

**Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay
Annual General Meeting
July 13, 2013**

76 Registered Voters present as well as Randy Aims from the RM of Coteau

The meeting was called to order by Velma Corbitt at 10:08 AM

Terry Bell made a motion to have Shaun Ross act as Chair Person for the meeting, seconded by Eldon Madsen, carried.

Shaun asked that the agenda be reviewed and if there were any additions or deletions. Velma Corbitt asked that PARCS membership be added to new business.

Eldon Madsen made a motion that we move elections to the top of the agenda just after minutes from AGM 2012. The motion was seconded by Don Cunningham and carried.

Shaun asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented with specified changes. Don Hamel made the motion to accept agenda with changes, seconded by Marlene Madsen, carried.

Shaun then asked that everyone review the minutes from the 2012 AGM (copies were distributed) to see if there were any errors or omissions. Edie Ruecker mentioned that there was an error in Chair's report (section 7) with reference to the work that Edie and Patti had done regarding the "three facets" of the Hamlet. The volunteer work they had done was not done on behalf of the Hamlet but an individual initiative to raise money for the proposed cook shack. The volunteer work they did at the boat launch was also an individual initiative to help with collecting the annual boat launch fees.

The next error that was mentioned referred to section 10 (Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay Elections) where it was stated that the "ballots" would be destroyed when there were no ballots to be destroyed just a tally sheet.

Wayne Hannon made the motion to accept the errors and omissions as presented, seconded by Marilyn Bachman, carried.

The next order of business was Elections for the Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay.

Mel Karlson made a motion that a new mandate be set and that all 3 positions of the board be opened for re-election, seconded by Terry Bell, carried. Randy Aims made mention that the municipal act had made changes to the length of term for board members and were now 4 year terms not 3 year. It was recommended that we vote for 3 different positions, one 2 year position, one 3 year position and one 4 year position, that way there would be a new board member elected starting in year 2 and every year after that. All positions would have to be separate elections.

Dianne Bender made a motion that the elections would be done by ballot and that the 3 positions be voted on separately based on a 2, 3, and 4 year position, seconded by John Knapp, carried.

Monty Bender made a motion that Rod Sieffert would run the elections with the help of Randy Aims (RM Councilor) who would accept and count the ballots, seconded by Terry Sieffert, carried.

Nominations

Terry Bell nominated Bob Long for the 4 year position. Carla Schrader nominated Terry Sieffert for the 4 year position, Terry declined. Eldon Madsen made motion to cease nominations. Bob Long will hold the 4 Year position.

Marilyn Long nominated Andy Forrest for the 3 year position. Carla Schrader nominated Velma Corbitt for the 3 year position, Velma declined. Grant McNeil nominated Carla Schrader for the 3 year position.

All voting residents were given a ballot for voting. The ballots were counted and Andy Forrest was proclaimed the winner. Barb Bell made a motion to have the ballots destroyed, seconded by Carrie Knight, carried.

Grant McNeil nominated Carla Schrader for the 2 year position, Carla declined. Eldon Madsen nominated Monty Bender for the 2 year position. Terry Sieffert made the motion to cease nominations, seconded by Terry Bell, Carried. Monty Bender will hold the 2 year position.

Motion was made by Carrie Knight to destroy the tally sheet, seconded by Dean Corbitt, carried.

Hamlet Business arising from the minutes.

Velma made a report on the strategic planning committee that they had met twice with very good results from the group of residents that met. The next step in the process would be to compile the findings in a letter to the residents along with a ballot for feed back to future strategic planning for the community.

Report from the chair was presented in the hand outs as was the financial report for the Hamlet.

Velma Corbitt also made mention that the Hamlet does have funds in our account as well as direction from the HBDC to the RM that they would be in a position to help financially if the Hamlet required funds. Velma also pointed out that some previous years back taxes had been paid which also added to our account to help with the finances of the Hamlet.

There was some discussion about the garbage pick up at the resort; Velma stated that she had contacted Craig Millar to put the garbage bins back in place as well as the recycle bin. Craig was concerned about how he would be paid, and to date no bins have been placed.

Carla Schrader brought up the point of where do you pay your boat launch fees and who is looking after the road to the boat launch as it needs some work and probably gravel. Randy Aims said he would address the road with the RM foreman on Monday.

Velma spoke to a request that the Hamlet board sent to the RM to charge mooring fees for boats in the bay. The RM advised them that such fees could not be charged by the hamlet. Velma also mentioned that they had looked into grants to hire students at the boat launch but we did not qualify.

Darlene Schmidt mentioned that for the time being maybe we needed to volunteer to work at the boat launch (she would be willing to volunteer some time) to collect boat launch fees. We also need to set a boat launch fee and approach the RM for approval.

Carrie Knight made a motion that we set the boat launch fee at \$10/day and \$50/annual for all users and send to the RM for approval, seconded by Dean Corbitt. Dave Ruecker made mention that he felt the residents of the Hamlet should not have to pay the boat launch fee as we do all the maintenance and improvements of the boat launch. The motion was changed to read All Non residents would pay the set fees, seconded by John Knapp. The amended motion was carried.

