

**White Sands Community Hall Society
And
Rural Crime Watch
Minutes for the Annual General Meeting
July 9, 2016**

Present:

Hall Society President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar.

President Rural Crime Watch Corinne Phelan

Bernie Feisst, Lorne Thurston, Carol Linkert, Gerry Linkert, Leigh Rairdan, Geri Horne, Suzanne Denton, Shirley Feisst, Vicky Sanchuck, Lance Olson, Andrea Hildebrand, Jim Costigan, Carl Cornelssen, Nancy McNichol, Ian McNichol, Andrew Spitula

Rural Crime Watch AGM:

President Fraser Denton introduced Corinne Phelan, the President of our Crime Watch Program. As outlined in our previous meeting, the province is incorporating Crime Watch Programs under the Societies Act. We determined that we would combine the Crime Watch Program with the Hall Society so we would not have to have two separate meetings. In April, six board members were elected for the Crime Watch Program: President Corinne Phelan, Fraser Denton, Vicky Sanchuck, Bill Sanchuck, Bernie Feisst, and Judy Peelar. As this has been such a recent formation, Fraser and Corinne are recommending we remain with this Board and not seek re-elections at this Annual Meeting. Bernie Feisst made the motion to accept the suggestion that the existing Board members remain in place without an election. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

Corinne reported that she has been dropping off membership forms at various households. There is no cost to joining the Crime Watch Program. It simply allows you to be on the communication list.

Corinne also reported that several speeding tickets have been handed out within White Sands and the RCMP are getting more involved in our community for the safety of our residents. She is also looking into additional signage.

Lorne reported that the application to the Society's Act is underway.

Hall Society AGM:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Denton with 19 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

The agenda was accepted as presented on the motion of Corinne Phelan. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Leigh Rairdan. Seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

Financial Report:

Fraser Denton announced that Treasurer John Shepherd had recently passed away. A sympathy card was circulated for the members in attendance to sign and will be delivered to his spouse Bev.

Bernie Feisst and Jim Costigan have retrieved the financial records and are working to update the information. At this time a detailed financial report was not available. Bernie Feisst reported that cash on hand is \$13,367.77 as at June 30, 2016. Vicky Sanchuck made the motion to accept the verbal financial report. Seconded by Gerry Linkert. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Back Door entrance for the Hall. Corinne Phelan had volunteered to complete the work on this enclosed entrance. Upon evaluation, the job is bigger than expected. It needs to be constructed as a permanent structure with windows, doors, siding, shingles and a canopy over the BBQ. Estimated cost is \$3289 plus GST if we paint the walls. To put up siding and soffit instead of painting would add another \$700 to the price. Mayor Lorne stated that there is grant money for this type of work and he has already started the paperwork. He estimates the grant money would cover about half the cost. Due to the amount of work necessary, this is no longer a volunteer job and the Village will hire it out. Remaining cost would be about \$2000.

Shirley Feisst made the motion to donate \$2000 to the back door enclosure project. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

2. Landscaping between the storage shed and the Hall. Corinne Phelan provided an update. The area is not properly graded so they cannot begin the work of the brick pathway until the grading is done. Lorne is going to have the maintenance man help with this project and Corinne will then seek volunteers to lay the sidewalk.

New Business:

1. President's Report. Fraser Denton read his annual report. See attached document. His annual report was accepted on the motion of Shirley Feisst. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.
2. Ratification of Extraordinary Meeting held May 1, 2016. Following are the minutes from that meeting:

Present:

Fraser Denton, Bill Sanchuck, Leigh Rairdan, Gerri Horne, Darcy Peelar, Judy Peelar

Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Fraser Denton. The purpose of the meeting was to seek approval for expenses up to \$1000 for equipment and supplies to host a poker tournament and crib card nights throughout the summer. Interest has been expressed in

holding a card night on the weekends. Supplies needed include crib boards, poker chips, table clothes, food supplies.

Motion was made by Bill Sanchuck to spend up to \$1000 for this new card night venture. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

This Extraordinary Meeting and the minutes were approved on the motion of Vicky Sanchuck. Seconded by Gerry Linkert. Carried.

3. Sale of Utility Trailer – The Hall Society owns a converted tent trailer that was used to haul bottles to the Bottle Depot in Stettler. Bottles are now picked up at White Sands and the trailer is no longer used. Carl Cornelssen made the motion to sell the trailer for \$300 OBO. Seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried. Carl will handle the advertisement and sale of the trailer.
4. Judy Peelar reported on the Poker Tournaments held to date. The first tournament on June 3rd had 21 players, and paid the final 3 positions. We had 6-8 Crib players. The second tournament on July 8 had 13 poker players paying the final 2 and 3 Crib players. Players have provided positive feedback and the evenings have been enjoyable. We will continue with the tournaments on August 5 and September 2 and then re-evaluate future tournaments.
5. For the Election of Officers, the floor was turned over to Bernie Feisst who explained the process. All positions are to fill 2 year terms. Those nominated must accept the nomination and if successful, must attend meetings. Nominations made prior to this meeting will be read out. Further nominations from the floor will be requested twice. Voting will be by a show of hands. The election process proceeded:
 - a. President – Eric Thomas had submitted his nomination for Fraser Denton. Nominations from the floor were requested and no further names were advanced. Fraser accepted the nomination. The vote was in favour and Fraser Denton will serve another term.
 - b. Vice President – Ian McNichol nominated Carl Cornelssen. Further nominations from the floor were requested and no other names were advanced. Carl accepted the nomination. The vote was in favour and Carl Cornelssen will serve another term.
 - c. Secretary – Shirley Feisst nominated Judy Peelar. Further nominations from the floor were requested and no other names were advanced. Judy accepted the nomination. The vote was in favour and Judy Peelar will serve another term.
 - d. Treasurer – Fraser Denton nominated Mary Green. Mary was unable to attend the meeting but had accepted the nomination previously. As Mary is new to the Board, her relative background was explained. Mary worked in Accounts Receivable at the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller for 25 years and worked at ATB for 3 years. She has been in White Sands for 28 years and now makes it her permanent home. Further nominations from the floor were requested and no other names were advanced. The vote was in favour and Mary will serve her first term with the Hall Society.
 - e. Directors – We currently have 3 Directors – Geri Horne, Leigh Rairdan, and Carol Linkert. Our by-laws state we must have at least 3 directors. Nominations from the floor were

