

**White Sands Community Hall Society**  
**And**  
**White Sands Rural Crime Watch**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held October 8, 2019**

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**Present:**

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar, Treasurer Mary Greene  
Heather Zyerveld, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Vicky Sanchuck, Debbie Waugh, Leigh Rairdan, Leanne Andrekson, Jim Marke, Bill Sanchuck

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Denton with 12 members present, therefore a quorum.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

Fraser Denton added the following items to the agenda:

New Business:

- Security Bar added to Bottle Shed
- 2020 Meeting Dates
- Notice of Executive Positions Expiring

The revised Agenda was accepted on the motion of Leigh Rairdan. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the July 13, 2019 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Deb. Sanchuck. Seconded by Leanne Andrekson. Carried.

President Denton asked for clarification on one item. He asked Mayor Cornelssen if the Village was going to pay the full costs and installation for the electronic sign. The Mayor confirmed they are. There are some details yet to be worked out regarding who will program the sign and if paid advertising will be accepted.

**Financial Report:**

Mary Greene presented the following Financial Report:

Financial Statement for the Period of January 1 to September 30, 2019

January 1, 2019 Beginning Bank Balance	\$7410.67
Expenses:	
Facilities and Equipment	\$ 484.06
Insurance and Bank Fees	\$ 674.00
Social Events	\$4035.22
Card & Poker Nights	\$ 590.80

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**Revenue:** Bottle Refunds \$5111.60

Closing Bank Balance as at September 30, 2019 \$6738.19

The question was asked: How does our bottle revenue compare to last year, given the number of break-ins we have had at the Bottle Shed. Last year our revenue was \$8500. We will still have another cheque coming by year end. But the thefts likely netted \$500 to \$600.

Motion was made by Heather Zyerveld to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

**Rural Crime Watch Report:**

Corinne Phelan, President was not in attendance. Fraser Denton, VP of Crime Watch, reported on the following:

The Bottle Shed has been broken into 4 times in the current year. After trying other methods of securing the door, we have now installed a heavy bar across the door and windows.

The Village Truck was also vandalized by someone who crawled under the truck and drilled a hole in the transmission. This was an act of retaliation as there was additional cleanup required throughout the Village.

Fraser reminds everyone that the Crime Watch Program is a registered Society and as such requires a board and resulting elections annually. Anyone interested in being involved with Crime Watch should come forward for the annual election which occurs in the June/July timeframe.

**Unfinished Business:**

Electronic Bulletin Board:

Mayor Carl reported that the installation has started. The legs are in and the sign will be here next week. Electrical will then be completed. Wiring for security cameras throughout the Village will be completed at the same time. The next Village Council meeting is November 4 and the responsibilities for operation and possible advertising can be discussed there. Fraser Denton will likely attend to participate in the agenda item on behalf of the Hall Society.

Tables for Beach Areas:

Geri Horne was to purchase additional outdoor tables. We have missed the season for purchasing and she will look into it again in the spring.

Committee Reports:

Bottle Sorting – Carl Cornelssen reported that they have sufficient volunteers.

Golf Tournament – Deb Waugh reported that this year’s tournament came in \$200 under budget. They had 17 teams. It was held at Pheasantback this year. Pheasantback had matched the price of the Stettler Golf Course. The Tournament is tentatively booked for July 18, 2020. Brian Istace will be taking over the tournament organization next year. Thanks to Deb Waugh and Fraser Denton for their work on the Golf Tournament over the past few years.

Fall Wind Up – Geri Horne reported there were about 350 in attendance. We did run out of corn on the cob but did not have a lot of leftovers of any other foods.

Flower Beds – Heather Zyerveld reported that in early May, she amended all the beds and planted dahlias at the parking lot bed. On June 2nd, Cheryl VanDusen and Heather purchased and planted all the flowers, mainly annuals with the exception of the CJ bed which was planted and maintained by Suzanne Denton. Total cost for the beds was less than \$180.00. Amazingly, the hail storm in July damaged only a few leaves of the rhubarb at the boat launch. Due to the plentiful rain, the beds were beautiful and didn’t require much watering. The dahlias were dug out by Heather and she is hopeful the tubers survive the winter to be replanted in the spring. Heather is more than happy to take care of the beds next year unless someone else wishes to take a turn.

Take It or Leave It Shed – Vicky Sanchuck reported that the shed was well used this year and has been a great success. She and Suzanne Denton keep it clean and tidy. Someone commented that people are just as excited to see their items be picked up and re-used as they are to donate them. This had definitely been an excellent recycling program, decreasing the items going to the landfills.

Fraser Denton sends out special thanks to all our volunteers. Without them events and activities can’t take place. Thank you.

### **New Business:**

Christmas Party, December 14, 2019

Fraser reported that last year’s caterer was not available so we have hired someone new. A turkey and ham dinner can be supplied at a cost of \$20/person. We have budgeted \$300. If we estimate 60 people in attendance, the Hall Society can subsidize the cost at \$5 per person. The motion was made by Deb Waugh that we book the caterer for a turkey and ham dinner at \$20 per plate, limit attendance to 60 people and the Hall Society will subsidize the cost at \$5 per person. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Fraser then asked for volunteers for the following:

1. Decorate the Hall with Christmas decorations. We need people to set up the tree and decorate and then to take down decorations. Vicky Sanchuck and Leanne Andrekson volunteered to assist with putting up the decorations, but we still need a lead organizer for this. Anyone who is interested can please contact Fraser at 403-741-9484. Geri Horne and Mary Greene will take down the decorations.
2. Need volunteers to organize the Christmas Party details, work with the caterer and provide cleanup. Leigh Rairdan, Deb Waugh and Heather Zyerveld will work with the caterer and help cleanup. Deb Waugh will collect money at the door. Fraser will work on the gift exchange options.

#### Security Bar Added to Bottle Shed:

After the 4 break-ins, Fraser Denton worked with the Village Council to determine how best to secure the building. Some options were tried, but failed. Resulting in the bars now across the main door and windows. The cost of this was \$250. Motion was made by Leigh Rairdan to pay the \$250 to ensure we suffer less loss at the Bottle Shed. Seconded by Leanne Andrekson. Carried.

Bill Sanchuck suggested the only option left would be for the thieves to drive their truck through the rolling garage door. Given the committed efforts of the thieves, he suggests we place jersey barriers (cement blocking) at this door. Fraser Denton will get a quote for this.

#### Welcome Wagon:

Judy Peelar presented ideas for a Welcome Wagon information package. For those new to White Sands it would provide them with key information to become oriented and settle in. We will post the information on our website. Through the electronic sign and bulletin boards we can point people to our web page. Judy will work with Graham Scott to get this set up and at the same time revamp some of the information currently on the website. The information is a work in progress, a living document that will change, be added to and updated as required. Any thoughts on this can be sent to [whitesandshallociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitesandshallociety@gmail.com).

#### Key items included in the Welcome Wagon package are:

- Hall Society – who we are and what our mission is
- Rural Crime Watch – contact information to sign up
- Village Council – elections, responsibilities
- Bottle Donations – please donate, and where the money goes to
- Recycling and Garbage – general information
- Take It or Leave It Shed – where it is and what is accepted
- Facebook – list of connections for White Sands
- Water Fill Station – where to set up an account
- Property Taxes – where and when notices come out
- Regular Events – Fitness programs, card nights
- Buffalo Lake Depth Map – those new to the lake may not know the low spots that could be impactful to safe boating
- Beach Accesses – where they are
- White Sands Population

Suggestion came forward that we should also link them with the Land Use Bylaw if they are considering erecting permanent structures.

#### 2020 Meeting Dates:

There has been a suggestion that 6:00 on a Tuesday is not an ideal time for meetings. We attempted to have meetings on Saturdays this past year, but those were even less attended. The suggestion was to try Wednesday's at 7:00 to allow people to get home and eat and then attend the meeting.

The next meeting dates were then set as follows:

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020 – Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Event Dates:

July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration and Parade – in 2020, July 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Wednesday, therefore there is no long weekend. Question was whether to hold it on the Saturday before or after. In past years it was held on the Sunday of the long weekend which gave everyone the Saturday to work on their floats. Do we just cancel the event this year given the complications with the holiday falling mid week? No decision was made on this, and it will be revisited in April.

Golf Tournament – Booked for July 18, 2020

Fall Wind Up – Booked for Sept 5, 2020

Christmas Party – Booked for Dec 12, 2020

Notice of Executive Positions Expiring:

Fraser Denton reminded everyone that we have elections every year for various Hall Society positions. Anyone who may be interested in running for position should attend meetings to gain an understanding of the positions. We will also be proactive and send out a notice with a brief job description well before election time.

Positions up for re-election this year are: President, Treasurer and 2 Directors.

Nest Meeting Date: Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on the motion of Debbie Waugh.