



Let's join and work together

CHAS Mission Statement:

As one voice we will have a strong positive influence while working on collective interests that strengthen all Saskatchewan Co-operatives”

CHAS Vision Statement

To have equal representation from all Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives.
To provide education to all Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives

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Here we are nearing the end of summer and entering into the fall season. The CHAS Board of Directors hopes that you have had a good summer despite the weather, and that you were able to take some vacation time.

As your co-op begins to plan for up coming events for the coming year, we would like to encourage you to consider sending delegates to the up coming Workshops, as well as other events that may come up during the year.

These events are put on for our benefit, that we may gain helpful knowledge as we go about the daily operations of our individual co-ops. As well it offers a time when we can meet members from other co-ops and share our ideas.

CHAS Board Meeting-

The latest board meeting was held Saturday, August 29, 2009 in Saskatoon at Rainbow Housing Co-op. There were 9 board members, 4 guests and an acting secretary attending.

The board would like to thank Rainbow for hosting the meeting and James for being a good host.

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Thanks to his wife Sheri for supplying the muffins and juice.

Here are some high lights from the Meeting:

Round Table Discussion:

This gave an opportunity for discussion on matters of concern that most housing co-ops are faced with. Some of the discussion included;

- housing co-op finances,
- individual control rather than board and committee control,
- misleading information given on applications e.g... on their health, willingness to participate,
- major concerns discussed on how to keep our co-op identity among the affordable housing umbrella.

Articles and Bylaws:

The CHAS bylaws have been up for review and revision by the board for some time, with a draft coming before the members at the AGM held in May 2008. At that time they were amended by the members attending with a motion made to send them to the Registrar. You may remember that they were returned from Saskatchewan Justice with a notation that if we wished to proceed the Articles would need to be changed first. At our last AGM in May of this year, it was decided by the members attending that this needed to be addressed and a special general meeting of the CHAS co-op members was to be held this fall to approve suitable wording for the Registrar.

In helping the CHAS Board with clarity and wording of the Articles and Bylaws it has been confirmed that David Spackman from CHF Canada will work with the CHAS Board of Directors on this issue prior to the CHF workshop.

Vision Statement:

Once again this item came up for discussion and the suggestions given at the last AGM were considered. It was from those suggestions and further discussion from the board that we reached the wording for the CHAS Vision Statement. It has been included at the beginning of the News letter and reads as follows:

“To have equal representation from all Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives. To provide education to all Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives.”

Resignation:

The President of CHAS received the resignation of Barb Zintel who is resigning from the board due to other commitments. Thank you Barb for 2 years of service and perhaps at a more convenient time you will consider another term on the board.

New board member appointed:

The Board appointed Dan Bobowski to the CHAS board, with the understanding that at the next AGM he will be nominated for election. We welcome Dan and know he will do a good job.

Please make note of the Special CHAS General Members Meeting:

This meeting is being called for the purpose of approving the wording of the Articles and Bylaws. Following approval by the members they will once again be sent to Sask. Justice to be registered. This motion was put forward at the May AGM.

This meeting will take place on:

Date: November 14, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Argyle Park Housing Co-op in Regina

The Agenda will be sent to all co-ops prior to this meeting, and each co-op will be able to send one (1) delegate for every 10 units.

Saskatchewan Housing Workshops-

The CHAS Board of Directors is hoping that many of 17 housing co-ops participated in this workshop when it was held in your area. These workshops

are put on for housing co-ops along with other non profit and affordable housing groups. The material presented was of benefit to the operation of our co-ops, and it is hoped that each co-op will use the information contained in your binder, as well as notes you were able to take from the facilitators in their sessions.

Dates to Remember and Mark your Calendars.

October 3, 2009 – CHF Canada, Fall Workshop, Ramada Inn, Regina. If you have not registered, please consider doing so. The topics for the day are of vital importance to all housing co-ops, with vision planning ahead to 2020 and also a new look at participation, perhaps re-examining old ways verses a new and better way.

November 14, 2009 - CHAS General Members Meeting, at 1:00 PM at Argyle Park Housing Co-op in Regina. Having your co-op represented will be helpful as we hope to finalize the bylaws, so we can move onto other items of interest that need to be addressed.

Also Remember - our web-site is being updated on a regular basis and we encourage all the co-ops to take advantage of its use. Our web-master, Bruce Lotts, has already listed a link to each housing co-op that only provides basic information unless he has received extra from you. We would like to encourage you to at least send a picture of your co-op, and then as time permits send a more detailed article with extra pictures, so that Bruce can include the info on your link. Please send this information to

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