

**White Sands Community Hall Society**  
**And**  
**White Sands Rural Crime Watch**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held October 17, 2017**

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**Present:**

President Fraser Denton, Secretary Judy Peelar.

Carol Linkert, Jerry Linkert, Geri Horne, Carl Cornelssen, Suzanne Denton, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck, Lorne Thurston, Debbie Waugh, Bev Shepherd, Corinne Phelan, Harold Woofenden, Jennifer Woofenden

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Denton with 10 members present, therefore a quorum.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held July 8, 2017 were approved as distributed on the motion of Carol Linkert. Seconded by Geri Horne. Carried.

**Financial Report:**

Mary Greene had submitted the financial report and in her absence Judy Peelar provided the following information:

<u>Financial Report as at September 30, 2017</u>	
Bank Balance	\$12,441.60
Revenue:	
Bottle Refunds	\$ 7105.52
Expenses:	
Golf Tournament	\$ 1566.46
July 1 <sup>st</sup> Parade & BBQ	\$ 1314.78
Fall Wind Up	\$ 1046.31

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Jerry Linkert. Seconded by Corinne Phelan. Carried.

**Rural Crime Watch Report:**

Corinne Phelan reported that it had been a quiet summer. Only 2 thefts were reported – a truck and a boat - both were dealt with at the time of occurrence via communications to members of the White Sands Crime Watch and the RCMP.

**Unfinished Business:**

Fraser Denton reported on outstanding project ideas from previous meetings:

- Benches on the beach. Mayor Lorne as agreed that making benches for the beach areas could be a winter project for the maintenance man. They can be constructed of material heavy enough that they will remain in place. They will be placed on the beaches in the spring and removed in the fall. Mayor Lorne suggested we start with 8 benches to be placed at the various beaches. President Fraser asked if the Hall Society could donate funds towards the cost of material. Mayor Lorne will get back to us on that.
- Sign for the Community Hall. Carl Cornelissen researched when the Hall was built and that date will be included in the signage. The sign is to be attached to the Hall. Fraser will obtain quotes for the construction of the sign.
- Solar Lighting is now in place over the Village Map on Buffalo Road. Thanks to Bernie Feisst for looking after this project
- Bulletin Boards – we had discussed splitting the Bulletin Boards into 2 sections – one for contractors to advertise and one for local residents to advertise. We also discussed improvements to the Bulletin Board on Lakeview which needs to be resurfaced and lowered so that the entire signage space is useable. . Mayor Lorne will look after this as the Bulletin Boards were constructed and erected by the Village.

**New Business:**

Golf Tournament – Fraser Denton reported that this year's golf tournament was again a success. 65 golfers participated. Next year's tournament has been booked with the golf course. Fraser is stepping down from the organization of this event. We therefore need someone to organize this event. Anyone interested in taking on this challenge should contact Fraser at 403-741-9484.

Fall Wind Up – Geri Horne reported that we had 350 to 360 attend the event. She had introduced some gluten free products and various kinds of bakery buns. She will make adjustments to volumes for next year. We also provided Smokies as an option to burgers and wieners and that went over quite well. She had many new volunteers this year and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Appreciation Supper – Fraser reported that the event was cancelled as we had very little response. We believe the timing was wrong and will re-evaluate the event for next year as we do believe it is important to recognize our volunteers.

Approval of Extraordinary Meeting – The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

**White Sands Hall Society  
Extra Ordinary Meeting - September 5, 2017**

Present: Fraser Denton, Judy Peelar, Vicky Sanchuck, Suzanne Denton, Eric Thomas, Debbie Waugh

Fraser Denton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner which was suggested at the July 8, 2017 meeting. The purpose of the dinner is to thank volunteers who have worked at our many functions and activities. It was suggested that we have a meal catered. Funds had not been previously approved for this expense. We currently have \$11,800 in the bank, plus outstanding credits from the bottle sales.

Mary Greene researched costs for catering:

Teresa's Catering - \$23/plate

Bobbi Jo's Catering - \$17/plate for a turkey dinner

Bobbi Jo's Catering - \$18/plate for a roast beef dinner

Brenda's Cozy Kitchen – would not be able to cater

Discussion ensued on the following matters with respect to a Volunteer Appreciation Night:

- How do we determine the invitee
  - o Hours of volunteer time or open to anyone who has ever volunteered?
  - o Over what period of time – this year? Or any time in the past?
- Will this become an annual event?
- Is it within the Objectives of the Hall Society to put monies toward this type of function?
- Should it be catered, pot luck, just cake and coffee, or forget it all together?

After lengthy discussion, we determined:

- That it is important to recognize the people who help make our community a good place to live by assisting in the successful activities held.
- That notification would go out to the residents of White Sands inviting all who have volunteered for any activity.
- The format would be pot luck.
- The Hall Society would cover the expense of a cake, meat, soft drinks, condiments, plates and cutlery.
- People must RSVP so we know how many to prepare for.
- Date was set for Saturday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Debbie Waugh made the motion to have a pot luck supper to thank the many volunteers who make our events and activities a success. A maximum expense of \$300 would cover costs of the main meat dish, a cake, soft drinks, condiments, utensils, plates and condiments. Seconded By Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Fraser Denton will lead the organization of the Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Motion to ratify the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Extra Ordinary Meeting was made by Debbie Waugh. Seconded by Suzanne Denton. Carried.

Vice President Position:

- Carl Cornelssen has submitted his resignation from the position of Vice President of the Hall Society. Due to his position on the Village Council, he cannot sit in an executive position on any Board. We thank Carl for all the work he has done as an Executive Board Member for the Hall Society.

- In accordance with the Hall Society's By Laws, Item 7 "Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled at the next general meeting, provided it is so stated in the notice calling such meeting." Therefore the VP position will be filled at our 2018 Annual Meeting.
- Of immediate issue is signing authorities. Carl was one of the signatories for the bank account. We proposed that one of the Directors replace him. Geri Horne has agreed to do this.

Review of By Laws and Objectives – it may be time to review the Hall Society's By Laws and Objectives. As we have grown over the years and now have some experience as a Society there are a few items that should be changed. We will form a Review Committee to have revisions ready for the next Annual General Meeting.

Mattress Recycling – Geri Horne presented the attached Funding Assistance Request for the Stettler Waste Management Authority to begin a mattress recycling program. As White Sands is one of the communities included in the Stettler Land Fill and Transfer Station, she proposed that we support this environmental initiative. We all use and eventually dispose of mattresses. Funding is required for a one-time purchase of 2 sea-cans. Ongoing costs will be covered by Stettler Waste Management. Motion was made by Geri Horne that the Hall Society donates \$500 to the Stettler Waste Management Authority for the Mattress Recycling Program. Seconded by Carl Cornelissen. 3 members voted in favour. 2 voted against. Remaining members abstained. Motion was carried.

#### **Village News and Emergency Planning:**

Mayor Lorne Thurston advised that he will be sending out a newsletter in November. Any items to be included in that newsletter should be sent to him.

Lorne is already receiving requests for Hall Bookings for 2018 and asked that any Hall Society event dates be sent to him now. Judy Peelar will provide those dates for Lorne.

The blue street signs for 911 emergency calls are being erected and should be complete by Thursday this week.

A bin for donations of clothing, shoes and textiles in aid of Diabetes Research is now located in the Hall Parking Lot. These donation bins raise over \$10 million across Canada. The Diabetes Association works with Value Village and local donation centers such as Superfluity in Stettler for the sale of the donated items.

The Water Station work is progressing. Cameras will be installed. There will be signage for advertising at this location. The water line should be completed in March 2018 with the truck fill station ready in August 2018.

Emergency Planning – Following the recent 27 hour power outage in the Village, we received an email from one of residents asking if it was prudent to set up a Fan Out List so that residents who need a helping hand would have someone to call. As the power and internet were down, we would need phone numbers. The resident has done some research into this and would be willing to help set it up. Mayor Lorne advised that the Village does have some contingency plans in place should we have an extended outage or emergency situation. Example – a generator to run the hall for a heated place to meet, extra water. These plans need to be communicated and people put in place to undertake the tasks needed to be done in an emergency situation. Lorne will contact the

resident who brought forward this initiative and work together on a complete emergency plan and communication process.

**Christmas Party:**

Fraser advised that we have budgeted \$200 for this event for the purchase the turkey and ham. In the past years, volunteers were needed to prepare the food and set up the hall. Guests bring a pot luck dish. As an alternative to the pot luck and to eliminate volunteers having to cook the turkey and ham for the meal, do we have a catered meal instead? The cost would be \$15-\$17 per person. The decision has to be made on the following options:

- Do we have pot luck again or have it catered?
- If we cater, does the Hall Society pay the full bill or subsidize the cost of catering and have those attending pay a minimal price?

Discussion included the fact that space in the Hall limits us to 60 attendees for a sit down meal. People would have to RSVP. General consensus was that people would pay \$10-\$12 per plate rather than have to make a pot luck dish.

Motion was made by Debbie Waugh that we have a catered meal on Saturday, December 16, 2017 for up to 60 people and the Hall Society would subsidize the cost by \$5 per person. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Fraser will obtain quotes for a turkey and ham catered meal.

Deb Waugh and Corinne Phelan volunteered to organize the event.

**Next Meeting Date** is set for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on the motion of Jerry Linkert.



**Program requirement**

- To participate in this program, inside storage of the mattresses is required in order to keep them dry.
- The Stettler Waste Management Authority will require 2 sea-cans that are 40 ft. long for this, to be located at the Stettler Transfer Site on the NE corner of Stettler.
- Two containers are required so that Re-Matt from Calgary can pick up a full one and leave us an empty one each trip. They will be picked up every 2 or 3 months, as required.

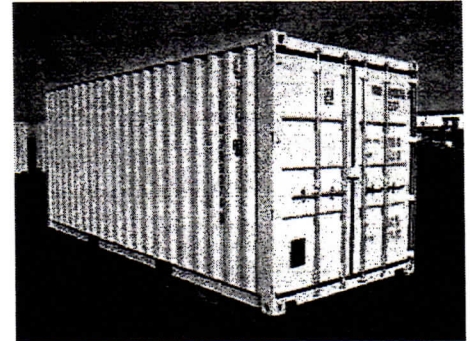
**Mattress Recycling Costs:**

**One-Time Set-up costs**

2 used sea-cans, 40 ft. in length each	<b>\$6000</b>
Each sea-can will hold 60 mattresses.	

**Ongoing costs (to be covered by SWMA)**

Recycling fees and transportation costs (depending on volumes)	\$5,000 - \$10,000/year
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**Request for assistance**

The Stettler Waste Management Authority has approved this project, and is seeking financial support from the community to cover the one-time set-up costs of \$6000.

SWMA will cover all subsequent ongoing costs.

Community support to date:

Wells Furniture	\$1000	
Superfluity	\$1000	
TransCanada Corporation	<u>\$ 500</u>	
Funds donated to date		\$2500

<b>Funds still required</b>		<b><u>\$3500</u></b>
		\$6000

A donation of \$1000 to \$3500 would go a long way to make this project a reality.

**Supporter Recognition:**

- 1) Invitation to our Grand Opening and inclusion in all Grand Opening photos and media coverage.
- 2) Permanent signage at the *Mattress Recycling* site, acknowledging our supporters.
- 3) Our supporters will be acknowledged in the newsletters and on the websites of the County of Stettler, the Town of Stettler and of the six 6 villages included. The newsletters are received by every household in the affected areas.

**Project Date:** Summer/Fall, 2017

**Contact information for questions and to reply:**

**Contact Name:** Grace Fix, Volunteer Recycling Representative  
 Stettler Waste Management Authority  
 403-742-6104  
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**Thank you for considering your support of this community project!**