

Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay Annual General Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2019 at The Shack at 10:00am

65 registered voters were present. Monty Bender called meeting to order, time was not noted by recorder, Roxan Foursha.

Monty Bender called for adoption of agenda. Carrie Knight moved the agenda be adopted as is. Derrek Hanneson seconded. Carried.

Monty then asked for review of the 2018 minutes by residents for any errors or omissions. Bill Koss moved to adopt the 2018 minutes; Roy King seconded. Carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report – Bob Long reported that the financial statements were mailed out with the Hitchcock Newsletter. The new report was provided residents as at the time of print, the water utility was not split out, but is reflected now. The new water bill as a public utility going forward will be \$400 per residents. Our Base Tax has dropped by \$350 so there is a \$50 increase on our taxes and the mil rate will stay at 1 mil. And the Water Treatment has to be split out going forward. We have paid a \$20,000 deposit to SaskTel for High Speed Internet. There is an increase from \$3,500 to \$15,000 from the Lucky Lake Fire Department. With this we will get 2 votes on that board. Birsay is getting a rapid response unit, therefore that is the increase in that cost. Carrie Knight moved the Financial Report be accepted. Trish Popowich seconded it. Carried.

RM Report – Clayton Ylioja reported that the RM looked at the Fire Ban Bylaw as it was on for a substantial amount of time and parameters around it. The RM hired four Commissionaires from Saskatoon to enforce Hamlet bylaws. Discussion surrounded them not giving out tickets. Tammy Alto from the RM indicated that they had only been told to issue warnings, she was going to contact them to permit tickets to now be issued. Discussion also regarding the fact that we pay the RCMP so why are we paying twice. There was also concern raised from residents that the commissionaire had taken a photo of minor who had broken a bylaw and the parents were warned. This raise issue that they should not be doing this. Tammy was going to speak to the company about this in terms of protocol. Derrek Hannesen made a motion that we vote whether we want the commissionaires here. Curtiss Knight seconded it. Discussion. Motion Amended: that the Hamlet will approach the RM about the commissionaires not coming to Hitchcock to patrol anymore.

25 votes for.

17 against.

Carried.

Clayton reported that the roads were difficult to grade at the start of the year. The RM has leased a John Deere Grader. Discussion surrounded that now there is not going to be a bus anymore, what will happen with snow removal on roads. Clayton stated that the priority is division split with regards to snow removal. There will potentially be a new shop building built in Birsay, this could house the fire truck.

There was a change in RM Council last year. Tammy Alto (EMO Coordinator) for the region reported that the Hamlet should organize a committee to come up with and Emergency plan to work closely with her should something occur. Develop a muster point and have some plan in place for residents and that they are all aware of what it is in the event of an emergency until the RM gets here. Tammy will work with whoever would like to do this in developing a plan, we just call her. Volunteers will be asked for on the website and social media page. New RM Administrator will be hired. Lindsay is leaving. Jeff Tanzel and Keri Cole continue as managing the treated water. Keri stated there was some problems with the start up this year, but new pumps were put in and it has been working well. There is a new door coming for the water plant soon. She also said the pumps were replaced at Christmas and everything has passed the tests. There was discussion around RM Councillors disclosing conflicts of interest, and question asked does a rep from the Board want to attend RM meetings. Discussion was that it would be good if someone went or called in to those meetings. The RM has an engineer coming out to work on a bridge in the area, Clayton suggested perhaps he could bring the engineer to look at the ditch and what it would cost to look at the project. Carrie Knight made motion the RM Report be accepted, seconded by Naomi Schnitzler. Carried.

Swim Club Report – Carrie Knight reported in 2018 there were 128 registered from July 23 – Aug 3. The swim club has been around since 1991. There are 45 swimmers for next week and it cost \$25.00 / week. Lessons run for 2 weeks. The adult swim program will also be offered again this year, no experience necessary. Anyone can still sign up. Lesson times will be posted on the Facebook page. The buoys will be put out for lessons. She will be at the beach both Monday mornings at 9:00am to take money and registrations. Diane Bender moved the report be accepted; Bill Koss seconded it. Carried.

Golf Report – submitted by Tony Daigneault, presented by Carrie Knight. “To start with I would like to thank Carrie for once again presenting the report. I am unable to attend due to another prior commitment. You no doubt have noticed the for-sale sign at my house. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have decided to move closer to our children in St Albert AB. We have been in this wonderful community for 11years which is 1 year more then we had planned. We have not made our target of improvements that we had hoped for. However, we still have a reasonable playground for those wishing to practise their golf skills. We are as we mention each year looking for persons interested in upgrading/looking after a hole. Materials required for this would be paid for the golf committee.

Small solar lights have been installed at each bench in hopes of avoiding future damage to the benches or injury to those involved in hitting the benches. 3 benches have been damage and replaced to date. None so far this year!!! We have served two pancake breakfasts this year with great success. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants. As posted the annual NCCG golf tournament will be held on August 3/19 followed by a pancake breakfast the next morning August 4/19- 9-11 AM. The shack committee rejected our offer of handing them over the August long weekend pancake breakfast. This was in response to their request for funds to assist in the shack operating expenses. 50/50 was turned over to the Shack Committee 2yrs. ago.

