

Annual Meeting
White Sands Community Hall Society
And
White Sands Rural Crime Watch
Minutes
July 8, 2017

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Treasurer Mary Greene, Acting Secretary Debbie Waugh, Carol Linkert, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Bernie Feisst, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck, Murray Cameron, Kathy Schultz, Rory Wutzke, Eric Thomas, Virginia Thomas, Leigh Rairdan

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Denton with 16 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting

Vice President Fraser Denton reported on behalf of President Corinne Phelan. Anyone who owns property in the Village of White Sands is invited to join the Crime Watch Program. An application form must be completed, but applicants are no longer required to complete a Criminal Records Check.

A pontoon boat was stolen from a property in White Sands this week. The RCMP were called in.

Suggestions were made about having more cameras installed around the Village – for example at the new water fill station. Perhaps we could capture vehicle traffic and license plates that may assist in solving some of the issues. Fraser Denton will discuss this with the Village Council.

The Annual Meeting of the Rural Crime Watch concluded at 10:12 a.m. on the motion of Eric Thomas. Seconded by Bill Sanchuck. Carried.

Hall Society Annual General Meeting

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Carol Linkert. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Mary Greene reviewed the Financial Statement. The remaining Buffalo Lake T-shirts were given away at the July 1st barbeque and we now have none in stock. This project resulted in a net expense to the Hall Society, not a money maker. Eric Thomas made the motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Leigh Rairdan. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

At our last meeting we asked for ideas on projects and expenditures, using our bottle revenues. Fraser Denton opened the discussion to review these ideas:

- Benches on the beach. Perhaps this could be a good winter project for our maintenance man to assemble more benches for the beach. Fraser to discuss with Council.
- A sign for the Community Hall. Carl Cornelssen will research when the Hall was built so we can add the date of construction to the sign. Fraser to discuss with Council – perhaps another winter project.
- Solar lights for the new Village Map on Buffalo Road. Bernie Feisst will price out a good set of solar lights.

New Business:

Fraser Denton read his President's Report for 2017:

I want to start by thanking the volunteers that made the 2016/2017 year successful. The Golf Tournament, Children's Fun Day, Fall Wind Up and Christmas Social were very well attended. 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. Thank you to those who organize and deliver these events. Flower beds are beautiful once again. Thank you to those working on the many flower beds around the community.

This calendar year started off with a Spring Fling supper. Although the numbers were low, the supper was excellent. A new event was July 1st 150 celebration. The event was kicked off with a parade followed by a barbeque on the beach. Once again thank you to those involved in organizing the parade and working on the beach. The feedback received was very positive.

Volunteers!!!! Volunteers are needed. The many people volunteering now have been around for many years and will be leaving. Without volunteers the above events will not happen. The Children's Fun Day this year is the first event not to happen. It would be disappointing to see other events cancelled because we do not have the people to organize and deliver them. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact me at 403-741-9484. The election of executive and board member is next year and new people may be needed here as well.

Bottle and can donations have been excellent. Thank you. 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.

The Rural Crime Watch Program is an important program for this community. Unfortunately there has been theft in the Village, the most recent being a pontoon boat. 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.

I want to finish this report by acknowledging the support we, the White Sands Community Hall Society, receive from Lorne Thurston, Mayor of the Village. Lorne never hesitates to support our requests with resources and labour. Thank you Lorne.

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

Report on Spring Fling:

Deb Waugh read the following report prepared by Judy Peelar:

This Pot Luck/Barbeque was held on Saturday, May 20. There were only 30 people in attendance. We were able to seat everyone in the Hall and socially it was very nice.

The Village was very busy that weekend, but people were either opening up their cabins, doing yard work or they had company. The organizers felt that the long weekend was not the best time to hold this. People are too busy with other things. We need to evaluate the timing and perhaps hold it the week after May long, or the first weekend in June.

The only concern with a larger crowd would be the ability to fit everyone in the Hall if the weather was not conducive for outside dining.

Thanks to the organizers, Bobbi Jo Ferris and Andrea Hildebrand.

Report on Community Garage Sale:

Deb Waugh read the following report prepared by Judy Peelar.

The Community Garage Sale was held on June 10th. Weather was rainy, windy and cold – which probably worked in our favor as people could not be on the lake or doing yard work. There were 70 maps picked up from the entrance and I would say the majority of these were picked up by non-residents. We had people from Stettler, Donaldda and several other surrounding communities.

18 households participated in the sale. My goal was 20, but for a first attempt, I think it went very well. Overall, feedback was very positive.

I did seek feedback from the sellers and a couple things to consider if we do it again:

- As people came from a distance and were here a good part of the day, they were seeking rest rooms, hot coffee and perhaps lunch. We could open the Hall and have a community group like the Scouts run a concession and make a little money as a fund raiser.
- A few homes that held a sale did not have a garage to shelter in and because of the weather, closed early. If a household does not have shelter and has only a few things to sell, we could offer an option of tables at the Hall. We would simply mark on the maps, both the residential locations and the vendors at the Hall.

We had budgeted \$500 for expenses (signage, advertising, maps). We came in \$107 under budget.

Report on July 1st Canada Day Celebration:

Fraser Denton and Vicky Sanchuck reported that the parade and barbeque were successful. We had very positive feedback. Once the rain started, the barbeque came to an abrupt halt as we held the event on the beach with shelter only for the prepared food. It was suggested that we look into another tent or lean-to type shelter on skids so we have a back-up plan for outdoor activities. Bill Sanchuck and Eric Thomas will investigate options.

Kid's Fun Day:

We had asked for volunteers to organize this event which in the past has been held on the August long weekend. No volunteers came forward therefore this event has been cancelled.

Volunteer Appreciation:

Bill Sanchuck and Suzanne Denton suggested holding a Volunteer Appreciation Evening to thank those volunteers who organize and work our many events. It was suggested we have a catered supper. Mary Greene will approach Bobbi Jo Ferris to see if she will cater the event and at what price. Once this information comes back we will hold an extraordinary meeting to review and approve expenses for a function in late September.

Other Discussion:

Bulletin Boards - There are so many notices from business and construction companies that there is no space for new notices. It was suggested that we have an assigned area on the notice board for contractors who are advertising. Perhaps we charge them a fee to post their ad. Fraser will discuss bulletin board options with Council.

The information sign at the entrance to White Sands is used to post our special events. There is often no space to announce the weekly events – Tuesday Card Night and Thursday Coffee. It was suggested we add another layer to the existing sign – expanding the space for announcements. The weekly events could remain on there permanently. Bernie Feisst will look into this.

Christmas Party – We budget \$200 for this event to purchase the turkey and ham. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food and set up the hall. Guests bring a pot luck dish. Rather than seek

volunteers for this function, Fraser obtained a quote for catering the meal. The quote was \$15 per person. Discussion of this included:

- This seems like a reasonable price.
- If we don't need people to work and people don't have to bring a pot luck dish, do we charge attendees the \$15?

Further discussion and approval will be brought to the next meeting. At that time we will know what our bottle revenues have brought in and how much we have in the bank.

Village News:

Mayor Lorne Thurston was unable to attend the meeting to report on this item.

Next Meeting Date is set for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on the motion of Bill Sanchuck.