requested. Carol Linkert nominated Debbie Waugh. Debbie had accepted the nomination previously as she was unable to attend the meeting. Leigh Rairdan was nominated by Shirley Feisst. Leigh accepted. Nancy McNichol nominated Geri Horne. Geri accepted. Leigh Rairdan nominated Carol Linkert. Carol accepted. The vote was requested for the 4 Directors names and the vote was in favour. Leigh Rairdan, Geri Horne, Carol Linkert and Debbie Waugh will serve as directors for the next 2 years.

Elections were closed at 10:40 a.m. and the floor was turned back to President Fraser Denton.

6. Ideas on how to spend the Hall Society Income. The Hall Society's income comes from the bottle money. As a Society we should not keep a large sum of money on hand. We need to turn the money back into the Community. We would like to maintain a balance of no more than \$10,000 in the bank. That leaves us with about \$3000 to spend. Motion was made by Corinne Phelan to work with a budget of approximately \$3000 towards new improvements and expenditures. Seconded by Suzanne Denton. Carried.

We had previously requested ideas from the residents of White Sands. Fraser distributed a list of the ideas and asked the members in attendance to break into groups and discuss the items listed, prioritizing their top few. Judy Peelar read the Objectives of the Hall Society to ensure that decisions would fall within our realm. After considerable discussion the results were as follows:

Ideas Expressed by Residents of White Sands
For Expenditures/Activities for the Hall Society Revenues

- Purchase a popcorn machine for the Hall – *determined that a machine would require regular cleaning for health and safety standards. Decided instead to purchase a new microwave and have microwave popcorn on hand for social events. Fraser will make the purchase.*
- Replace the round tables in the hall with rectangular tables to provide more seating at large functions – *We have recently purchased 4 rectangular tables for the poker tournaments. We will now purchase 4 square tables which can be used for card nights, or can be butted together for larger functions.*
- Purchase more picnic tables for the beach areas – *We will purchase 4 more picnic tables to be placed in the beach areas. Fraser will make the purchase.*
- Replace windows and screens in the Hall for better cross ventilation – *Mayor Lorne advised this is a Village responsibility and will have the existing windows and screens repaired or replaced as necessary.*
- Purchase a laminator to print notices for outside bulletin boards – *Geri Horne advised that she has a laminator that we can use if we reimburse her for the laminating sheets.*
- "Take It or Leave It" enclosure – to replace the bench by the garbage bins where residents leave items they no longer want, but are still useable. Combine with cork board notice board to list items that cannot be left and to instruct on what needs to go to land fill. Can also use the Cork Board for Hall Society notices of events. A roof on a lean-to structure would protect the items from the elements. *This initiative was strongly opposed as it was felt this would just*

- be abused and we would end up with a lot of work sorting and hauling items to the landfill. We already have issues with residents leaving items such a BBQ's and lawn mowers which they should have taken to the landfill themselves.*
- New microwave for Hall kitchen – *determined to purchase under the “popcorn machine” suggestion.*
 - Youth Initiatives:
 - o A student social coordinator to coordinate kids’ activities for the summer. Target indoor and outdoor activities. Crafts or indoor activities for rainy days. Playground activities. Beach activities. They could help coordinate the kid’s day.
 - o Bring in swimming lessons at the lake for children.
 - o Kids Jelly Bean Dance -- outdoor activity. Family dance. Anyone with a sound system and speakers could provide the music or hire a DJ. Activities could be expanded to include jelly bean count in a jar, dunking for apples. A raffle to raise funds for a related initiative.

Determined that this does not fall within our mandate.
 - Donate \$10,000 to the relief effort in Fort McMurray - *Determined that this does not fall within our mandate.*
 - Sound Baffles for Hall. The current baffles do not assist in muffling the noise levels in the hall. – *Further research is necessary to determine what will decrease the echo/noise for our specific hall size and structure.*
 - Kid Alert Signs – need more of these signs around the community. Some have been stolen from the roads. *Agreed that this signage does help with awareness to drivers. Fraser will order more signs.*
 - Walking Path around the Village that is cleared of snow in the winter so that residents have a place to walk. *Does not seem to be a high demand for this.*
 - Stereo System for Hall. Existing stereo will not play CD's . Music is sometimes played at social functions. *Agreed to spend up to \$300 on a new stereo. Fraser will make the purchase.*
 - Solar powered speed sign that warns drivers that they are exceeding the speed limit. *This has been previously researched and it was determined that the expense could not be justified.*
 - Plastic Table Clothes for the tables in the Hall. Used for various social events. The existing clothes need to be replaced. *Leigh Rairdan agreed to purchase the necessary table clothes.*
 - Firefighting equipment to control possible brush fires until first responders arrive – *Mayor Lorne advised that there are liability issues here and people must be trained to use the equipment. He will check into what we are actually allowed to do.*
 - Enclosure over the front entrance of the Hall –*This would be the responsibility of the Village. Lorne explained that the Village has other major expenses right now and this would not be deemed a priority.*

7. The next meeting will be October 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. on the motion of Leigh Rairdan.