

White Sands Community Hall Society
Minutes for the Meeting of
April 26, 2016

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Treasurer John Shepherd, Secretary Judy Peelar.
Carol Linkert, Debbie Waugh, Leigh Rairdan, Geri Horne, Suzanne Denton, Bernie Feisst, Shirley Feisst, Bev Shepherd, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck, Corinne Phelan, Patty Wallace, Lois Robinson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Denton with 16 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

The agenda was accepted as presented on the motion of Carol Linkert, seconded by Patti Wallace. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Leigh Rairdan, seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

Financial Report:

Copies of the Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2015 were distributed by Treasurer John Shepherd. This is not yet a finalized statement as bank statement adjustments are still outstanding. Bernie Feisst made the motion to accept the financial statements as distributed. Seconded by Bill Sanchuck. Carried.

See attached detailed financial statements.

Unfinished Business:

1. Old entrance shed. Per our meeting in October 2015, it was reported that a shed was erected over the old entrance at the back of the hall beside the kitchen. It is there to provide shelter. It requires painting, screening, fascia and soffits. Corinne Phelan offered to head a volunteer group to complete this work. Bernie Feisst made the motion that \$500 be put aside to purchase materials for this project. Seconded by Bill Sanchuck. Carried.

New Business:

1. Committee Reports:
Bottle Committee: President Fraser Denton reported on behalf of Carl Cornelssen that there were 2 bottle pickups over the winter. Another will be scheduled shortly to ensure the bottle shed is empty before the long weekend in May when volumes are high. Bottles are sorted every

Saturday morning at 9:30 and volunteers are needed. If anyone – men, women, and children – can stop by for an hour on Saturday's, the help would be much appreciated.

Social Committee: Debbie Waugh reported that the next scheduled event is the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone in the Village is invited to attend. This is a pot luck supper. Bring your own meat to BBQ, your own refreshments, and one pot luck dish.

2. Fraser Denton reviewed the activities and budgeted expenses for the coming year. We have a substantial amount in the bank (over \$15,000 at year end) – as a result of the bottle revenues. As a Society we are not supposed to accumulate funds. Rather anything we earn should be returned to improvements or activities in the Village. Last year we spent about \$10,000. Aside from the social activities, we currently have no major expenditures planned. President Fraser suggested we send out an email asking the residents if they have ideas for improvements or activities that the Hall Society could take on. This is not to take away from the Village's responsibilities. Secretary Judy Peelar will prepare an email, outlining the Hall Societies objectives and ask for ideas and inputs.

A couple projects were suggested at the meeting:

- The playgrounds in the Village require on-going maintenance and replacement. Though the playgrounds are the responsibility of the Village, the Hall Society has contributed financially. Should we set aside money annually for this effort?
 - We need new screens in the windows of the Community Hall. You cannot open the windows to get cross ventilation. Screens will be considered in the expense budget.
3. The Village purchased 2 pallets of landscaping bricks to build a walkway between the Community Hall and the shed. Mayor Lorne is seeking volunteers to lay the brick. Corinne Phelan volunteered to lead this project and will communicate with Mayor Lorne.
 4. Rural Crime Watch Program. Fraser Denton and Corinne Phelan reported that the Province wants Rural Crime Watch to incorporate as Societies across the province. The guidelines and by-laws follow those of our existing Hall Society with respect to meeting requirements, directors, etc. To keep it simple, we believe we can schedule the meetings for Crime Watch and Hall Society at the same time.

Rural Crime Watch is an awareness program that our community has invested considerable time into and is coordinated with the RCMP. We believe there is value in keeping the program. The Village pays the minimal costs involved. We must create a 6 person Board. Currently we have a 3 person Board consisting of Corinne Phelan, Fraser Denton and Vicky Sanchuck. We require 3 additional volunteers. Bill Sanchuck, Bernie Feisst and Judy Peelar volunteered to fill the roles until the Annual Meeting. We will submit the paperwork to form the Society.

Corinne Phelan attended a Crime Watch province wide meeting in February. She reported that much of the agenda was geared to larger communities with issues that would not affect our Village.

5. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. There will be elections for the new executive and committee heads for the Hall Society. These are 2 year terms. There will also be elections for the 6 Directors required for the Crime Watch Program.
6. President Fraser announced that we will be organizing a card night once a month featuring a Crib Tournament and Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament. Details will be released at a later date.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on the motion of Debbie Waugh.