

White Sands Community Hall Society
And
White Sands Rural Crime Watch
Minutes of the Meeting Held April 28, 2018

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar. Treasurer Mary Greene
Carol Linkert, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Vicky Sanchuck, Lorne Thurston, Bev Shaw, Corinne Phelan, Carley Sheridan, Jane Shepherd, Leigh Rairdan, Leanne Andrekson, Heather Zyerveld

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Denton with 16 members present, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

Additions to the Agenda:

Old Business – Correspondence – Fraser Denton

New Business – Village News – Legal Costs – Lorne Thurston

New Business – Garage Sale – Heather Zyerveld

The agenda was accepted with the above additions on the motion of Carol Linkert. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held October 17, 2017 were approved as distributed on the motion of Corinne Phelan. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Financial Report:

Mary Greene presented the attached Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

Rural Crime Watch Report:

Corinne Phelan reported that it had been a quiet winter with no crime to report. During the winter months she drove around the village checking on seasonal properties. With the amount of snow we had it was easy to detect if tire tracks were present at cabins that were closed for the season.

Corinne attended the Rural Crime Watch meeting held at Rochon Sands this past week. Rochon Sands will be joining the Rural Crime Watch Program. Scenic Sands will be combining efforts with another couple smaller communities to also begin a Crime Watch Program. Rochon Sands on behalf of the South Shores communities,

may also set up a "What's App" to communicate crimes in the area. White Sands has an email mail-out system currently in use for purposes of communication

Leigh Rairdan commented that she follows the "Erskine What's App" and it produces very timely action and communication and has definitely assisted the RCMP in their investigations. Individuals can post and receive notifications of suspicious behaviour and can set personal preference notifications.

There have been concerns expressed to Corinne that the potential RV Development may increase crime in our area simply because of an increase in population. The RCMP will be responsible for controlling and following up on this potential and will also need to increase communications with Rural Crime Watch.

The question was asked how we interpret "no crime" over the winter when the Village truck was stolen and a garage was broken in. Corinne confirmed that these 2 crimes were immediately reported and communicated.

Fraser Denton asked about upcoming elections for the Rural Crime Watch Executive positions. This election will take place July 7th at the Annual Meeting. The Rural Crime Watch executive positions are: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and 3 Directors. Anyone wishing to run for the positions should contact Lorne Thurston.

Corinne has set up a physical mail box at her home (10 Destini Drive) for people to pick up or drop off applications for membership in the Rural Crime Watch program.

Lorne Thurston and Corinne will be meeting with the RCMP to ensure on-going communications are made with our Crime Watch Program.

Unfinished Business:

Benches on the beach - Mayor Lorne reported that the maintenance man build 8 heavy duty benches over the winter at a cost of \$300 each. Benches will be placed at various beach locations. Motion to share the cost of these benches with the Village for a total of \$1200 was made by Leigh Rairdan. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Sign for the Community Hall - Jerry Linkert has submitted a proposed to make a sign out of wood which will include the date of construction of the hall. Total cost \$100. Motion to approve the expense of \$100 for the construction of the Community Hall sign was made by Suzanne Denton. Seconded by Corinne Phelan. Carried.

Correspondence We received a letter from Stettler Waste Management thanking us for the donation to the mattress recycle program. In the first 2 months of the program, 103 mattresses were recycled. Each mattress recycled saves 2 cubic meters in the land fill. Thanks to Geri Horne for co-ordinating this donation.

New Business:

Budget Proposal:

Mary Greene presented the 2018 Budget. Budget numbers are based on previous year's activities. See attached Proposed Budget for 2018.

It was questioned why we budgeted \$1750 for the July 1st Celebration which will be a parade and barbeque on the beach. Last year was the first time we held this event and it was in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. The cost of the celebration was shared with the Village. Motion was made to reduce the budgeted amount for the July 1st Celebration from \$1750 to \$1000 and to accept all other items on the Proposed Budget as presented. Motion was made by Corinne Phelan. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

Village Activities:

Spring Fling – Usually held on the May long weekend. Attendance has decreased every year. It was voted to cancel this event.

July 1st Parade and Beach BBQ. Due to the success of last year's event, we will proceed with it again this year. Thanks to Carley Sheridan and Jane Shepherd for organizing it this year.

Golf Tournament, July 21 – Fraser Denton has organized this for the past several years. He is stepping down and we now need someone to take on this event co-ordination.

Fall Wind Up, September 1st – Geri Horne has again agreed to co-ordinate this event.

Christmas Party, December 15th – We will be seeking someone to organize this function.

Garage Sale – there has been no demand for a community garage sale this year so none is planned. Last year's sale was well received but annually is probably too often to have it.

Paint Night at the Hall – suggested that this may be a good community event. Will be researched in more detail by the ladies who brought the idea forward.

Notice will be sent out seeking volunteers for the above activities. Without volunteers in place, the events will not proceed.

Bylaw Review:

Along with notice of this meeting, the Proposed Bylaw changes were sent out for review and feedback. Judy Peelar reported that one comment had come back regarding Bylaw 10-a – Borrowing Powers. It was asked if a ceiling or limitation with respect to a dollar value should be provided. Discussion included:

- It is unlikely that we would ever be in the position to borrow.
- If we were to entertain borrowing for a specific project, we have no idea what the project would cost or what the bank would be willing to lend us.
- Given that any borrowings would require a Special Resolution, the proposal would then be fully scrutinized and must pass approval at a meeting of the membership.

Therefore it was determined that we not include a dollar value in Bylaw 10-a.

There was a query from the floor regarding Bylaw 2-a Membership which identifies that anyone owning property within the Village of White Sands is eligible for membership in the Hall Society. The question was asked – What about people renting property in the Village? If this is their full time home, could they not be part of the Hall Society? The Review Committee will discuss this and revise the wording.

Fraser Denton thanked the members of the Review Committee for their work on the Bylaw changes. The proposed changes will be brought to the Annual Meeting for approval and then submitted to Service Alberta, Societies Act for final approval.

Flower Beds:

Heather Zyerveld has agreed to take over the organization of the planting and maintenance of the flower beds around the Village. We have 6 flower beds in total and we will be seeking volunteers to assist in this project. We budget \$500 for plants. Thanks to Grrri Horne for organizing this over the past few years.

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers:

Our current Bylaws state that an election of *all* officers will occur every 2 years. One of the proposed Bylaw changes is to have an election *each* year for *half* of the positions to provide some continuity or experience on the Board. Because the proposed Bylaw change will not be approved until the Annual meeting, Fraser Denton asked how we handle the elections this year.

Motion was made by Heather Zyerveld to have the 2018 Election of Officers to be:

2 Year Terms for the positions of President, Treasurer and 2 Directors and

1 Year Terms for the positions of Vice President, Secretary and 2 Directors.

Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

Legal Costs incurred by the Village with respect to the proposed RV Park:

The Village has entered a partnership with Rochon Sands to hire a municipality lawyer out of Edmonton to represent our interests in the proposed RV Park development. Mayor Lorne has been asked if people can donate towards the cost of legal representation. He has investigated this and yes, individuals can donate money and in turn be issued a tax receipt.

It was then asked if the Hal Society should use some of its money (raised from the bottle returns) towards the legal costs. As this matter affects all residents, lifestyle and the community of White Sands, is it something we should consider? The legal expenses will ultimately affect all of us. After some discussion, it was felt we should ask for feedback on this by way of these minutes and see what the general consensus is. Anyone with thoughts on this can reply by way of return email or by contacting any one of the Hall Society Executive. This matter will be brought forward to the Annual Meeting.

Village News:

Mayor Lorne reported that the water fill station is well ahead of schedule. Ground work is to be completed shortly. Estimated completion time is the end of May. There is an opportunity to put an electronic information board there to replace the sign we currently have on Buffalo Road.

With respect to boat lifts and docks, only rate payers can put lifts and docks on our beaches. To ensure that docks are not put in by people outside of the Village, Council is proposing a registration system which may include a small fee. Docks and lifts will be strictly monitored.

Lorne advised that the parking lot at the Community Hall will be expanded to allow for more parking space and better drainage.

Fraser Denton asked if it would be possible to have the tennis courts reserved for pickle ball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Lorne said we should simply put up signage to that effect. Fraser will proceed with signage.

Next Meeting Date will be the Annual Meeting and it is set for Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. on the motion of Vicky Sanchuck.

White Sands Community Hall Society
Financial Statement – January 01 to December 31, 2017

Assets: Cash, Bank Account	<u>\$11,707.42</u>	Total Assets	\$11,707.42
Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Income:			
Bottle refunds	\$ 8,435.12		
Village July 1 st Cost Share	<u>\$ 1,267.53</u>	Total Income	\$ 9,702.65
Disbursements:			
Hall Facilities	\$ 1,009.32		
Insurance & Bank Fees	\$ 804.75		
Social Events	\$ 5,625.47		
Coffee & Card Nights	\$ 822.96		
Office Supplies & Misc.	\$ 380.64		
Mattress Recycle Donation	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	Total Disbursements	\$ 9,143.14

**White Sands Community Hall Society
Proposed Budget for 2018
Mary Greene, Treasurer**

Year End Bank Balance for 2017 \$11,707.42

Expenses:

Facilities and Equipment	\$1,000.00
Insurance & Bank Fees	\$ 800.00
July 1 st Celebration	\$1,750.00
Golf Tournament	\$1,600.00
Year End BBQ	\$1,200.00
Christmas Party	\$ 350.00
Tuesday Card & Poker Nights	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Total Proposed Budget \$ 3,707.42

Estimated Bottle Refunds Credit \$ 8,500.00

Estimated Bank Balance for Year Ending 2018 \$12,207.42