



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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Time once again to send off another addition of the CHAS Newsletter. It is hard to believe that December is here, and with that ends the year 2009.

I expect your Housing Co-op has not been able to accomplish all the goals and things that were hoped for this year, but that you will continue to work toward completing them in the New Year. The Co-operative Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has been no different than the housing co-ops, and have not been able to accomplish in 2009 what was hoped for. However the Board of Directors will continue to proceed with the priorities of goals that have been set.

To have our bylaws meet the satisfaction of the Registrar has been our number one priority, once that is accomplished we will then be able to focus on issues that matter to our housing co-ops in a more effective way.

So again the Board of Directors of CHAS asks for your cooperation and patience as we work toward that goal.

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Bylaws:

Since I have just mentioned that the CHAS bylaws have been the number one priority I will continue with an update on the proceedings with the Registrar.

You may remember that the bylaws amended at the AGM in May 2008 were returned from Saskatchewan Justice, as unsatisfactory and more changes were needed. 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 CHAS housing co-op members was to be held this fall to approve suitable wording for the Registrar.

David Spackman from CHF Canada offered to work with the CHAS Board of Directors in helping with clarity and wording of the Articles and Bylaws. In doing so David spoke with Doug Jameson from Sask. Justice for clarification, and then met with the CHAS Board of Directors the evening of October 2nd to help with proper wording, and again changes were still needed. In an e-mail from David Spackman and I quote- *Here are additional changes to the CHAS By-laws. Doug Jameson is taking a very technical approach so we will just have to live with that.*

This is a bit time consuming but at least there are no legal fees for this, we can just keep submitting changes until Mr. Jameson is satisfied". Unquote

This indeed has been the time for patience.

CHAS Board Meeting- was held Saturday, November 14th 9:30 a.m. at Argyle Park Housing Co-op. in Regina. There were 12 board members, and 3 guests including Myrna Mikkenon from SHC present.

Once again most of the meeting time was spent on the proper wording of the bylaws to be presented to the General meeting that afternoon. The board would like to thank Argyle Park for supplying coffee and muffins and for the noon lunch hosted by Natasha Sutherland and Tanya Ziffle

Special CHAS General Members Meeting:

This meeting followed the Board meeting on November 14th at 1:00 p.m. In attendance were nine housing co-ops and Myrna Mikkonen from SHC.

This special meeting was called for the purpose of the wording of the Bylaws to be approved by the members present, and then once again to be sent to Sask. Justice. This is a legal procedure, and hopefully now they will meet the requirements to be registered.

Another item of discussion was Annual Fees or dues from housing co-ops. A motion was made that the board draft a policy for annual dues and present it to the members at the AGM in 2010.

This motion was carried.

There was a discussion on the accomplishments of CHAS to date that included the drafting of the Logo, Mission Statement and Vision for CHAS, Quarterly Newsletter, and the Web Page.

There was also discussion on what CHAS should focus on after the bylaws are done, some suggestions were-

1. Workshop for 2020
2. Board Basic Workshop
3. Networking sessions in each of the cities
4. Advocating for new housing co-ops in the future

If your co-op has suggestions of ideas that CHAS can focus on that would be of help to your co-op, please send them along to --

e-mail you1952@sasktel.net

Myrna Mikkonen clarified again the difference in the operating agreements of the co-ops, and that being the reason of the various funding that each co-op receives. It is encouraging to have a representative from SHC at both the CHAS board meetings, and the AGM to answer questions that arise, as well as their input in the discussions.

We want to thank Argyle Park Housing for hosting both meetings that day.

Another Reminder - 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 would like to encourage you to submit a picture of your co-op, and more detailed information on your co-op. There is already listed a link to each housing co-op, but it only provides basic information. So please consider sending the information to-

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TO

All Housing Co-op Members

And our

Sask. Housing Representatives



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