

**White Sands Community Hall Society**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of**  
**April 25, 2017**

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**Present:**

President Fraser Denton, Treasurer Mary Greene, Secretary Judy Peelar.

Lorne Thurston, Debbie Waugh, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Bernie Feisst, Shirley Feisst, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck, Corinne Phelan, Harold Woofenden, Jennifer Woofenden, Alana Costigan, Jim Costigan, John Adams

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Denton with 16 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Vicky Sanchuck, seconded by Bill Sanchuck. Carried.

**Financial Report:**

Mary Greene reported that she has completed the Annual Returns for the past 2 years and submitted them as required under the Societies Act. She reviewed the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2016 (see attached Financial Statement). Corinne Phelan made the motion to accept the financial statements as distributed. Seconded by Deb Waugh. Carried.

See attached detailed financial statements.

**Rural Crime Watch:**

The General Meeting for the Rural Crime Watch Society was opened at 6:10 p.m.

Corinne Phelan reported that it was a fairly quiet winter with only one report of a theft at a building site.

Lorne Thurston explained that new members to the Rural Crime Watch Society are required to complete an application that included a Criminal Record Search. That search must now be submitted to the police department at the location of the resident's permanent address. This is complicating the process of getting new members signed up. The Crime Watch Program allows us to eliminate the requirement of the criminal background search. Motion was made by Lorne Thurston that the White Sands Rural Crime Watch Society eliminates the need for a Criminal Record Search for all future applicants to the program. Seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

Corinne Phelan reported that we have 40-50 households in the Crime Watch Program now and she continues to drop off applications. Until you sign up for the program you cannot be added to the communication process – which is an email contact list.

Corinne did not attend the Annual Meeting of the Rural Crime Watch Program this year as she found it is geared to large communities and much of the information is not relevant to White Sands.

Lorne advised that the Village pays \$200 a year to maintain membership in the Crime Watch Program and this covers all members for liability.

Lorne and Corinne met with the RCMP Staff Sergeant in Stettler. The Staff Sergeant has indicated he will assign a member to us to increase the communication process.

The Rural Crime Watch meeting closed at 6:20 p.m. and we resumed the Hall Society business.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lorne reported that a new bulletin board will be erected at the Village Map location. The other bulletin boards will be resurfaced.

Fraser reported that the Solstice Party on December 21<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers who did the work to get Jack's Pond ready. We will need to remove the hay bales from the pond once the geese and ducks have finished nesting. We will be seeking volunteers to get this done.

Additional Kid Alert signs have not been purchased as the pricing is very high. Hoping to find something more reasonably priced.

Lorne reported that the landscaping between the Hall and the storage shed will be completed once the ground dries out. Down spouts will also be added to the shed to assist with drainage issues.

**New Business:**

Bottle Committee Report – Carl Cornelssen reported that 2 loads of bottles had been shipped out over the winter. Volumes will increase again now. Bottles are sorted every Monday morning at 9:30 and volunteers are always needed. If anyone – men, women, and children – can stop by for an hour the help would be much appreciated.

Fraser reported that the Christmas Party was a great success and attendance was higher than ever. We did run out of the items provided by the Hall Society – meat, potatoes and buns. The rest was pot luck – which of course there is always lots of. We will make note to increase the volume for these purchases. Thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for their appearance and co-ordination of the gift exchange.

#### 2017 Budget:

- Mary Greene presented the attached Proposed Budget. Numbers are based on historical costs. As a “Society”, our mandate is to spend the money we bring in and as a general guideline, we should not maintain much more than \$10,000 in our bank account. Based on the proposed budget, that leaves us about \$1500 for additional projects this year. Mary Greene made the motion to accept the Proposed Budget as presented. Seconded by Suzanne Denton. Carried.

- We will be seeking ideas for projects or expenditures this year. Some ideas from the floor were: benches along the beach, a sign on the Hall that states the name of the Hall and when it was built, a new aerial photo of the Village (Lorne mentioned that Graham Scott at the Town Office organizes this routinely), solar lights for the Village Map and new bulletin board.

#### Children’s Fun Day:

- We have been advised that we need to carry Liability Insurance for this event in case of an accident. Lorne did some research and was provided with a list of activities that fall into low, medium, high and excluded risk categories. We would have to establish what activities we wish to include in the Fun Day, and submit a proposal to the insurance carrier to determine if they will cover the activity and at what cost.

- Fraser Denton has organized this event for the past 3 years. It has been well attended and the children and youth of White Sands seem to enjoy the day. It is a lot of work – both from the concept of activities to construction, to gathering volunteers. Fraser is stepping down from this project. We are now seeking a new Project Leader for Kid’s Fun Day. If no one comes forward, the event will be cancelled. Work on this project must be started well in advance, particularly now with the added need for liability insurance. We will put out a notice for volunteers.

#### Call for Volunteers:

- Activities Committee –We have no one in place to organize the 3 main social events of the year – Spring Fling, Fall Wind Up and Christmas Party.

- Flower Beds – Geri Horne has ordered the plants for this year. She is seeking assistance to plant, water and weed the beds. If each volunteer takes one flower bed, it is not a big commitment. Thanks to Geri for organizing this for the past few years. She will be stepping down at the end of this year and a new volunteer will be needed.

- Spring Fling – This is held on the May long weekend and this year falls on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a potluck supper and everyone brings the meat they want to barbeque as well as a potluck dish. We need a volunteer to organize this event by May 6<sup>th</sup> or it will be cancelled.

- Canada Day 150 Year Celebration – Carl Cornelssen suggested that we may want to do something to celebrate this event. We have budgeted \$1500 and the Village will match this. We are seeking ideas and volunteers to carry out this celebration, be it a supper, parade, entertainment.

- Golf Tournament – July 15 – Fraser will coordinate this event.
- Fall Wind Up – Geri Horne has volunteered to head up this event. She will need volunteers to prepare food, set up the Hall, set up tables outside, cook, serve, etc.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to get volunteers to organize and work these functions. We have been relying on the same core group for several years now and many are no longer volunteering. We thank them for all the work they have done. But it is time for new people to step up or we simply can't commit to the activities. We will put out a request for volunteers – via email distribution, the bulletin boards, and Facebook. No event will be held until volunteers are in place.

#### Community Garage Sale:

- Upon suggestions from various residents, Judy Peelar has done some research and planning for a Community Garage Sale. If we advertise that many households will be involved, people will drive out from Stettler. We anticipate that 20 households would not be unreasonable.
- The proposed date is Saturday, June 10, from 9:00 to 4:00. Anyone interested will hold the sale in their own driveway or garage. The Hall Society will purchase all signage and advertising. Anyone interested in holding a sale would advise us so we can prepare for advertising and signage. We are also working with Graham Scott at the Stettler Town Office in preparation of a map to be distributed at the entrance to White Sands showing all addresses where there is a sale.
- Judy has estimated costs to be approximately \$500. Motion was made by Alana Costigan to approve up to \$500 in expenditures for a Community Garage Sale for the residents of White Sands. Seconded by Harold Woofenden. Carried.
- Notice will go out to residents via email, bulletin boards and Facebook advising them of the sale. Advertising will be done as the date draws closer.
- We will need volunteers to help with signage preparation, setting them out and then collecting them.

Next Meeting Date is set for Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. This will be the Hall Society's Annual Meeting. There are no elections this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on the motion of Alana Costigan.