

White Sands Community Hall Society
And
White Sands Rural Crime Watch
Minutes of the Annual Meeting Held July 7, 2018

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar. Treasurer Mary Greene
Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Vicky Sanchuck, Lorne Thurston, Leigh Rairdan, Debbie Waugh,
Margaret Pelto, John Pelto, Bernie Feisst, Shirley Feisst, Mike Kierluk, Murray Cameron, Rick Crawford

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Denton with 17 members present, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

Additions to the Agenda:

New Business – Electronic Bulletin Board

The agenda was accepted with the above addition on the motion of Vicky Sanchuck. Seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held April 28, 2018 were approved as distributed on the motion of Leigh Rairdan. Seconded by Geri Horne. Carried.

Financial Report:

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

The sole source of our income is the bottle returns. It takes approximately 12 man hours per week to sort bottles during the summer months.

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Debbie Waugh. Seconded by Suzanne Denton. Carried.

Rural Crime Watch Report:

Corinne Phelan, President was not able to make the meeting. Fraser Denton reported on her behalf that there has been little crime reported in recent months. We encourage all residents to join the Rural Crime Watch Program so communications can be more broadly reported in case of incidents. Application forms can be picked up and dropped off at Corinne's residence in White Sands at the corner of Destini Drive and Jennifer Drive.

Lorne Thurston reported that there has been an influx of youths at the public beaches. There have been some incidents of partying and leaving garbage and bottles on the beach. There will be zero tolerance for partying on the beach and license plate numbers will be recorded and reported.

The Chair was turned over to Bernie Feisst to conduct the election of officers for the Rural Crime Watch board. All positions are 1 year terms and were filled by acclimation as follows:

President: Corinne Phelan

Secretary: Judy Peelar

Directors: Fraser Denton, Vicky Sanchuck, Bobbi Jo Lockhart, Bill Sanchuck

This concluded the Rural Crime Watch Annual Meeting and the Chair was returned to Fraser Denton to continue with the Annual Meeting for the White Sands Community Hall Society.

Unfinished Business:

Legal Costs – As reported in the previous meeting:

The Village had 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 Hall 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.

Mayor Lorne stated that the Village has the money to cover the \$25,000 in legal costs incurred to date. Money has been set aside over the years in an unrestricted account. He appreciates what the Hall Society does for the community and would prefer to see its funds go to community enhancement, cultural and recreational uses.

Motion was made by Bernie Feisst that the Hall Society not proceed with a contribution to assist the Village with legal funds incurred due to the RV Park. Seconded by Debbie Waugh. Carried.

Bylaw Review –

Fraser Denton outlined the work done to review and revise the Hall Society's Bylaws. It is important that the Bylaws be revisited periodically to ensure they capture the current situations and needs of the Society.

Fraser Denton read the following Special Resolution: Resolved, that the amended bylaws as researched, discussed and presented today by a Special Committee formed by the Executive of the White Sands Hall Society, become our active bylaws. Seconded by Shirley Feisst. Opposed 1. In favor 14. Carried.

New Business:

Village Activities:

July 1st Parade and Beach BBQ. Carley Sheridan provided Fraser Denton with a report on this event. There were over 400 who attended the BBQ. The number of floats was terrific. They will look at shortening the parade route next year. Carley Sheridan and Jane Sheppard want to thank all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Carley and Jane, along with Charlotte Newton have already volunteered to organize this event for 2019. Thank you.

Golf Tournament, July 21 – Debbie Waugh reported that they have registrations sufficient to fill 8 teams already. She is asking for prize donations from businesses or local artisans and then prizes will be purchased to make up the difference. There has been a suggestion that we look at using Pheasantback Golf Course next year. Debbie will comparison shop and see if this is a feasible option and also ask this year's golfers if the change in venue would be agreeable as Pheasantback is a more difficult course.

Bottle Revenues:

Carl Cornelissen reported that they have received a lot of volunteer help with sorting bottles. 6-8 people show up every Monday at 9:30. It is great to have the help as they expect it to be a busy summer.

Village News:

Mayor Lorne reported that the water fill station is now operational. It is coin operated. Anyone using it regularly can also set up an account with the County of Stettler. You just need to go to their office and they will assign you a PIN which can be used at any of the County's 5 fill stations. You avoid the need for coin and a statement is sent to you.

Lorne advised that the parking lot at the Community Hall will be expanded to allow for more parking space by taking out some of the hill.

Beach benches which were made in-house this winter have been placed on the beaches. Should anyone want to have a memorial bench, complete with a dedication plaque, they can contact Lorne. You will pay the costs and then have the bench placed at your choice of beach.

Council is still investigating permits for parking within the Village. Locals will be provided with passes. Signage will be placed advising that anyone without permits will be fined.

Fraser Denton thanked Lorne for his years of work with the Shirley McClellan Water Commission which resulted in the Water Fill Station for our community. The Hall Society would like to honor Lorne with a plaque or name plate to be placed on the Building. Leigh Rairdan offered to investigate options for the signage or plaque.

President's Annual Report was read by Fraser Denton:

I want to start by thanking the volunteers that made the 2017/18 year successful. Once again, the July 1st celebration was very successful. Thank you to everyone who organized the day and those who participated in the parade. The golf tournament last year, fall wind-up and Christmas social were well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who worked many hours to make these events successful. Monday, Wednesday and Friday exercise programs are still happening as well as Poker evenings once a month. The flower beds are beautiful once again. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time with these programs and working on the many flower beds around the community. Bottle and can recycle program - thank you for everyone who helps. This is our main source of revenue that enables us to enhance our community and organize activities. Volunteers work many hours sorting and counting your donations. Please keep dropping off your bottles and cans at the garage next to the garbage disposal area.

Volunteers!!!! Volunteers are needed. Without volunteers the above events will not happen. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact anyone on the executive. They will be happy to welcome you and put you in contact with the right person. Your help will definitely be appreciated. The election of executive and board members happens every year now and new people are needed here as well.

The Rural Crime Watch Program is an important program for this community. I encourage you to sign up with Corinne Phelan to receive messages if there is criminal activity or suspicious vehicles in the community. The more people we have sharing information the better it is for all.

Finally, thank you to the Summer Village of White Sands Mayor and Council. The support we receive from you makes the Community Hall Society successful.

*'Till next year,
Fraser Denton
President, White Sands Hall Society*

Utility Trailer from Bottle Recycling:

We previously had to deliver our recycling to the Bottle Depot and had a small utility trailer for this purpose. We have not used the trailer for a couple years and have donated to the Stettler High School for a school project.

Take It or Leave It Shed:

Judy Peelar introduced the idea of having a "Take It or Leave It Shed" for items that residents are no longer in need of, but the item is still in working condition. Currently these items are left at the garbage area. But they are exposed to the elements and often end up in the garbage. If we had an enclosed shed, the items can be safe from the elements and also moved away from the garbage bins. The shed would be ONLY for re-useable items in working condition. Non-functioning items must still be taken to the landfill by the owner.

Bernie Feisst offered to investigate shed pricing. The storage shed behind the Hall was \$9000. We don't believe we need that much square footage. Bernie will work with Council for placement options and square footage restrictions. Lorne Thurston said that Council would consider contributing to the cost.

Children's Fun Day Prizes:

Currently in our storage shed, are prized left from the Children's Fun Day of a couple years ago. We will use these items for prizes at the Golf Tournament and for a raffle at the Fall Wind Up.

Off Leash Dog Park:

Judy Peelar was approached on the idea of an Off Leash Dog Park within the Village. As dogs must be on leash within the Village, would it be a consideration to find a green space we don't currently use and fence it for an off leash dog park? It would require on-going maintenance of mowing and garbage cans to be emptied. Suggested area may be the hill above the tennis courts. Lorne Thurston will discuss with Council.

Electronic Bulletin Board:

We may have the opportunity to place an electronic bulletin board on the side of the water fill station. Lorne Thurston has done some research and estimates cost of the Board to be about \$3000 plus wiring and installation. It can be operated remotely. Bernie Feisst will work with Lorne on investigating the options and costs.

Garbage Dumpsters:

It was reported by one of our residents that trucks from Paradise Shores were seen throwing numerous bags of garbage in our dumpsters. Lorne pursued this with the County and has been told that there are dumpsters at the RV Site and this should not happen again. We will attempt to monitor the occurrence of this. Provided it is "residential" waste and not "commercial" waste, anyone in the county can use the dumpsters. They are not exclusive to the Village as the County shares the expenses with us. However Paradise Shores is to be looking after their own garbage disposal.

Hall Society Elections:

The Chair was turned over to Bernie Feisst to handle the election of officers for the Hall Society. The following positions were filled by acclamation:

President – 2 year term – Fraser Denton

Vice President – 1 year term – Geri Horne

Treasurer – 2 year term – Mary Greene

Secretary – 1 year term – Judy Peelar

Directors – 1 year terms – Leigh Rairdan, Patty Wallace

Directors – 2 year terms – Vicky Sanchuck, Debbie Waugh

This concluded the elections and the chair was returned to Fraser Denton.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on the motion of Suzanne Denton.

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