

**Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay**  
**Annual Meeting – July 21, 2018**

72 registered voters were present at the meeting held at “The Shack”. Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Monty Bender.

Monty asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. John Humphreys made the motion, seconded by Marilyn Long, carried.

Monty then asked the residents to review the minutes from the 2017 Annual meeting for any errors & omissions. Dan Bachman moved to adopt the 2017 minutes as correct, seconded by Derek Hanneson, carried.

### Reports

Bob Long presented the financial report, and made note that a copy of the financial statement for the year ending 2017 was sent to all residents by mail with the newsletter. The 2017 budget was pretty much in line with estimates leaving us with a surplus of \$93,431.95 plus a balance in the treatment plant fund of \$266,644.19 which has already been allocated. The 2018 expenses up till the end of June were also pretty much in line with budget estimates. We have included an expense of \$200,000 to facilitate the land purchase by the boat launch. The estimated cost of the land is \$160,000, plus initial surveying of commercial/storage lots and a 10% admin fee of \$16,000 that will be paid to the RM of Coteau for administration purposes. If the project goes forward the sale of commercial storage lots should cover the purchase cost of the land as well as seed money for future development of this land and other areas of the resort. There was discussion regarding the new development and exactly what will be done, some residents had concerns how the development would proceed. Mae Barton made the point that it was important that the residents had input regarding the development. Bob mentioned that the first stage would most likely be the commercial storage lots which would be located closest to the road, going east to west near the existing storage lots. Then possible park model lots, an expansion to the campground and maybe some residential lots. Once we are able to confirm the purchase we will be able to start the development process.

Carrie Knight made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by John Humphreys, carried.

The RM report was given by Doug Erickson & Clayton Yloija. Doug addressed the roads coming into the resort and how they are maintained weekly by the RM. With regards to the land purchase and the 10% fee, it is basically to cover administration costs associated with the purchase and work going forward to develop it that would fall on the RM. Doug also spoke to the bylaw officer that we have one hired and he would be doing calls into the resort. Carrie Knight mentioned that with all the new areas like sandy shores being developed that it does not seem right that any tax payer in the RM should get a free boat launch sticker. The Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay is responsible to maintain the boat launch which comes out of our tax revenues after the RM has retained their 40% portion. Doug said he would take it back to council and look at having everyone pay for stickers except the residents of the resort. Clayton spoke to the water treatment plant and reminded everyone that Keri Cole and Jeff Tanzel are the 2 people in charge of the treated water for the resort, and if issues arise those are the 2 people who should be contacted. Clayton also mentioned the increase of fires in the RM due to the dry conditions (we had one at the resort on west side of boat launch) and reminded everyone to be sure their insurance coverage includes the necessary endorsement for such situations. Clayton also mentioned that the RCMP had been in contact with the RM and want to get to know the community. They would like to be invited to functions so they can make an appearance and get to know people.

A motion was made by Wayne Vaxvick to accept the RM report, seconded by Bill Koss, carried.

The Swim Club report was given by Carrie Knight – We had a very successful 2017 lesson season, thanks to everyone who attended. The 2018 lessons start on Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and run for 2 weeks. The cost is \$25.00 per week. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the adult program and there is no experience necessary. We are sitting with 47 registered for week 1, lesson times are posted at the walk in door of the Shack. Anyone can still sign up for lessons, just contact me before Monday or I will be at the beach at 9:15 AM on Mondays for the duration of lessons.

The Golf Club report by Tony Daigneault given by Carrie Knight - I would like to start by welcoming Carrie Knight to our committee and thank Lauren Cannon for her years of service. We haven't been able to accomplish as much as had hoped on upgrades thus far. We hope to finish #2, 3, 6 & 7 natural greens and continue to upgrade the T offs. We've had 2 successful pancake breakfasts so far this year. Proceeds of the July 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast will be donated to the Gasper memorial. The annual golf tourney will be Aug. 04/18 followed by a pancake breakfast on Aug. 05/18. To register contact Carrie Knight at 306-858-7166. The cost is \$25.00 per person. This will get you a round of golf, burger and a beverage, non-golfers can purchase a burger for \$5.00. We were approached by the Shack committee for a monetary commitment to help with operational expenses. Last year we turned the 50/50 over to the Shack committee. After discussing this request we decided to give the Shack committee the August Long Weekend pancake breakfast to run as a source of revenue. We have not heard back from them yet. We are in the process of placing concrete pads in front of the 2 man doors and in front of the sea can. There has been another bench damaged beyond repair, 1 flag ran over and sprinklers damaged on the course. This is very annoying, an unnecessary expense and extra work. I have to suspect the young people are responsible for this as I see and hear them driving golf carts and quads well into the evening. What can be done? One member suggested putting solar lights which is a good idea. Better still, can we restrict people off the course at night, as we do most watering at night? Finally a big thank you to all the people that help out with our pancake breakfasts, as well as thank you to all our patrons, without you these events would not be possible.

A motion was made by Marilyn Long to accept both the swim club and golf club reports, seconded by Derek Hanneson, carried.

