

**White Sands Community Hall Society**  
**And**  
**White Sands Rural Crime Watch**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held July 13, 2019**

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**Present:**

Vice President Geri Horne, Secretary Judy Peelar, Treasurer Mary Greene  
Bernie Feisst, Leanne Andrekson, Carl Cornelssen, Vicky Sanchuck, Debbie Waugh, Jim Marke, Carol Linkert,  
Lois Robinson, Carley Sheridan, Ian McNichol, Nancy McNichol, Nancy Turner, Margaret Pelto, John Pelto,  
Pat Dwyre, Murray Cameron

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice President Geri Horne (in the absence of President Fraser Denton) with 19 members present, therefore a quorum.

Vice President Geri Horne advised that we would run the Elections for Crime Watch and for the Hall Society as Bernie Feisst had another engagement to attend and he would be chairing the elections. Geri also advised that her position was up for re-election and asked if anyone had a conflict with her chairing this meeting. No conflicts were presented.

**Election: White Sands Hall Society**

Bernie Feisst took the chair. He asked if those in attendance wanted to vote by a show of hands or by ballot. A show of hands was agreed to.

He then asked for nominations to the Hall Society Board as follows:

Vice President: Geri Horne (nominated by Deb Waugh, Seconded by Carley Sheridan, Carried)

Secretary: Judy Peelar (nominated by Carley Sheridan, Seconded by Jim Marke, Carried)

Board Member: Tamara Dawson (nominated by Judy Peelar, Seconded by Deb Waugh, Carried)

Board Member: Leanne Andrekson (nominated by Deb Waugh, Seconded by Carol Linkert, Carried)

Thanks to Leigh Rairdan and Patty Wallace for their past service as Directors. Congratulation and thanks to Geri Horne, Judy Peelar, Tamara Dawson and Leanne Andrekson for serving the next 2-year terms.

**Election: White Sands Rural Crime Watch**

Bernie Feisst asked for nominations to the Crime Watch Board as follows:

President: Corinne Phelan (nominated by Geri Horne, Seconded by Pat Dwyre, Carried)

Vice President: Fraser Denton (nominated by Vicky Sanchuck, Seconded by Ian McNichol, Carried)

Secretary: Judy Peelar (nominated by Carol Linkert, Seconded by Deb Waugh, Carried)

Director: Vicky Sanchuck (nominated by Judy Peelar, Seconded by Carol Linkert, Carried)

Director: Bill Sanchuck (nominated by Nancy McNichol, Seconded by Pat Dwyre, Carried)

Director: Bobbi Jo Lockhart (nominated by Vicky Sanchuck, Seconded by Pat Dwyre, Carried)

Thanks to all the above for taking on this 1-year term again.

Chair was returned to Geri Horne to continue the meeting.

**Procedural Agreement:**

Geri Horne stated that President Fraser Denton had asked her to read the following Procedural Agreement which would henceforth be the standard for all meetings. Fraser is asking for 100% acceptand to the motion to approve this.

Procedural Agreement: White Sands Hall Society

I would like to have a procedural agreement for this meeting and all future meetings. Following the December 4, 2018 and April 30, 2019 meetings, people in attendance felt frustrated and felt that inappropriate comments were made.

I am requesting agreement to the following procedures:

- We try our best to conclude this meeting (AGM) in two hours. All other meetings, one hour.
- People will be respectful of comments made by participants. Comments and feedback are encouraged but will not be dominated by a single person or select group of people.
- Attendees have the opportunity to add to the Agenda at the beginning of each meeting. Should the agenda item be deemed outside the scope of the Hall Society, it will be stated as such and not added.
- Once the Agenda is confirmed, we stay on topic. Comments should be topic related and if deemed off topic, the Chairperson will interject and bring the discussion back on topic.
- As stated in the Objectives of the Hall Society: *We operate separately from the Village Council but work with them in the betterment of our community.* Comments challenging the Village Council and decisions made by them, past and present, will be avoided.
- Failure to abide by the agreed upon procedures will result in the Chairperson asking the individual or individuals to leave the meeting. If necessary, the meeting will be ended.

