

White Sands Community Hall Society
And
White Sands Rural Crime Watch
Minutes of the Meeting Held October 6, 2018

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar, Treasurer Mary Greene
Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Vicky Sanchuck, Lorne Thurston, Debbie Waugh, , Rick Crawford, Patty Wallace, Jim Marke, Heather Zyerveld.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Denton with 13 members present, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

The agenda was accepted as presented on the motion of Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Annual meeting held July 7, 2018 were approved as distributed on the motion of Patty Wallace. Seconded by Debbie Waugh. Carried.

Financial Report:

Mary Greene presented the following Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2018:

Bank Balance		\$12,364.90
Expenses:		
Hall Expenses	\$1624.30	
Insurance & Bank	\$ 652.79	
July 1 st Parade & BBQ	\$1131.11	
Golf Tournament	\$ 715.00	
Fall Wind Up BBQ	\$1204.28	
Cards & Coffee	\$ 782.05	
Misc.	\$ 36.54	
Revenue:		
Bottle Returns	\$6803.65	

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

Rural Crime Watch Report:

Corinne Phelan, President was not able to make the meeting.

Lorne Thurston reported that he has filed the paperwork to register the Crime Watch Society's board members following the annual meeting. Liability insurance for the directors is an annual policy and has been paid. There is a Provincial Crime Watch meeting in Wetaskiwin on October 20th which he hopes to attend.

Reminder to all White Sands residents: If you wish to become a member of the White Sands Crime Watch, there are application forms in a mailbox located at 10 Destini Drive. Just pick one up, fill it in and return it to the same location. As a member of the Crime Watch program, you will be informed of any related activity within the Village.

Unfinished Business:

Take It or Leave It Shed:

We have purchased a shed at a total cost of \$3591 delivered. It is now in place beside the Bottle Shed. We need a working group to take charge of this new venture. Vicky Sanchuck volunteered to take this on. She will seek volunteers to maintain and organize the contents donated. Further details will be communicated. Signage for the shed will be finalized and communicated to Council. As the Village owns the asset, they will pay for the signage required.

Off Leash Dog Park:

The Village Council determined that the expense and upkeep of an off leash dog park was not feasible. They also expressed concern with non-residents of White Sands using this facility. Request has been denied.

Toys/Prizes Left from Previous Events:

We have a number of toys in storage used previously at Kids Fun Days. These are predominately used items and will be placed in the Take It or Leave It Shed in the spring. Geri Horne will look after this.

Electronic Bulletin Board:

Lorne Thurston received an estimate for an LED Bulletin Board to be erected by the Water Fill Station. This will replace the current sign we have along the entrance road. The current sign requires manual changes with a screwdriver to unfasten and fasten letters each time we change it. We are also limited in volume by how much we can announce. The electronic bulletin board can be programmed from a laptop computer and announce multiple items on a rotating basis, or just hold one announcement permanently. It has a 10 year life span. Panels are replaceable. Installed cost is \$4373.25. The Village can run power from the Water Fill Station to the sign which will be erected on posts. The Hall Society will be responsible for posting messages/announcements.

Mary Greene advised that after payment of this sign, we would have \$4200 remaining in the bank.

Geri Horne made the motion to proceed with the expenditure of \$4373.25 for the purchase and installment of an LED message sign. Seconded by Suzanne Denton. Opposed 1. Carried.

Thank You Plaque:

Leigh Rairdan is obtaining quotes for a plaque thanking Lorne Thurston for the years of work he put in to have the Water Fill Station in White Sands. The quotes were not yet available. This item is table for the next meeting.

New Business:

An extraordinary meeting was held on August 27, 2018. Following are the minutes:

**Extraordinary Meeting
White Sands Hall Society
August 27, 2018**

Present:

Fraser Denton, Mary Greene, Judy Peelar

Gerri Horne, Debbie Waugh, Vicky Sanchuck, Carl Cornelissen, Eric Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Fraser Denton.

Fraser explained the purpose of the meeting was to talk about the Take It or Leave It Shed and if we proceed, then seek financial approval for the expense. Per the July 7th meeting:

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 met with the Wood Shed company and has been quoted a price of \$3000 for a 10 x 16 shed with metal roof and painted wood. Village Council has approved the placement of the shed beside the Bottle sorting shed. The Hall Society must be responsible for the upkeep of the contents and organization of the Take It or Leave It Shed.

Mary Greene advised that we have \$12,000 in the bank with another \$1000 estimated from bottle returns.

Motion was made by Vicky Sanchuck to approve an expense of \$3500 for the purchase of the 10 x 16 shed, with additional shelving and a solid floor. Seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

The shed will take 4-6 weeks to order. The Wood Shed will deliver it. Fraser Denton will confirm the order with final details.

We will need to have a volunteer team in place in the spring to ensure the contents are organized. Signing will be added to ensure people are leaving only working condition household items. Broken or non functioning bbq's, appliances and furniture must be taken by the owner to the landfill.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 on the motion of Deb Waugh.

The motion to ratify the minutes of the August 27, 2018 meeting held for the purpose of approving the expense for the purchase of the Take It or Leave It Shed was made by Fraser Denton. Seconded by Heather Zyerveld. Carried.

Bottle Sorting - Carl Cornelssen reported that they have a lot of volunteer help with sorting bottles. Thanks to all volunteers.

Fall Wind Up – Geri Horne reported that the weather was cooler on the September long weekend and therefore the turnout not as large as usual. We had about 200 attend. There are some burgers left over. We will make arrangements to have a BBQ before the weather changes in an attempt to use up the leftovers. Thanks to Geri and her volunteers for the work on this event.

Golf Tournament, July 21 – Debbie Waugh reported that they had a full roster of 72 golfers. We are limited to this number at the Stettler Golf Course. We had to turn away 2 or 3 teams this year. We are therefore looking at holding the tournament at Pheasantback next year as they have 18 holes and can accommodate larger groups. They also will supply enough golf carts for all players. The meal may cost more than past years. Pheasantback has been tentatively booked for July 13th. This year Deb and Patty Wallace asked for donations of prizes and also had a raffle. This reduced the cost of this event by over \$1300. Thanks to Debbie and Patty for their organization of this event.

Flower Beds – Heather Zyerveld organized the planting and watering of the Village's many flower beds. She reported that she learned a lot this year (what the deer will eat or leave alone!). She would like the opportunity to tackle this project again next year. Thanks to Heather and her volunteers for the Village beautification project.

Village News:

Mayor Lorne reported on the following items:

- Memorial Benches – he has had a request for 3 benches to date. The cost of a bench and memorial plaque is \$350. The bench is then placed within the Village in a location requested by the donor. Should you be interested in the details of a memorial bench, please contact Lorne.
- The water fill station costs were fully paid for by the Shirley McLellan Regional Water Services Commission. The question of ownership is still unanswered but it is likely that the Commission will own it and the Village will lease back the property. This is a positive solution as the Commission would then be responsible for maintenance and water levels. It currently sits on the road allowance. We may see an increase in the water price from \$3/cube to \$4. Still very reasonable.
- No parking signs have been placed on several Village roads along one side of the street. This is for access by emergency vehicles. We may have to hire a commissionaire to enforce the no parking. We are also clearing trails through some of the reserves to allow for Fire hoses to be laid as needed.
- Speed bumps will be placed on the boat launch road and on Buffalo Road. These will be removed in the winter.
- There was a question posed from Jim Marke to the Mayor with respect to expanding the Hall. The Community Hall is already too small for some of our functions. Are we planning for expansion?

Lorne replied that we have investigated this in the past and it is a costly venture. No current plans in place.

Village Christmas Party:

This annual event is scheduled for December 15th. Quotes were obtained for catering and ranged from \$15 to \$21/plate. Last year we charged \$10 per person and the Hall Society paid the difference. We can seat 75 people max. Motion was made by Mary Greene that we hire Bobbi Jo Lockhart to cater at a cost of \$15 per person. Attendees pay \$10 each and the Hall Society will pay the difference. Seconded by Patty Wallace. Carried. Mary Greene and Suzanne Denton agreed to organize this event.

Last year we had requests for a Children's Christmas Party. We will put out a notice that if someone would like to organize this, the Hall Society will donate to the expense. Contact for this will be Fraser Denton.

Next Meeting Date is set for Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. on the motion of Geri Horne.