The cement pads have been put in place on the back and side entrance doors as well as the entrance to the sea can. We shared half the cost with the Hamlet. Following are some of the contributions to the golf course and the community: We have been responsible for pulling this community together with our breakfasts and golf tournaments each year. No other group has had quite that effect. We have purchased or shared in the purchase of equipment used to maintain this property. Eg. \$6,000.00 in the share of purchase on J/D 1600 mower. The green space/ golf course is maintained on strictly volunteer basis. I would not even try to guess the number of hours spent on this. This is a direct saving to you the taxpayers. Besides the entertainment for some of the folks this otherwise would be boring to look at.

- We have donated \$1000.00 plus three benches to the Park Committee.
- We shared in cost of the completion of the shack interior \$5000.00.
- Equipment that has been purchased for golf course maintenance:

J/D zero turn mower, power brush for greens, Toro push mower, Toro reel fairway mower, gas pressure washer, cordless whipper sniper, various hand tools, replacement parts for irrigation system and replacement of damaged benches.” Derrek Hanneson moved the report be accepted; Dan Danielson seconded it. Carried.

Shack Report – Paul Crawford presented that the shack report is included in the newsletter. She passed out Shack Guidelines for those that are using the facility. Everyone who is a resident can host an event for free as long as it is open to the community. Volunteers are still doing the operation and maintaining the facility. Wayne checks the septic. Any donations went to kids’ activities and supplies for crafts. Paula Crawford moved that the shack committee continue running as is and not renting it out. Naomi Schnitzler seconded it. Carried. Daphne Hanneson is a new committee member. Dan Danielson moved the report accepted. John Humphreys seconded it. Carried.

Park Planning Report

Edie Ruecker presented that they have had a busy year. The park plan was approved by the Hamlet, the RM and Sask Environment. Had a couple of fundraisers this year. Donation to the park have approximately 45% of residents donating personally. Meet and Greet was well attended and thanks to all who donated to silent auction and for support. They have been approved by SLGA for lotto license, to have a 50/50 raffle starting August 1, 2019 with the draw June 29, 2020. Also working on other ideas to fundraise. The mini golf course started last weekend thanks to volunteers. Hoped more would be done this week but weather didn’t permit. Plan is to complete the mini golf, bocceball and horseshoe pits this year and next year with funds permitting move onto the multi purpose courts. Carrie Knight moved the report be accepted. Derrek Hanneson seconded it. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Treatment plant – Bob Long reported that all is running well.

Fish Shack – Bob Long reported lumber, tin and hopefully the cement has been donated for new building. Using old septic tank. Curtiss and Doug are working on it. A Grinder must be purchased as septic truck company cannot suck out fish – it’s too big. Grinder cost \$4,513.00 and the Hamlet will

install it. Plumbing and Electrical will be done by professionals. Washroom facility will be hooked up soon by plumber.

Land Development – Bob Long reported that the process is almost complete for purchase. Final surveying and pinning will be done and sent to Sask Environment along with payment to finalize the land purchase. Map of what was originally plan is available. 28 people on list right now for commercial buildings. Bob suggested developing those first. Purchased 82 acres above high water mark. Cost to survey the bigger area is \$16, 000.00 and then \$750 to each consecutive lot. Derrek Hanneson made the motion to get the surveyor to pin for 20 to 25 commercial lots after the land has been purchased, next to the road. Carrie Knight seconded it. Carried. John Humphrey's suggested a committee be formed to help with planning of development and design of new area. John Humphrey's, Dan Danielson, Andrea Fleck and Diane Bender volunteered for committee to work with Board. Derrek Hanneson made motion that commercial lots be sold \$30,000.00 but the Hamlet board will have authority to move the price 20% either way depending on market conditions. Carrie Knight seconded it. Carried.

SaskTel – Deposit for fibre has been paid. We're on the list and the estimated timeframe for installation may be in October but probably the spring of 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

AED location information should be posted on website and Facebook. It's at Carla Schrader's presently but hope to have it housed at the 4-way intersection by the street light.

Keri Cole and Jeff Tanzel's contact information should be posted on website and Facebook for water turn on and off.

Call for Volunteers for EMO Committee should be posted on the website and Facebook.

Roxan Foursha will contact Western Water Management about the ditch and see if they will meet with the Board. Completed July 23, 2019

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andy Forrest has let his name stand for another 3-year term. Monty is stepping down due to health issues.

Carried Knight nominated Andy Forrest. Marilyn Long seconded it.

Myrtle Honkala nominated Carla Schraeder. Rodney Seifert seconded it. Carla declined as she is running for RM Councillor this year.

Carrie Knight nominated Roxan Foursha. Andy Forrest seconded it.

Carrie Knight moved nominations cease. Marilyn Long seconded it. Roxan Foursha appointed to Board for the balance of Monty Bender's 3 year term (2 years left) and Andy Forrest will start a new 3 year term.

Carrie Knight moved the meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.