Craig Millar Presentation

Craig Millar was present at the meeting to give a presentation on a proposed Household Garbage Pickup service for the 2014 year. Craig will have 90 gallon garbage containers that each individual resident can obtain on either a seasonal or year round program. The cost for the seasonal (6 months May 1st to Oct. 31st) would be a cost of \$25/month. The annual program (12 months) would be at a cost of \$18/month. The garbage would be picked up every week in the summer months and every 2 weeks in all other months of the year. Each individual resident must deal directly with Millar Disposal if they are interested in the program. There would be an \$80 deposit for the container upon registering for the program, which would be considered a prepaid amount towards the first few months rent.

Velma Corbitt made a motion to go ahead with the proposal for household garbage pickup with Millar's disposal for the 2014 year or as soon as possible. Terry Sieffert seconded the motion, carried. There was further discussion regarding the present garbage pickup (or lack of) and was decided to leave it as is for the rest of this year.

Edie Ruecker made a motion that the new board would deal with the recycle bin as to keep it or sell it off, seconded by Mel Karlson, carried.

Discussion on the financial report was brief except regarding the audit. Mel Karlson made a motion that the new board present a new budget to the RM for the 2013 tax year, seconded by Marilyn Long, Carried.

Randy Aims (RM Councilor) spoke to the audit that was done for 2011. The cost of the audit was estimated to be around \$7200 for the Hamlet and came in at \$7,496.15. The results from the audit revealed billing mistakes both for and against the Hamlet resulting in an amount of \$6,746.66 being owed to the RM by the Hamlet. The RM settled on \$5,500 as payment for the amounts due by the Hamlet.

Reports

Randy Aims gave his RM report and update. The Birsay Dump is now just a transfer station for household garbage but is still open. Metal and wood are still being accepted at the dump. The household garbage is now transferred to Saskatoon's land fill so there will probably be an adjustment in the fees due to the cost of shipping and dumping in Saskatoon. The RM did some clay capping on the Tullis road and are working on getting more gravel on that area as well. The boat launch road condition was brought up again and Randy said it will be addresses as soon as possible. Randy also made mention that there was 13 hours of snow plowing from January of 2013 till spring that the RM is not going to charge us for.

Curtiss Knight gave a report for the Golf Club. To date they have had a busy year, they have installed new tee boxes and new flags at all of the holes. Some of the holes were moved to better position them away from cabins for safety. The Golf Club has an ongoing fund raiser which is a monthly Toonie lottery. August 3, 2013 is the annual golf tournament. The club received 60 of the surveys back from the residents and the survey indicated that the greens were the most important area to work on first. The club has looked into artificial

greens and with the help of the HBDC and a loan the club is going to proceed with the artificial greens and hopefully they will be in place for the annual tournament.

Edie Ruecker gave a report on the Meet and Greet for this year. The meet and greet was again very successful and well attended by the residents of the hamlet and camp ground. The funds raised this year amounted to \$12,329.67 for a grand total raised to date of \$31,543.32.

There were questions asked about the outside irrigation system and was decided that the HBDC would give a report and answer any questions after the Hamlet meeting. At present they are just waiting for the Government to give us approval to pump from the lake and to set the pump in to the lake. Once these 2 objectives are met we should be able to get the system up and running.

New Business

An email letter from Pat Daigneault & Denise Dejarlais regarding the green space around the community garden was sent to Velma Corbitt. Velma read the email which spoke to the fact that some household garbage and furniture were being dropped off at the refuse site near the community garden. The email also spoke to the green space north of the pump house and use of paths and trails to the beaches in that area and how it is damaging the natural prairie habitat. It was recommended that the new board address the concerns of the letter received from Pat & Denise.

Eldon Madsen thanked Shaun Ross for all of his work on the planting of the trees in the resort.

Velma Corbitt spoke to the PARCS membership and stated that she felt it was a good group to belong to as they have done lobbying on behalf of resorts in many different areas. Velma made a motion that starting this year we would be a member of PARCS, seconded by Wayne Vaxvick, carried. Membership is \$295 plus \$30 for each delegate.

Karen Knapp made mention that the fireworks seem to be getting out of control as they are fired off anywhere and anytime. Karen had some concerns regarding safety and asked if maybe there should be an area that must be used when firing off fireworks. Lauren Cannon also made mention that the beaches are sometimes left messy with garbage and is the responsibility of people using the beaches to keep them clean. The new board will send a letter out to all residents outlining the responsibility of residents when using fireworks and information on nuisance and noise bylaws.

Grant McNeil brought up the subject of Government grants and said we need to have the board be more active in accessing all available grants from the government that would pertain to the resort.

Eldon Madsen made the motion that we set the date for the 2014 Hamlet AGM to be July 19th, 2014, the third Saturday of the month. The motion was seconded by Terry Bell, carried.

Dean Corbitt asked that the meeting be adjourned.