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PRESIDENT=92S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

It is now almost 15 months since = our last=20 Annual General Meeting held June 21, 2008. There are many reasons for = the delay,=20 which is permitted under the Society=92s Act, which requires that financial statements be = presented to the=20 AGM that are not more than 6 months old. =20 This we will do later in the meeting.

As you will see from the = Directors Report,=20 one of the most potentially important initiatives of the Board was the=20 development and submission of a Grant Application for \$636,740 to assist = with=20 the construction of the two new buildings. =20 This involved two Directors doing a huge amount of work in two = weeks to=20 get it submitted by the deadline. =20 Another important initiative = undertaken=20 by a Committee of 4 Directors was negotiating the MOU with 4 Directors = of the=20 Saturna Community Club (SCC). = The=20 latter was approved by the Board on June 22, 2009 and the Grant = Application=20 approval was expected at the end of June. =20 While awaiting the Grant approval, the Board decided to take the = summer=20 finalizing financing for the new Emergency Services Buildings, and = finishing up=20 the business of the previous 15 months. The financing arrangements are = ongoing=20 and should be finalized shortly - we are still waiting for the decision = on the=20 Grant. It is important that we do not spend any money on either building = until=20 we have heard about the grant one way or the other. Any money spent prior to the = awarding of=20 the grant would be ineligible for the 2/3 reimbursement from grant=20 funds.

The Volunteer Firefighters under = the command=20 of our fire chief John = Wiznuk,=20 continue to provide a very valuable service to the Saturna Community. = Their=20 commitment to training and practice is indicated by their attendance at = 23=20 practice nights in the last 8 months, 19 page outs for emergencies in = 2009=20 ranging from fires to motor vehicle incidents to broken hydro wires = across=20 East Point=20 Road. = However, the majority of page outs were for assistance to Saturna = Island=20 Rescue (SIR) to help with medical emergencies. In addition, Command Vehicle = Rapid 1 was=20 on loan to SIR when their vehicle was out of service until a new vehicle = was=20 secured, representing the continued cooperation between the two = organizations=20 when it comes to taking care of medical emergencies on the Island. Additional training was taken = by four=20 fighters giving up their Saturdays for months to take National Fire Protection = Association fire=20 fighting training (the standard for North America) with Pender = Fire/Rescue, and=20 six members of our rope rescue team giving up an extended weekend on = Pender to=20 take professional level training in that specialty. We thank you and=20 congratulate you for taking time out to update your skills enabling you = to=20 better serve our community.

Fire Prevention has also been on our volunteer's agenda including articles in the Scribbler, an information table at the Saturday market, visit to our school and the fire extinguisher clinic last October as part of National Fire Prevention Week. Our ongoing commitment to Firefighter health and safety is of prime importance to the SIFPS Board and SIVD Officers and is illustrated by the budgeting for timely replacement of Personal Protective equipment and the provision of specialized cleaning facilities in the new Emergency Services Building as well as equipment to refill Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus air bottles in the new building. Currently these two services are provided

off-island at great inconvenience to the Volunteers.

Mention should also be made of the extra time and effort needed by our Fire Chief and his crew to get our new water tender into service last fall. Even though it came with lots of extras, a number of adjustments were required to meet our standards and to be compatible with our equipment. Due to the economic downturn we were able to purchase this desperately needed piece of equipment at a heavily discounted price. We are truly proud of the achievement and commitment of our Volunteers and we thank you for keeping our firefighting ability in response ready condition.

During the year three of our long serving volunteer firefighters retired from active duty. Jon Guy, Graeme Bregani and Greg Robertson have handed in their pagers and deserve our special thanks for many years of excellent service to the Community..

Two of our Directors retired during the year for personal reasons and two additional Directors will retire at the end of this meeting. Over his years on the Board Jim Bavis has done an outstanding job, and most importantly by persuading 103 property owners to purchase reflective numbering signs to identify their property. This is about 20% of all residential properties on the Island and added to those that are already signed, adds considerable assistance to our volunteer fire and medical personnel when responding to an emergency. Although Jim will not be continuing on the Board, he has agreed to continue for one more year with this project and see if he can improve on his success of last year. Michael Taylor is our longest serving Board member and has held the position of Treasurer for 12 years. Michael deserves a break from this demanding position that requires efficient handling of our banking, cash management, bill payment and accounting. He has responded without complaint to my constant requests for financial updates and new reports. Michael and Jim we thank you both for outstanding service to the Board and our Community.

The remaining six Directors who are running for re-election have performed at exemplary levels in their participation on Board Committees. The following Directors Report is testament to their energy, commitment and most importantly, their ability to obtain results and provide leadership in the successful operation of Emergency Services on Saturna. I thank each of them personally for their effort and for making the past two years so enjoyable for myself, your President.

As a final note, I shall be retiring as your President, but I hope to remain on the Board during this crucial year of Construction of the new facilities. The past two years has been challenging, but enjoyable as the Board has worked as a team and accomplished much.

Lorne R. Bolton, = President