

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

Monty Bender asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. John Humphreys made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Dan Bachman, carried.

Monty then asked the residents to review the minutes from the last Annual meeting for any errors & omissions. There were no errors so Monty asked for a motion to adopt the 2016 AGM minutes as recorded. Carrie Knight made the motion to adopt, seconded by Marilyn long, and carried.

Reports

Bob Long presented the financial report ending December 31, 2016 as well as an interim financial report up to June 30, 2017. The financial statement ending Dec. 31/16 had a surplus of \$94,632.29 which was pretty much on target with the projected budget for 2016. A couple areas that have seen an increase from the previous year is waste management which is the pump outs for the fish shack and washrooms, as well as the treatment plant wages due to employee benefits that we had not been charged for previously. The 2017 budget is forecast to only have a surplus of \$54,976 due to extra expenses that will be incurred this year. Some of these expected expenses include an increase to curb stop replacements of roughly \$12,000, the cost of the appraisal for the land around the boat launch for \$10,525, the purchase of a new to us (used) mower for \$21,730 (received \$6000 toward mower from golf club) and some extra expenses related to the power and new washroom facilities at the campground/boat launch area. Carrie Knight made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Judy Wilson, carried.

The RM report was presented by Ben Settler, who is our representative from the RM. Ben mentioned that there had been quite a bit of work done on the road from Birsay where the pavement was. The broken pavement has been taken up and the road gravelled making it a lot better. Ben also mentioned that there was still a fire ban on in the RM and thanked everyone for their cooperation. At the July RM meeting the council made a motion to proceed with contracting a building inspector for all future construction in the RM including Hitchcock Bay, they will be hiring Municode out of Saskatoon. Ben also mentioned that they may look at some sort of a barricade at the ditch on the road coming into the resort to keep people from driving thru the ditch as a short cut. Please remember that the speed limit in Birsay is 30 KM, please respect the residents of Birsay by slowing down. Ben also mentioned that the RM met with the RCMP asking for more of a presence in the area especially in the busy times. A motion was made by Tony Daigneault to accept the RM report, seconded by Dan Bachman and carried.

Carrie Knight made the swim club report and said that the 2016 year had a 20% increase in students, biggest year yet. We ran adult lessons for the first time and they went over very well. In 2017 the swim club has already ran its first CPR/AED course as we now have the manikins and equipment to do the training. We are looking at putting a course on at the resort some time in August, please contact me if you are interested. Registration for this years Life Saving Society swimming lessons are rolling in and will be held the week of July 24th - 28th and July 31st – Aug. 4th. My contact info is on Facebook, the website or call me at 306-858-7166. A motion was made to accept the report by Pat Daigneault, seconded by Susan Brooks, carried.

Tony Daigneault made the golf club report. The annual golf tourney will be held on Aug. 5 this year and will have \$5000 hole in one prize offered on hole # 3. The signup sheets are here and we have 59 people signed up already. Please be sure to pay your annual golf fees, those funds help us improve the course which used to be just green space. Any excess money the club makes always goes back into the community, we just donated \$6,000 to help pay for the new mower the community purchased. We also have a signup sheet for golf lessons and have Judy Wilson's Brother who is a pro golf teacher with many years of experience willing

to come out if we get enough interest. The tentative date for these lessons will be July 29th, and the golf club hopes to help pay for a portion of the lesson fees. Anyone that is interested in sponsoring prizes for the annual golf tourney please contact one of the club board members. The golf club is also looking for anyone interested in sponsoring a hole which would help us enhance the green area and tee box etc. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who help with the golf course and the pancake breakfasts. A motion to accept the golf report was made by Ross Banga, seconded by Curtiss Knight and carried.

Old Business

The next order of business was regarding the water treatment plant. The second stage of the plant, which was the building is near complete. The cost so far may be a little higher than first outlined but the original quote was over 4 years ago and cost do go up. Hopefully the final stage will come in at a reasonable amount and will not be far off budget when the project is completed. Carrie Knight made a motion to proceed with the final stage of the treatment plant, seconded by Rodney Seiffert and carried.

