

White Sands Community Hall Society
And
White Sands Rural Crime Watch
Minutes of the Meeting Held December 11, 2019

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar,
Heather Zyerveld, Leo Zyerveld, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Vicky Sanchuck, Debbie Waugh, Leigh Rairdan,
Leanne Andrekson, Jim Marke, Suzanne Denton, Rick Crawford

Absent: Treasurer Mary Greene

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Denton with 13 members present, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

Judy Peelar asked that the following items to be added to the agenda:

New Business:

- Piano and book shelves in the Hall
- Phone Directory for residents of White Sands

The revised Agenda was accepted on the motion of Leanne Andrekson. Seconded by of Leigh Rairdan.
Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 Meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Geri Horne.
Seconded by Heather Zyerveld. Carried.

President Denton advised on one of the items from the previous meeting. We had discussed placing jersey blocks in front of the bottle shed to prevent vehicles breaking into the shed by ramming the door. The Village has offered to pay for the blocks. The Hall Society will not incur this expense.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Mary Greene was out of the country and no financial report was presented.

Rural Crime Watch Report:

Corinne Phelan, President was not in attendance and therefore no report was presented.

Unfinished Business:

Village Christmas Party, December 14th. Thanks to Deb Waugh, Heather Zyerveld and Leigh Rairdan for organizing this event. Deb advised that we have 68 guests on the list. Our limit was 60, but we believe we

can seat everyone. Leigh confirmed that we should be ok to feed that number. We therefore agreed not to turn down those on the waiting list.

New Business:

July 1st Parade and BBQ. As discussed at the last meeting, July 1st falls midweek this year, therefore there is no long weekend. We questioned if we should have a July 1st celebration and if so, on which weekend – before or after the 1st? Geri Horne reported that 2020 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Village of White Sands and we would therefore have a celebration on Saturday, July 4th. The theme of the parade will be Happy 40th Anniversary White Sands. Float entrants may also use the Canada Day theme. Jane Shepherd has agreed to manage the parade and Carley Sheridan will manage the meal. Thank you.

Ice Rink and Shack – Fraser Denton acknowledged and thanked the volunteers who worked on the skating rink and shack at Jack's Pond this year. Many of our residents enjoy the skating rink and appreciate the work that goes into it. This year we will have a shed beside the rink with benches and a heater so skaters have a place to sit to change from their boots to skates. Thanks to the Village for donating the shed (previously used for storage for Village Maintenance). Thanks to James Patko (The Wood Shop) for donating his time and equipment to move the shed from the Hall to Jack's Pond. Thanks to Gerry Linkert for cleaning and flooding the pond and building the seating benches in the shed. Thanks to Carl Cornelissen for electrical work and help moving the shed and he and his grandson for work on the ice. Thanks to Bill Sanchuck for building and donating the stove which will provide heat in the shed. Thanks to Fraser Denton, his son-in-law and grandson for work on the ice. Thanks to Al Berger for cleaning out the shed and for hunting down and finding reclaimed wood for the benches.

Winter Solstice, December 22 – there will be a bonfire at Jack's Pond by the skating rink to celebrate the solstice. Everyone is invited to drop by any time after 4:30.

Hall Society Bylaws – Judy Peelar reported that earlier this year we had approved a change in the bylaw dealing with the audit of our financial records. Corporate Registry did not approve the submitted change to this bylaw.

According to the letter received from Registry: Per Section 9(4) of the Societies Act, the bylaw must include: Audit of Accounts - the bylaws must contain provisions for the audit of the society's financial records and how the audit will be conducted *e.g. by a qualified auditor or by 2 officers/members.*

The bylaw we submitted reads:

7-a. A review of the transactions and bank statements for the Hall Society shall take place at the end of the fiscal year by a person not attached to the current Board or Executive of the Hall Society. December 31st in each year shall be the fiscal year end of the society.

We were keeping the audit at arm's length by having someone independent of the Hall Society do the examination. It seems if we want to avoid the auditor expense, it has to be 2 members of the Hall Society Board or 1 member of the Board plus a member at large.

The following 2 suggestions were presented:

Option1:

7-a. A review of the transactions and bank statements for the Hall Society shall take place at the end of the fiscal year by 2 officers of the Hall Society Board or Executive. December 31st in each year shall be the fiscal year end of the society.

Option 2:

7-a. A review of the transactions and bank statements for the Hall Society shall take place at the end of the fiscal year by an officer of the Hall Society's Board together with a member of the Hall Society. December 31st in each year shall be the fiscal year end of the society.

Leo Zerveld made the motion that Option 2 be adopted, having a member at large along with a member of the Hall Society Board. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

Judy Peelar will resubmit the change to Corporate Registry.

Piano & Bookshelves in the Hall – Judy Peelar asked for discussion in moving the piano out of the Hall. The piano was donated to the Hall several years ago. It is rarely used, and takes up space we could use for seating when we have events in the Hall. Suggestion was made that we donate it to a local artisan who would make it into a “piano bar”. We could then sell raffle tickets on it and raise money for the Hall Society. The Village owns the assets of the Hall so we will approach them with the idea. For the Christmas Party, we will move the Piano out of the main seating area.

The bookshelves in the Hall provide limited access to residents who want to read. Unless you have a key to the Hall or happen by when a function is on, the books are not readily available to the general population of White Sands. Now that we have the Take It or Leave It Shed, would it not be better to move the shelves out there and have the books available to all? Vicky Sanchuck and Suzanne Denton will discuss this and determine action.

Phone Directory for Residents of White Sands – A suggestion was sent to Judy Peelar about the possibility of a Phone Directory for Residents of our Community. This could be used for emergency purposes, contact with your neighbours to let them know if something is happening at their home. Phone numbers would have to be supplied voluntarily, someone would have to maintain the listing and a distribution method would have to be determined. Overall this was thought to be a positive project to pursue. The Village Council will solicit feedback from residents via their Village Newsletter.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on the motion of Suzanne Denton.