

Fred Milne Park Society – Monthly Meeting, 20-July -2026

Attendees	Regrets:
Chris Reburn (President)	Andrew Quinn-Young (Director at Large)
Tim Satterford (Vice President)	Jason Dumont (ASP President)
Chrys Thompson (Treasurer)	Ben Gardy (ASP Rep)
Brad McEwan (Secretary)	Al McKay (SSC President)
Bruce Milton (Director-Maintenance)	Mike McKay (SSC Rep)
Dean Haldane (SCA President)	
Karl Linell (Director at Large)	
Lesley Baker (Business Development)	
Justin Wilson (SCA)	

Agenda and Notes

1) New Kubota - Insurance and update, led by Bruce

- hitch built
- seat is an aftermarket item from Amazon causing issues with safety interlock
- need to clean out the C-Can so tractor items can be stored
- turf tires installed and working well
- insurance recommended due to \$40K value plus maybe ICBC to allow for transit to high school (de-pooling) and transit to Bruce's house for service and repairs.
- Chris notes that \$100 is too cheap, not even covering costs. Need to provide an updated price based on all factors (fuel, maintenance, labour, etc.)
- SCA reps to look into rider to add to property insurance

2) Other Bruce stuff

- Sooke Lions had a mishap with hot oil burning a hole in the grass. They have agreed to pay for the repairs
- Fire department inspection results and required remediation now underway
- Pump lost part of it's programming
- Entry gate needs to be replaced, ideally with a slider. Danger of falling and injuring somebody (Adam Spence could provide a quote for materials and labour)

3) Remainder summer events

- Need for FMPS staff to be available for remaining events
- Need to have septic pumped out prior to these remaining events. Dean thinks we need to get it done and Bruce recommends we adjust to annual or every 2 years for pump out.
- Music Fest Aug 8/9
- Schedule needs to be updated online (check with Leslie)

3) Turf replacement / current condition

- Turf is starting to come up in some areas (mostly seams)
- Turf can be repaired but not if the 'grass' is pulling out of the based but the rubber added has helped remediate this issue
- Lobbying with District of Sooke for both specific and general grants and funding
- Targets – SD62, CRD (but Al Wickem says no-go) but tough going compared to the past where Mike Hicks helped out immensely
- Grants may be more viable (Dean mentioned that we have access to Dana Lajuenesse grant writer
- Bruce noted that we may need a grader to re-level the field for new turf
- Justin: should we consider taking rentable windows out of SSC and ASP allotments to help bring in additional funds

4) Round table - as time allows

- Potential to review software offerings that help manage hourly vs. blocks of time
- Need to understand costs and issues with remote automation of field lighting
- Justin
 - Timing and any issues on transition of books and related financials
 - SCA has treasurer and Mel Jury (bookkeeper) prepared to take over from Chrys but need information
- Motion to adopt new treasurer and bookkeeper (Dean proposed, Tim seconded. Vote passed unanimously.
- Lesley had ASP on the field the night before Canada Day event, despite being notified. Lesley had to stay until midnight and required lights on.
- Bruce – young Osprey attacked by an Eagle on our field. Taken for care up island and returned back to nest. Vic Crane used. Contact with the raptor group if/when we replace poles we can put up new nest boxes
- Dean – reported that the SCA was mad / disappointed at FMPS for not jumping into the FaceBook discussion and set the record straight. FMPS members taken aback by this sentiment. Several FMPS members voiced that if it's such an issue we can quit.
- Chrys – the upside of the SCA/FMPS/SSC issues is that it raised awareness and could be used to drive appealing for more volunteers to keep these local sports organizations alive.
- Chris – thanks to Chrys for all the effort, guidance and work with FMPS over the years!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