Fraser Denton

Motion to accept the above Procedural Agreement for this meeting and all future meetings of the Hall Society was made by Vicky Sanchuck. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried. Abstained: none. Opposed: none.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

New Business:

- Email from Jim Marke regarding the website – Geri Horne
- Request for more picnic tables – Geri Horne
- Enhancements or Expansion to the Hall – Pat Dwyre

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the April 30, 2019 Meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Bernie Feisst. Seconded by Jim Marke. Carried.

**Financial Report:**

Mary Greene provided the following Financial Report:

Financial Statement to December 31, 2018

January 1, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance		\$11,707.42
Debits:		
Facilities & Equipment	\$5495.26	
Insurance & Bank Fees	\$ 672.29	
Social Events	\$4649.39	
Tuesday Card & Poker Nights	\$1098.21	
Miscellaneous	\$ 528.15	
Credits:		
Golf Fees & Raffle		\$1343.00
Bottle Refunds		\$6803.55
Bank Statement to December 31, 2018		\$ 7,410.67

Treasurer Mary Greene has had the year end books reviewed by and signed off by Carla MacNeil.

Motion to accept the year end Financial Report as presented was made by Bernie Feisst. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

**Rural Crime Watch Report:**

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

Jim Marke commented that several crimes are reported on Facebook. Are these not followed up by or reported to Crime Watch?

## **Unfinished Business:**

### Electronic Sign:

Carl Cornelissen reported on behalf of the Village Council that the sign should be installed by the fall and that the Village would be paying the full cost of the purchase and installation.

### Community Garage Sale:

Judy Peelar reported that after announcing the opportunity for a Community Garage Sale in the spring, there were only 10 households interested, half of which wanted a table at the hall. The Hall Society had stated that it would require a minimum of 15 participants before we would pay the costs for advertising and signage. Fraser Denton and Judy Peelar offered the 10 participants \$200 towards the cost of advertising and signage if all 10 continued to participate. We heard from only 6, so the sale did not proceed.

### Approval of Bylaw Changes:

Geri Horne read the proposed changes to the Mission Statement and to Bylaw 1-C as follows (changes are marked in blue):

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

*Through the efforts of volunteers and in consultation with the Summer Village of White Sands Council, enhance the community and offer social activities to residents and land owners of White Sands.*

#### STATEMENTS:

- 1. The Hall Society is a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act of the Alberta Corporate Registry. It was formed to manage the funds which are derived from the donation of bottles/cans left by White Sands residents. We operate separately from the Village Council but work with them in the betterment of our community.*
- 2. "Enhancements" as noted in the above Mission Statement refers to social and recreational activities which fall in the mandate of the Hall Society. Village maintenance and infrastructure are responsibilities of the Village Council, separate and distinct from the Hall Society.*
- 3. With respect to safety issues, when addressed to the Hall Society – they will not be ignored, but will be addressed to the Village council.*

#### OBJECTIVES:

The Objectives of the Society are:

1. To maintain accounting for all income from bottle and can donations and any other donations made to the Society.
2. To provide opportunities for social activities within the White Sands Community.
3. To provide resources to manage the Societies fund raising efforts.

4. To provide funding for equipment to carry out social activities and to enhance the community.

Bylaw 1-c.

The executive, on the basis of a simple majority vote, shall have the right to reject any member not in good standing for any cause which the executive may deem reasonable. The member has 30 days to ~~appeal the decision~~ *request a review of the decision. The request shall be made in writing to the Executive.*

Motion to accept the changes to the Mission Statement and to Bylaw 1-c as marked above was made by Bernie Feisst. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Opposed by Jim Marke. Carried.

Geri Horne then read the following proposed change to Bylaw 7:

Bylaw 7 ~~AUDITING~~ *REVIEW OF FINANCES*

- 7-a. ~~The book accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited once each year by a duly qualified accountant.~~ *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 31<sup>st</sup> in each year shall be the fiscal year end of the Society.*

Jim Marke commented that the Society's Act requires an audit annually. It can be done by anyone, but an audit must occur. Mary Greene stated that she spoke to 2 accountants and was advised that the term "audit" would be misleading, and if left this way, would require an expense excessive to the volume of our transactions and income. Jim Marke stated that the Society's Act will not accept the wording of "Review." Judy Peelar stated that all changes to the Bylaws must be sent to the Corporate Registry under which the Societies Act falls. If they have an issue with the wording, it will come back to us. Ian McNichol stated that our books are very simple and anyone could easily review them without the need of a formal audit or accounting firm.