The next order of business was regarding the boat launch, campground & fish shack. The power to the campground, fish shack & boat launch should happen in the next few weeks. In order to have the service installed we need a building to house most of the electrical components. We have purchased 2 small washroom units that will be tied into a new septic tank. The 2 buildings will be 10 feet apart and we will construct a building between them to house the power. Once the power is installed we can get power to the washrooms and fish shack. Once the fish shack is electrified we hope to install a fish grinder that will make pumping the tank easier and help in reducing the smell. We will look at putting a light up for the boat launch so the bay is visible at night. The power to the campground will follow next year and will be metered to each individual site. Rick Zurcher made a motion that we replace the bumpers on the boat launch dock, seconded by Claire Knight, carried. There was some questions regarding what type of private dock could be put in the water and any rules regarding them. Bob will try and get information that can be posted on the website.

There was discussion regarding dissolution of the HBDC board, due to the fact that the money in the HBDC account will be getting quite low after the treatment plant is completed and a few other projects are also completed, residents were questioning if we need both boards anymore. It was mentioned that any decision regarding the HBDC board would need to be discussed at that meeting.

The next order of business was regarding a promotion that Sask. Tel has on where they will pay half the costs to small communities to facilitate hard wired high speed internet and Max TV. The line would go direct to the owner's cabin to deliver 10 MG of unlimited high speed internet as well as an option for Sask. Tel's Max TV. If this type of service was available to the community it would take a lot of pressure off the cellular tower which in turn would increase the cell coverage and service immensely. We were not able to get a complete package of information or costs in time for the meeting but will send information out to residents once we have received it.

The next order of business was regarding the motion from 2016 by Doug Erickson to have the land around the boat launch appraised. The appraisal was completed and came in at \$160,000, there is 119 acres in this parcel with about 25 – 30 acres that would be usable for development, possible more depending on high water level marks and interpretation from community planning. John Humphry made the motion to proceed with sending the appraisal to Sask. Environment to get approval to purchase the land and proceed with purchase, seconded by Dianne Bender, carried.

The next order of business was regarding the shut off valves for the resident's cabins. Monty Bender said that if a cabin owner wants their valve turned on or off they should contact a board member or Kerri Cole as they are the property of the Hamlet and if they are not shut off properly can pit with sand and then need to be replaced. Costs to replace valves have been increasing so want to limit replacements if possible.

The next order of business was a motion sent to the meeting by Doug Erickson. The motion read – While I understand the need to be able to use side by sides and quads to go down to the public beach area, dirt bikes are nothing but a nuisance. It is totally illegal to be riding dirt bikes on public roads and they continue to ride on the green space by the water plant near public beach area. Not to mention I am tired as I am sure other residents are who live on Alyce Street of listening to 2 stroke dirt bikes ride up and down the road to the water plant. If people want to ride dirt bikes, ride them by the boat launch, but I do feel they should not be ridden anywhere in the resort.

I hereby make a motion to not allow operation of dirt bikes within the resort of Hitchcock Bay, seconded by Tony, 17 in favor, 24 apposed, motion was not carried. Discussion before motion was voted on referenced side by sides & quads and what category they fall under and the possibility of banning them as well, also discussion related to the RCMP & Bylaw Officer enforcing the laws that are presently in place. Terry Bell made a motion to cease discussion, seconded by Les Papps, carried.

The next order of business was regarding The Shack report and board members. Pat Daigneault made mention that on the back of the Interim Budget hand out was the Shack report for the 2016 – 2017 year. The report outlined the board members as well as information on operating costs and events that had been held over the last year. There was then discussion regarding the present board, and mention that all existing board members would let their name stand for another term except Derek Hannison who would not stay on. A motion was made by Carrie Knight to keep the 6 members that will stay on and have an election for the last position, seconded by Tony Daigneault, carried. Aaron Spence volunteered to be on the Shack Board, no one else offered to run for the board so Aaron will fill the 7th position.

The next order of business was regarding the ditch on Vivian Bay. The Hamlet board made mention that they had met with the affected residents and the HBDC board earlier this year and Les Papps had volunteered to contact a few contractors to get quotes to bury a 12 inch line at least 10 feet deep and to go all the way to the fish shack inlet and drain into the lake. Les spoke to the project and said he had received 3 quotes that varied from \$70,000 to \$186,000. Carrie Knight made a motion that this be dealt with at the HBDC meeting, seconded by Terry Sieffert, carried.

The next order of business was elections for 1 board member, the 3 year term that Bob Long was holding was up. Curtiss Knight nominated Bob Long, seconded by Dianne Bender. After no other nominations were made Carrie Knight made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Marilyn Long, carried.

Dan Bachman made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dianne Bender, carried. (10:45 AM)