Paula Crawford gave the Shack report. Paula first thanked all of the volunteers and committee members for their hard work over the last year. She then touched on the hand out at the meeting, which gave a little history on the Shack, what events have been held there over the last few years and what potential future activities could be put into motion. Edie made mention that we should create a board to look after the design and development of the park area around the shack, she will have a volunteer list at the meeting. Wayne Vaxvick spoke to the health board requirements for the Shack and he said that right now we meet code based on the functions we hold. If we chose to go a different route and prepare food in the kitchen then we would need to make changes to meet code and would have 4 inspections a summer from the Health Region to be sure we are to code. Dianne Rhodes said that she had spoken to someone at Coteau regarding their facility and renting it and that they did have noise complaints. Carrie Knight also spoke to this and said that she had spoken with Edi Thompson from Coteau who is in charge of renting the hall. They rent out the hall to Coteau Beach residents for things such as wedding, reunions, quilting sessions etc. Their rent is \$125 per day or \$250 for the weekend. If you have more than 50 people the price of a septic pump out is also added to the rent, Edi feels the rent is too cheap. They do not charge a damage deposit but Edi would recommend one. They had a group not clean the grill and not mop the floor when they were done, a damage deposit would have covered cost to hire someone to do these jobs. I point blank asked Edi if they had ever had a noise complaint. She said they have never had a noise complaint from noise at the hall. The only trouble they have ever had was they had to pump the septic tank twice one weekend when the hall was rented for a family reunion. At Coteau they allow you to camp next to the hall when they rent it and the people were using the bathroom sinks to sponge bath resulting in 2 pumps. After some lengthy discussion around renting versus not renting, Paula Crawford made a motion that we give the Shack 1 more year to bring the building to code before we look at renting it, seconded by Myrte Honkala, carried.

A motion was made by Blaire prima to accept the Shack report, seconded by Marilyn Long, carried.

### Old Business

Keri Cole spoke to the new treatment plant and the start-up issues we have had. We were hoping that the plant would just get fired up and not have any issues but that did not happen. We have been working closely with the installer and KGS group (engineers) to correct the problems that have come up. In some cases we have to shut the plant down to correct issues, once the pressure goes to zero there is a threat of contamination, that is why we have experience a few boil water advisories. Keri also mentioned that we have a well that needs repairs but will wait to be sure plant is operating properly before tackling that issue. Keri also mentioned that residents need to contact her to shut off or turn on curb stops at their cabin and they will need to be there when she does it. Dan Bachman asked if Bob could give us an update on the costs of the new plant. Bob said the original quote back in 2013/14 was \$405,000 for the plant not including the building, so at least \$460,000 plus was the original estimate. The present costs to date on the plant are at \$544,000 with not many more expenses to come in, so looking over a 4 year period with inflation on these type of components we are probably not too far off. Curtiss Knight made a motion to accept the treatment plant report, seconded by Dan Bachman, carried.

Monty and Bob gave an update on the power to the boat launch, the power will be hooked up this summer. The power hook up will be used to improve the fish shack by installing a grinder and lights. At the present time the fish shack will plug due to the large amount of fish guts going into the tank. The cost to have this pumped can sometimes be as high as \$1500 to \$2000. The grinder will correct that problem because the fish guts will be easy to pump after being ground resulting in a regular pump of about \$125. We will also be installing 2 lights on the tower by the boat launch, one will be a beacon light at the top and the second will be on the side of the tower shining on the boat launch loading area. Carrie Knight made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Wayne Vaxvick, carried.

The next order of business was the new development by the boat launch. Earlier in the meeting when Bob gave the financial report there was discussion regarding the new land development. Bob reviewed what was discussed earlier and it was decided it would be hard to determine a price for the commercial storage lots until we have concrete numbers related to the cost of the land acquisition. Terry Bell made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Marilyn Long, carried.

### New Business

The first item on new business was regarding the Sask. Tel High Speed Internet/Max TV proposal. Bob asked Chris Philips to just give an overview of what the program was about. Sask. Tel has a community initiative to try and get high speed internet into small communities at a reduced cost. When we were first approached the cost to the resort would have been around \$200,000, but this year we received a new quote estimate of \$100,000. Chris explained that we would have unlimited high speed internet right to our homes just like you would get in larger communities and cities. Bob mentioned that based on a loan for the \$100,000 we would be looking at a fee of \$225 per resident on their taxes for 3 years. Bob also mentioned that if general revenues would allow we would decrease that amount being charged as much as possible. After some discussion on the offer, Dan Danielson made the motion that we proceed with the Sask. Tel Internet offer up to \$115,000 cost, seconded by Dan Bachman, carried.

The next order of business was regarding the Sea Can storage unit beside the Shack. Edie Ruecker spoke to this issue saying she had people approach her saying it should not be there as it did not look good and that there could be a liability issue if someone climbed up on it and then onto the roof of the Shack. Edie made a motion that the sea can storage building be moved away from the Shack, seconded by Dave Ruecker – defeated.

The last order of business was elections for the one of the 3 year terms that was ending which is presently held by Monty Bender. Carrie Knight made the motion to nominate Monty Bender, seconded by Paula Crawford. Wayne Vaxvick made the motion to cease nominations, seconded by Carrie Knight, carried. Monty Bender will stay on for another 3 year term.