Motion to accept the above changes to the wording of Bylaw 7 was made by Pat Dwyre. Seconded by Ian McNichol. Carried. Opposed Jim Marke.

**New Business:**

Email from Jim Marke regarding Website:

Fraser Denton had received an email from Jim Marke stating that our website needed to be enhanced. Fraser had asked Jim Marke if he wanted to take it on. Jim had replied that he may have time at the end of the year. Currently the website is maintained by the Town of Stettler via an arrangement with the Village. There is no cost to the Hall Society. Upon further reflection, Fraser determined that the website will continue to fall under the responsibility of the Town.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Parade and Barbecue:

Carly Sheridan reported that we served over 475 people. The cost was \$1458.02. The parade was a huge success with 24 floats – up from 21 last year. The top 3 floats were awarded prizes. She thanked the 14

volunteers for their tireless work. She has prepared a report of the event, with suggestions for next year and a complete list of purchases and volumes.

#### Golf Tournament:

Deb Waugh advised that the July 20<sup>th</sup> Tournament will be at Pheasantback this year. She has 16 teams to date and there is still room for more people to sign up. The meal will be provided by the Golf Course. Golfing, cart and meal are \$35 per adult, \$25 for students.

#### Picnic Tables:

Geri Horne advised that we have had requests for more picnic tables along the beach. A few years ago, the Hall Society paid for several tables to be placed at convenient locations at various beaches. They are moved to the Hall for major events and for storage in the winter. The request is for 4 more tables.

Motion was made by Ian McNichol to purchase 4 tables at a cost not to exceed \$800. Seconded by Jim Marke. Carried.

#### Hall Expansion:

Pat Dwyre asked if the Hall Society on behalf of the residents of White Sands would pursue the options for enhancing or expanding the existing Community Hall. It is too small for many of the functions. There is the potential for revenue from more rentals if the Hall was bigger and could accommodate larger groups. Would we consider sending out a questionnaire to residents asking for ideas and opinions?

Bernie Feisst provided some background on previous research and cost to undertake an expansion of the Hall.

Debbie Waugh suggested that the community has become larger and the need for a bigger hall is absolutely necessary. The July 1<sup>st</sup> and Fall Wind Up Barbecues could certainly be better accommodated with a bigger hall as could the Christmas Party.

Other comments included the options of more functions if volumes could be better handled. Volunteers will always be an issue – in all factors of this from planning an expansion, to assisting with the expansion, to working the functions.

Geri Horne commented that the Hall is the property of the Village and we would have to discuss any action with Council.

Judy Peelar advised that if a public survey was to be done, someone would have to come up with the questions. Pat Dwyre stated he would get something to us within a couple weeks. Once received, the Hall Society Executive will review and discuss further action.

President's Report:

Geri Horne read the following report prepared by President Fraser Denton:

President's Report  
2019

My report this year begins as it has every year by thanking the volunteers who work to improve our community and organize social activities. We've welcomed new volunteers with new and innovative ideas. 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.

A major event in our community this past year was the opening of the Water Transfer Station. The Hall Society recognized the dedication and efforts of Mayor Lorne Thurston and a plaque has been erected next to the building. Please take time to have a look and express your appreciation to Lorne.

Another successful venture is the "Take It or Leave It Shed." Many reusable items were dropped off and taken out by people in the Village. Please keep the items coming. Feedback has been positive.

This past year we reworked the Hall Society Bylaws. Please have a look at the revised Bylaws on the Town of Stettler website. They speak to how we operate as a Society. Thank you to those who worked on the committee.

The Rural Crime Watch Program is an important program for this community. I encourage you to sign up with Corinne Phelan to received 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, again, 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

**Next Meeting Date:** October 8, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m. on the motion of Carl Cornelissen.