grant for their great help over the past years.

   He indicated that the SCOI executive had met with the Chief, Council members and SFN administrators last fall. They raised a number of issues. At that time SCOI requested that the Band consider issuing 20 year leases in 2026.

   Other issues of concern raised were:
   - Road improvements to Second Ave and 16th St.

- Unlimited beach access at French Bay Rd.
- Insufficient beach security

At the meeting this spring, SFN senior management indicated that they were looking at a 10-year lease and planning to install a gate at French Bay Rd. However, they also told SCOI that the current security contract would be ending on June 1. Efforts were still being made to resurface 2nd Ave and 16th St. It was an excellent meeting with senior staff.

Succession planning was a priority. Charlene Vollrath (Block B) will be President for the next 3 years. Following that term,it will be Chief's Point's turn to nominate a member for President.

There is a need to continue building rapport with the Band. We now meet with the Chief, Council and senior management twice a year to raise issues and offer assistance where we can.

Receive the President's Report: Moved by Sharon Collie, seconded by Dale Dennison. Carried.

5. Approval of the 2024/25 Financial Statements:
   The 24/25 Financial Statements were presented by Treasurer Betty Hughes. She reported an increase of net revenue by $5,000. This was due to SCOI membership going from $10 to $15. In 2024/25 she reported there were 688 members, 65% of whom opted for winter patrol.

   Moved by Kathie McLaughlin, seconded by Sandra Mercer. Carried.

6. Approval and ratification of the actions of the Officers and Directors from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.
   Moved by David Shearman, seconded by Ken Mercer. Carried.

7. Appointment of a person to conduct the 2025-26 financial review. April Restelli was nominated.
   Moved by Jim Grant, seconded by Judy Clerk.
   Carried,

8. Report on the Saugeen Cottagers Endowment Fund:

   Rob McLaughlin, Secretary to the SCOI Board reported on the financial statement for the Saugeen Cottagers Endowment Fund held by of the Community Foundation of Grey and Bruce. The fund balance as at December 31, 2024 was $159,460.49. And the amount eligible to be disbursed in 2025 is $5,708. Rob indicated that he had met with Mindy Gill, the Education Director, last fall. She told him that the Bluewater school board had reintroduced a program that allows students to complete their OSSD locally. This has resulted in Band members opting for the Bluewater program rather than having to go all the way to Owen Sound for the ACE Program.
   SCOI approached the Community Foundation about including Band members who were taking the Blue Water OSSD for eligibility to also get support from our program. The Community Foundation agreed late in 2024. Since then, the Federal Department of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has agreed to provide support to Band members who were registered in the Bluewater OSSD. To be eligible, the student must live on the Reserve. Currently the Endowment Fund is supporting 4 Band members who live in Owen Sound and are not eligible for support from ISC.

Rod Naylor moved acceptance of the report. Aiden Tracey seconded it.
   Carried.

9. Election of 4 SCOI members to the Board of Directors:
   Each of the 4 Local Associations nominated one of its members to be on the SCOI Board of Directors for 2024/25.
   They are:
   - Carol Reynolds, Chief's Point

- David Collie, South Sauble
- Dean Good, French Bay
- Marilyn Pickford, Block B

There were no further nominations from the floor.
Motion to approve — Ed Mercer. Seconded — Laura Aldworth.
Carried.

10. Election of President

Moved by Jim Grant that Charlene Vollrath be elected SCOI President August 2025 through 2028.
Seconded by David Collie.
Carried.

11. Additional Business

Rick Worthington from Block B asked to be moved to FBBA. He expressed his concern about drones flying over the beach taking pictures. Lucas indicated that there is a bylaw that prohibits this, but there is no security to enforce it.

Rob and Kathie McLaughlin were recognized for their long commitment to SCOI. Charlene Vollrath made a presentation to the McLaughlins.

With no further issues being raised, Lucas asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Jim Grant..