



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**

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This new year of 2010 begins a new decade with a reminder time does pass quickly. It does not seem like 10 years have gone by since the anxious moments on the eve of 2000 were felt around the world, and here we are a decade later still functioning as before.

So a question to ponder with an honest answer—

Is your housing co-op functioning better in 2010 than it did before January 1, 2000? Some may answer yes, while other housing co-ops are suggesting to the CHAS board they are having difficulty, especially in the areas of new members not comprehending what it means to live in a housing co-op, and that new board members are not given proper orientation of the housing co-ops bylaws, policies and procedures that ensures a well run co-op.

This is a concern to the CHAS board, and they are currently exploring some ways to help in this area.

Hopefully 2010 will bring a renewed interest in all our housing co-ops.

CHAS Bylaws:

If you have been reading the past News Letters you will recall that the bylaws have had a difficult time getting official approval and registration from Saskatchewan Justice. We can finally report that they have been approved and registered.

***The Co-operative Housing Association of
Saskatchewan
News Letter***

March 2010

CHAS Vision Statement

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

There will be a copy available to each housing co-op at the Annual Meeting, so we ask that these bylaws be retained in your files for access by your members who may have an interest in the association.

A Note of caution re-Bylaws-

If your housing co-op is contemplating changes to your existing bylaws, the CHAS board would recommend that you only submit to the Registrar the bylaws that require changes. This will make it easier and a quicker process as opposed to having the complete set of bylaws re done. If you are considering having a complete change, be prepared to have proper wording as to the Saskatchewan 1996 Co-op Act.

News from the Board-

The CHAS Board held its quarterly meeting on Saturday February 20, 2010 at Norwest Place Housing Co-operative in Regina, with 8 board members, a representative from SHC, and 11 guests at large attending. We wish to thank the Norwest Board for hosting our meeting, also to Verla Erlendson and her helpers for providing the noon lunch.

Report from President James Gilliard:

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Association(SCA) approached James in regards to spot lighting the different housing co-ops in the province. They have started with Rainbow in Saskatoon, and can be viewed on their website <http://www.sask.coop/>

Lakewood Manor in Regina will be appearing soon so please visit their website often for updates.

CHAS Annual Meeting(AGM):

Re- Board elections-Now that the bylaws have been registered we are ready to begin the process of having board elections at this up-coming AGM. In keeping with the bylaws the board will now serve for a two year term, but may be re-elected to serve up to six years. The board is made up of 12 members, so therefore 6 will be retiring this year. To begin this process the board has appointed a nominating committee which include- James Gilliard for Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Verla Erlendson for Regina, and Irene Young for Moose Jaw.

The above three would appreciate if there is someone in your co-op that would let their

name stand for nomination that you contact by
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AGM speakers: There were two suggestions brought forward ;

1. Deryl Thompson of Edmonton, has been an active member in a housing co-op for the past 25 years, and has been on the board much of that time serving as president, treasure, and membership chair. He is currently on the Alberta provincial housing co-op board, a Workshop Leader as well as a 2020 Compass Facilitator.

2. A representative from the Tisdale Home Care Co-operative, where their members are seniors who want to stay in their own homes. The residents of Tisdale have formed a co-op to provide services as needed to these seniors.

It was decided that both be contacted and invited.
(hopefully their time will allow them to attend)

History Booklet on CHAS:

Since the end of 2009 a booklet has been put together including a brief history of CHAS from its beginning in 1981, noting accomplishments, challenges it faced, nearly being dissolved, saved from losing the Incorporate Status, and its re-vitalization. These booklets will be available at the AGM with one to each housing co-op.

CHAS-Annual Membership Dues;

There has been much discussion over which housing co-ops are members of CHAS, who paid dues, and did co-ops have lifetime membership, etc.

The archives do not give us any helpful information on this, only an occasional mention of a housing co-op being a member. The CHAS board of Directors is suggesting that we begin this process a new, and are recommending to the AGM membership that member dues be charged at a rate of \$1.00 per unit, per co-op, per year. This is only a recommendation and will be up for discussion and vote.

Mark your Calendars, CHAS AGM is coming

Date: Saturday June 5, 2010

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Argyle Park Housing Co-op in Regina.

Delegates: Each housing co-op may send one delegate for every 10 units, with only one having voting privileges for your co-op.

Lunch: will again be a Fundraiser for CHAS and will be \$10.00 per person.

Open session forum: will once again be included in this years AGM agenda. This forum was well received last year giving members an opportunity to ask questions regarding problems that face our co-ops as well as a discussion of ways to help solve them. The forum was a very successful tool.

Not too soon: for your co-op to make plans to attend the AGM. Your co-op will be sent an agenda prior to May 31, 2010

Another Reminder: For the housing co-ops to Consider sending information on your housing co-op to be placed on the website. Our webmaster has a link to each housing co-op in the province but it only provides basic information. So please consider sending information by way of an e-mail attachment to- ablotts_abl@sasktel.net or chas1985@accesscomm.ca

TO ALL HOUSING CO-OP'S MEMBERS HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE