Presidents Report

March 19th 2012

**Highlights of 2012**

* Resignation of Fire Chief, Jeff Francis
* Reference given for Jeff Francis’application for employment in Alberta
* Deputy Chief Steve DeRousie promoted to Fire Chief
* Recommended that recruit probation be increased to 6 months.
* **Building Issues:**
* Investigation was undertaken with discussions with Bud Swan and Ron Willick as to why ownership of the rec hall was transferred from the association to the improvement district. No one could remember why, although it was thought to have something to do with insurance.
* A copy of the lease was requested from the improvement district.
* The ten year lease of the rec hall expired on February 13, 2012.
* A letter was drafted requesting transfer of the hall back to the membership along with a long term lease to site the building on the fire dept. lands.
* A reply was received on Jan 26th granting us a month to month continuation of the lease per the terms of the original ten year lease.
* The MIID agreed to the sale of the hall back to the association subject to the following:

 The building must be moved at a time and to a site agreeable to the MIID

The location of the bare land lease must be marked on a site plan with all Setbacks, surveys and footprint shown.

The building must be placed on an appropriate foundation.

The assoc. would be responsible for all costs of foundation, planning, moving, and connections of electrity, septic and water

The assoc. must provide proof of availability to carry out the above conditions.

* A meeting was held with the building committee (Per, Brendan, Matt) and society directors with Tracey to clarify the costs. It was re-iterated that the association would be responsible for all charges.
* The Association has been waiting for a location to be identified and a time line to be offered.
* We discussed the pro’s and con’s of moving the Recreation hall ourselves once a site is identified.
* Discussions were undertaken with the Lions Club about shared use. The MIID were not supportive due to parking issues.
* Mother’s Day went ahead with an increase in attendance.
* Halloween went ahead under Per’s leadership.
* We initiated Oktoberfest under Jeff Hochhalter’s direction with Eric’s support.
* We participated again in the Parent’s Advisory Committee Chili Cook-off.
* The question of Liability insurance was raised by Gerry Wise after a complaint was raised by the public to the MIID relating to a complaint about noise from a private function. A letter was sent by Amanda confirming our coverage.
* A review of our coverage was initiated by Amanda due to the Fireworks and Special Events coverage. Our carrier was changed.
* The Association participated in the Meredyth James Fundraiser ‘Rib Off’.
* The Bank account at Island Savings was closed and all accounts are now at Coast Capital Savings in Sidney.
* Our mailing address was changed by Canada Post!
* Recruiting of new members completed.
* Training to the basic level was completed by the membership. Three members were unsuccessful in achieving a passing grade and were dismissed with the option of re-applying in 6 months.
* We discussed the need for a new Fundraising Chair as Jeff H. could not commit to the time required. Ron mentioned gaming grants are available.
* Fall Fair participation: We agreed to do the corn, then had to cancel due to lack of on Island Members.
* Participation in the Parade with Apparatus.
* We participated in the Christmas Parade of Lights and received second place.
* Thank you to the community letter was published by the Mayneliner.
* The Mayneliner has offered us a monthly column to communicate with the community