



**Joe Rich Society
General Meeting
Sunday July 21, 2024
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Joe Rich Community Hall**

Meeting Minutes

Directors in Attendance: N. Baillie, C. LeGuilloux, A. Unsworth, L. Bergman, C. Smith, C. Eyre, T. White

Regrets: G. Sirett, J. Artiss, S. Dougan,

Confirmation of Quorum

Call to Order 4:15pm

President's Remarks

N. Baillie welcomed and thanked those who attended. Suggestions, comments, or feedback is welcome and can be sent to the society email (joerichsociety@gmail.com) or provided to any director.

Approval of the Minutes from the April 28, 2024 General Meeting

Minutes available for review. N. Baillie asked for error/omissions. No discussion ensued. N. Baillie declared minutes approved as distributed.

Officers and Committee Reports

- *Treasurer's Report: N. Baillie*
Financials available for review
- *Communications: T. White*
Communications received May/June/July 2024.
Hall rental inquiries
Cancellation of memberships due to move out of area
JRFD request to use washrooms and tents for June event
Gorman Brothers field trip tour
Communication with Community Cares Project. Society inquired if the Cares Project would have a use for the fresh food remaining after a society event. Community Cares Project thanked Society for offer however due to food safety and food guidelines/regulations they would only be able to distribute prepared foods that are sealed and uncooked and fresh fruits and vegetables.
- *Event Committee Report: C. LeGuilloux*
Kids Day was held at the July Market. Future Events are posted on the calendar. Open to suggestions.
Suggestion (MK): movie night

- *Programming Report: A. Unsworth*
Paint & Sip Nights August 6 & 20, 2024. Registration through Eventbrite. Macrame class in September. Will be posted on the website.
- *Interest Groups and Social Activities: C. Smith*
Community Craft and Gather averaging 8-10 people/week – no crafting required. Lunches have been offered by donation. Will continue through the summer. Society Open House and Seed Exchange was held May 30, 2024. 53 adults/9 children were served lasagna dinner. Approximately 60 adults/children attended the Mother's Day brunch that was offered in conjunction with the May Market. There has been steady monthly Community Market participation both with vendors and customers. Afternoon Tea will be hosted in August 2024. Details will be on the website.

Old Business

- **Society Name Change Options**
A special motion passed last fiscal year to change our name to the Joe Rich Society. However, before the motion was presented the name should have been authorized by BC Registry but this step was missed. The new board applied for the name but it was denied as not being descriptive enough. When trying to come up with a suitable name, members input was sought; many members told us they did not want the name changed. Changing a society name involves changing the constitution, banking, contracts, etc. as well as has costs associated. We can keep the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants (JRRATS) name as our official name but do business as the Joe Rich Society (JRS).

Motion to continue as Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society (JRRATS) and use Joe Rich Society (JRS) in all our communication to our members but officially, businesswise and legally, we will stay as JRRATS. C. LeGuilloux Seconded by M. Kaetler

Discussion regarding name change and options.

L. Abbott: Will you be able to use JRS for all advertising/Facebook/website?

N. Baillie responded yes, only official documents would be JRRATS (banking, contracts, RDCO Agreement, etc.).

N. Baillie declared motion passed unanimously as none opposed.

- **Update Weddings**
Potential Issues – Parking availability for 11 cars. Fire Hall/Dept access. Hall capacity max 120. Septic tank capacity for large groups. Kitchen access/use. Trade off – money raised through hall rentals goes back into programs.
Discussion.
Suggestions: Raising the rental fee to pay for someone to co-ordinate and be available for renters.
Action: Directors to review hall rentals on a case by case basis.
- **Update on Events and Programming Survey**
Action: Tabled

- Transition of records
Action: Email to follow up on transfer of records.
- Tabled from May 20, 2024 BOD meeting: Markets, Weddings, Hall Deep Clean
Action: Tabled

New Business

- Volunteer Recruitment: N. Baillie
Will be asking for volunteers for larger events. Watch the website.
Suggestion: L. Abbott: contact local teachers re: their students needing volunteer hours; might have to provide transportation.
- Fundraising/Warming Oven: C. Smith
People have been asking about donating at the monthly market. Option of accepting donations to be considered. Future fundraising could be a possibility.
Warming oven could facilitate potlucks (food safe). Would like events to include food provided to community members.
Discussion re: Potlucks. Pros/cons, liability. Question if more chaffing dishes would work versus warming oven. Second fridge may be better option.
Action: Further information needed re: warming oven. Further consideration as to if/how potlucks could happen.
- Community Comments
C. Snelson/M. Kaetler. Thank you to the board members.

Adjournment 4:47pm

Attendance

Monique Kaetler
Craig Kaetler
Louise Abbott
Larry Hesse
Rose Hesse
Murray Smith
Nettie Massong
Colleen Snelson
Bonnie Devitt
Allan Pauls

Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 11, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm
Oct. 20, 2024 JRS General Meeting 4:00-5:30pm
Nov. 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm