Called to Order: at 1900 hours with Ian Morrison as Chair

Present: Director Ian Morrison, David Darling, David Lowther, Raymond Wear, Brian Peters, Thor Repstock and Katherine Worsley.

PUBLIC: Welcome to Mary Lowther resident of Mesachie Lake and Bev Luke resident of Paldi area.

**Notice of CVRD Area "F" Parks Advisory Commission AGM were posted** in the Honeymoon Bay News February Issue, Lake Cowichan Gazette February 25, Citizen News February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 4th, and previous minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: MSC: to approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: MSC: to approve the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Area F Parks Advisory 2014 Annual General Meeting minutes with amendment to the wordage of BC Assessment to BC Acquisition.

## **REPORTS:**

Area Rep: Thanked everyone for input on items of interest and projects completed last year. Last year when we paid off the dept of land purchase we went right to work in getting projects completed and creating the circle park in front of the HMB hall it looks fantastic, the Mesachie Lake paved parking lot and repairing the tennis court, we have received a lot of compliments on the tennis court. The issue of the access rock boulders have been moved in order. Upcoming will be the removal of the log booms at Lily Beach they will be replaced with floats. We will move full steam ahead in projects requested for Central Beach. Just came from the Regional Engineer Services Committee meeting and the Regional Grant in Aid for many years has been in debate as to how many times someone can applied for a grant in aid and how much we would spend. In the budget is 306,000 available for grants including the Island Corridor ¾ tax, we have allocated 280,500. Through a referendum the 160,000 grant for the Sports Plex was voted down. We were informed that the Government Grant Program provided to municipal and regions would end in 2014, however today we were informed that we would get 135,000 to into the General Budget and it was discussed at the Board that this should go back into reduction in tax budget. Area F and I are the lowest tax percentage increase this year. Percentages can be misleading so as it looks a property assessed at 316,000 would see an increase of \$18.00 -\$20.00 this year. The residential component stayed the same yet the forestry component increased 3%. That means we will see more money come to our area. MSC: to accept the Area Director CARRIED report.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Thank you to all who have attended and contributed to the successes of all things that were accomplished last year, both likes and dislikes. This year the hope is to move forward with the plans for Central Beach and all the other major and minor projects for the Area F parks. **MSC:** to accept the Chairs report. **CARRIED** 

## ELECTIONS:

Area Representative Ian Morrison assumed the Chair, with commissioners Katherine Worsley, Brian Peters, Thor Repstock serving the remaining year of their elected terms. Nominations were accepted for 2(two) year terms. Nominated: David Darling (accepted), Raymond Wear (accepted) declared elected by acclamation.

Area Director Appointments: David Lowther, Mary Lowther, Bev Luke and Bill Bakkan for one year terms.

Area Director suggested to forward any other names interested in participating on the Area F Parks Commission as they can be appointed at the discretion of the Director to the Commission.

NEXT AREA F PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena.

ADJOURMENT: MSC: to adjourn at 20:00

CARRIED