

**White Sands Community Hall Society**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of**  
**October 25 2016**

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**Present:**

President Fraser Denton, Treasurer Mary Greene, Secretary Judy Peelar.  
Leigh Rairdan, Carol Linkert, Debbie Waugh, Geri Horne, Bob Greene, Lorne Thurston, , Eric Thomas,  
Harold Woofenden, Jennifer Woofenden, Virginia Thomas, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck,  
Corinne Phelan, Suzanne Denton

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Denton with 16 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

Additions to the Agenda:

- New Business - Christmas Party  
- Solstice Party  
- New Bulletin Board by the Village Map

The revised agenda was accepted on the motion of Eric Thomas, seconded by Deb Waugh. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held July 9, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Leigh Rairdan, seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

**Financial Report:**

This is the first meeting for our new Treasurer Mary Greene. Previous Treasurer John Shephard maintained the financial records on a spreadsheet program which was not compatible on Mary's computer. Due to the low volume of transactions and ease of transition in the future, Mary has reverted back to a manual ledger to maintain the records of the Hall Society. She has recreated all transactions from January 1, 2016.

During this review, an amount of \$168 was held as Fixed Assets. Typically fixed assets are capital purchases that must be depreciated over time. Any major purchases made by the Hall Society via the bottle revenues, become the property of the Village. These assets then fall under the insurance policy of the Village and are depreciated accordingly on their books. The Hall Society should not be carrying fixed assets and the amount of \$168 is too little to be a depreciable item.

Treasurer Mary asked for a motion to delete this fixed asset amount of \$168 from the records. Motion was made by Vicky Sanchuck, seconded by Harold Woofenden. Carried.

The financial statement ending October 25, 2016 is attached. Motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented was made by Mary Greene, seconded by Bill Sanchuck. Carried.

**Rural Crime Watch:**

Corinne Phelan reported:

- She continues to distribute membership forms throughout the Village but does not get many returned.
- Reports of crime incidents are rare.

Lorne Thurston reported:

- The Stettler RCMP member who was previously involved in our Crime Watch Program has been transferred and there has not been a new contact assigned.
- In accordance with the Government of Alberta requirements, Lorne has applied for liability insurance for the board members of the Crime Watch program.
- Residents who want to join the Crime Watch Program are required to complete a criminal record search. Previously we dropped these forms to the RCMP in Stettler. We are now being told that the search has to be done in the location the resident classifies as their main residence. Therefore, if the White Sands resident's permanent residence is in Calgary, the form must be presented to an RCMP office in Calgary. This is definitely complicating the process of getting new members.
- The RCMP are to keep us informed of any criminal activity around the lake as a courtesy to all Buffalo Lake communities. There has been no communication from the RCMP.
- Lorne will continue to pursue communications as we feel the Crime Watch Program is of value to White Sands.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Landscaping between the storage shed and the Hall. Lorne reported that all materials have been purchased. We require eaves add to that side of the building before we pursue the landscaping below the roof line. This work will not be done until the spring. This item will be carried forward to the April 2017 meeting.
2. Review of Expenditure of Hall Society. Per our goals set forth in a previous meeting, we want to maintain our bank balance at about the \$10,000. This meant we had excess funds to spend and various expenditures were approved. As follow up, Fraser Denton reported that the following purchases have been made;
  - round tables in the hall have been replaced with square tables
  - additional picnic tables were placed along the beach areas
  - a new microwave for the Hall
  - a new stereo system for the Hall
  - Kid Alert Signs have not yet been purchased due to the price. The first set of signs we purchased were about \$30 each. The price is now at \$90. Fraser will continue to monitor the price of the signs and purchase them when pricing is reasonable.

A new expense budget for 2017 will be presented in April for approval.

Eric Thomas advised that the OSB board on the bulletin boards needs to be replaced. Lorne acknowledged this and will look after the matter.

**New Business:**

1. Shirley Feisst recently organized an information session on “Planning Ahead.” There were 30 attendees from the Village. There was no cost for the speakers to come out, so Shirley purchased 2 gift certificates for the speakers. Motion was made by Vicky Sanchuck to reimburse Shirley Feisst \$50 for the gift certificates. Seconded by Debbie Waugh. Carried.
2. Call for Volunteers – Fraser advised that co-ordinating the various events held in the Village, requires the efforts of many. Volunteers are in demand. Last year the Kids Fun Day was just about cancelled due to a shortage of volunteers. He asked for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to help him round up volunteers for the Kid’s Fun Day. Mary Greene offered to help.

Other volunteers are needed to organize and co-ordinate the various Social functions such as the Spring Fling, Christmas Party and Fall Wind Up. We cannot continue to host these events if we don’t get some new volunteers.

Lorne Thurston advised that we may need to check into Liability Insurance with respect to holding the Kid’s Fun Day, in case of an accident or injury. Fraser and Lorne will pursue this in the spring before finalizing plans for the Fun Day.

3. Committee Reports:

Bottle Committee: Geri Horne reported on behalf of Carl Cornelssen that volumes this year have been higher than any previous year. Thanks to all those who helped with sorting of the bottles.

Fall Wind Up Party – Geri Horne reported that 230 people attended. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make it a success.

4. Purchase of kitchen supplies – Geri Horne advised that we need to replenish supplies in the kitchen, including pots with lids, paring knives, scissors, coffee mugs, hand towels, sieve. Motion was made by Debbie Waugh to approve \$300 for expenses to restock the kitchen supplies. Seconded by Corinne Phelan. Carried.
5. Bulletin Board near the Village Map. Fraser received a suggestion that a bulletin board be erected by the Village Map. As people stop at the map when they come into the Village, this is a viable spot for a bulletin board so that they get all information in one stop. Lorne advised he will have the maintenance man erect one over the winter.

6. Christmas Party – We have previously approved \$250 in expenses to host a Christmas Party for Village residents. This money will go towards the purchase of ham and turkey. The party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 at the Community Hall. Vicky Sanchuck will coordinate the tree and decorations for the Hall. Volunteers for the meal and hall preparation are Suzanne Denton, Carol Linkert, Jennifer Woofenden, Debbie Waugh and Leigh Rairdan. Anyone attending is asked to bring a potluck dish and beverages. A gift exchange will also take place. For those wishing to participate, they should bring a \$10 gift, wrapped. An email invitation will go out closer to the date.
7. Solstice Party – Winter Solstice is Wednesday, December 21. Debbie Waugh suggested a bon fire at Jack's Pond to celebrate. They will set up a tree. The ice can be cleaned off for skating or possibly curling. More details to follow.
8. The next meeting date is April 25, 2017.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on the motion of Eric Thomas.