



“Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit.”

January 7, 2010 Annual General Meeting

Cap Sparling welcomed the large group and thanked everyone for coming out. He introduced Daniel Amador, the lawyer acting for GPS.

Sr. Amador has met with the legal voters for GPS who then elected the new Executive Board:

President-Eric Rudd

Treasurer-Cheryl Vaughn

Secretary-Suzanne Gravelle

Comite de Vigilancia-Sr. Lazarro Cardenas Garcia, Sr. Marcos Scott

Director-Monica Jimenez

New members may apply by giving Sr. Amador a copy of their passport and some other legal information. His email is damador@legaservices.com and his office is at #43A Calle Mariscal (upstairs). This list will then be passed on to the original members for approval. A quorum for a meeting such as this would be 50% + 1. There is no limit to the number of members.

Cap asked for questions or comments:

Sr. Lazarro spoke about the original tenants of the group which were to help the community in Education, Recreation, and Public Development. Good, friendly and well intentioned people started the group. The group is strong and prestigious in the community. The members here are very interested in having the group grow. This year the town has faced several problems such as garbage removal, theft, town cleaning etc. but the new board and all the projects planned should really help to bring the community together. He stated that he has enjoyed his 4 years working in this community with the volunteers from GPS and the community. He thanked everyone for participating in the work of making Sayulita a better place to live and visit.

Eric Rudd welcomed everyone and stated some of his goals and priorities as the new President. He thanked Cap for all his work to continue the group over the past year. Eric reiterated that open dialogue and friendliness is the key to working together in the community.

Eric had several focuses:

- 1.) Housekeeping items regarding voting, membership and smooth running of the organization, website information and the process for applying for funding.
- 2.) Connection to the community: open discussions with town officials for working together on their concerns.

- 3.) The GPS Fiesta: this event makes most of the money that is then used to fund projects throughout the year. We again hope to have a huge turnout and many donations. Several community donors already give so generously to this and other projects-eg. Sr.Santos and Damien Porter at Don Pedro's.
- 4.) GPS is many things to this community and hopes to continue in its role for it is the social life, support and lifeline for many people. He hopes to keep the organization fun and inviting as we strive to help the community.

Committee Reports:

- 1.) Health and Safety: Mike Beck reported on the new defibrillator that will be kept with Dr. Moy. Dr. Moy introduced his wife Paulina and reiterated that the training for CPR and resuscitation is very important as well. Mike also announced the upcoming meeting on Tuesday Jan. 12 10-12 noon at the Cultural Center concerning safety and policing concerns in the community and the Neighbourhood Watch program being instituted along with Heather Murray.
- 2.) "The Fiesta"-Janet Beck asked for volunteers and for donations to the upcoming Fiesta. The next meeting of GPS on Jan.14 ,12 p.m at The Blue Iguana restaurant will focus on planning for this event. Janet's contact information is janeta333@hotmail.com.
- 3.) Beach Safety and Education: Jose Luis spoke about beach cleanup and how it ties in so closely with the general cleanliness of the community-Recycling, Trash pickup, Education. Along with Punta Sayulita, GPS can be very helpful to keep Sayulita's beaches inviting and safe for the community and for visitors.
- 4.)Sayulita Verde- Luisa spoke about all the planting that has been done around the community and now at the Escuela Primeria and Secundaria. There have been many donations of trees of all types; citrus, indigenous and shade. Right now the priority is to keep the trees irrigated in the dry season and for this we need the water truck to be operating properly. The nursery is healthy and alive and the children will be out collecting seeds.
- 5.) Traffic Committee: Jeff spoke about the need to improve traffic flow and provide parking in the village. The streets are becoming one way and parking is impossible in the high season.
- 6.) Recycling/Garbage: Monica Jimenez spoke of the upcoming additions to this work. There are plans to apply for grants from NGO's, to begin a compost operation, to have a more constant presence at the bodega, and sort recycling better.

Eric closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, for the translation to Spanish, for the use of the Casa de Cultura and for future work to be done by all.

Next Meeting-“La Fiesta” focused , will be at its regular time and place on Jan.14, 12 p.m. at The Blue Iguana restaurant.