

Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay AGM Minutes July 16, 2022 @ The Shack

Meeting Called to Order at ~9:30 am

Approximately 50 residents were in attendance. Board in attendance: Wayne Vaxvick, Bob Long, Andy Forrest. Paula Ross stepped in as recorder of minutes. No motion made.

Linda Simon moved to adopt today's agenda. Pat Daigneault seconded. No additions were made. Motion carried.

Minutes from 2021 were available online and as a print copy at the meeting. One error noted: Wayne Vaxvick wasn't on. Maryanne Deutscher moved to adopt the minutes. Seconded by Patti Forrest. Carried.

A. Reports:

1. Financial Report

-Bob Long reported the financial statements were sent out. Items that arose from the report:

- a. What does the SaskTel levy cover? Bob reported that this levy covers bringing Fiber to the resort and each cabin has regular lines to it. Residents should check with SaskTel for internet service, Max Stream, etc.
- b. The RM portion of taxes has changed from 43% to 41%, but due to increase in mil rate and assessment, the dollar amount is relatively the same.
- c. Water treatment is an essential service that required an increase in the percentage of taxes
- d. Lucky Lake Fire Department is also a service that uses a percentage of the taxes.

-Doug Simon made a motion to accept the report. Kerri Cole seconded. Carried.

2. RM Report

– Davin Ylioja reported on activity by RM for Hitchcock Bay and area. This activity included:

- a. Dust control seems to be working well on the access road to the resort. The RM is looking into using this on the curve at the north end of the access road. This cost is shared with both the RM and Hamlet and is used at the discretion of the Hamlet.
- b. Grading occurs every Thursday and tax money is used to cover the costs of grading, spreading new gravel, vehicle fuel and maintenance, and admin costs. This same cost is shared with others such as the Hideaway, Coteau, farmers, etc.
- c. RM pays for RCMP services. The Hamlet portion is \$5800.00. These services have increased over the last year as there is no longer a bylaw officer in place.
- d. A detailed RM financial statement is available from the RM Office. Contact Lindsay Hargrave for a copy.

- e. Question regarding the equitable taxation of us and other resorts and Hamlets. Davin said all are similar with the exception of Sandy Bay whose tax is calculated by dollar value not percentage, which due to fewer cabins, is slightly lower.
 - f. Fire costs are paid to Lucky Lake Fire Department which gives us a voice on the board. Sandy Bay uses Macrorie.
 - g. The speed limit of 25 km/hr. in the resort is decided by the Hamlet and RM and is enforceable through the bylaw. Accident liability is carried by the RM for all areas of the resort.
 - h. First Responders in the area? Can we post a list of people trained in CPR both online and in print for emergencies? Two AEDs in place: one permanently housed on the message board when entering the resort, the other is in Carrie Knight's garage (108 Alyce) in winter and outside The Shack in summer.
- Carrie Knight made a motion to accept the report. Pat Daignault seconded. Carried.

3. **Golf Club report**

- Carrie Knight stood in for Tony Daignault to report that most information was included in the Hitchcock Bay newsletter.
- Just a reminder to pay your golf fees if you have not done so. Fees can be given to any committee member (Tony Daignault, Chris Popowich, Carrie Knight) or by e-transfer (normcookcountrygolf@gmail.com)
- The Annual Golf tournament is on July 30th. There's only room for 1 more foursome. Contact Carrie to grab this.
- Pat Daignault motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Pat Erickson. Carried.

4. **Swimming Club report**

- Carrie Knight reported that this is the 32nd year for swim lessons at Hitchcock Bay. Lessons start on Monday, July 18 and run for 2 weeks. Cost is \$25.00/participant per week. Contact Carrie to register. Monday's time schedule will be posted on the Facebook page today. If you have someone registered for this Monday and haven't heard from me, please reach out.
- Instructors this year are Caitlyn Knight assisted by Casey Sommerville.
- 106 participants are enrolled between the two weeks as of today.
- Pat Daignault motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Pat Erickson. Carried.

5. **Park Planning and Shack report**

- Pat Daignault reported on the activity of the committee over the past year. Highlights include:
 - a. Tyla Higgs has unfortunately needed to resign. The committee thanks her for her contributions.
 - b. This year's budgeted projects include:
 - b.i. completion of the mini-golf (including spin signs, signage for each hole, sweeper for greens maintenance, club house, and landscaping)
 - b.ii. windscreens on 2 sides of multipurpose court and landscaping around the court
 - b.iii. concrete/wooden DIY benches along the walking path and installation of New Horizon sign at start of walking path
 - b.iv. gravel at the south side of The Shack,
 - b.v. tree/shrub planting in the park as irrigation lines are installed
 - b.vi. two plaques will be placed in memory of long-time residents Mel Karlson (on the oak tree) and Clayton Thompson (on his bench by the mini-golf)

- b.vii. \$14,000.00 has been budgeted to complete these projects.
- b.viii. Park amenities (not including The Shack) add up to around \$142, 000.
- b.ix. Last year's basket raffle raised \$6945.00 and we received \$1922 from SLGA for a total income of \$8867.
- b.x. July Long Park Day 50/50 raised \$245 for youth summer program supplies
- b.xi. Ellen Manson secured a \$700.00 grant (Prairie Central Sports Culture and Rec District-Sask Lotteries) for wages, bird house building, and youth sized putters for the summer youth program. She also secured a \$500.00 grant from SK Parks and Rec Month which was used for TheraBands, hand weights, and mats for senior's exercise program at The Shack.
- c. A community survey was done this late spring with only 34 responses. This was disappointing considering the population at the hamlet. Question responses were as below:
 - c.i. Willing to participate in community emergency education: Y-27, N-7
 - c.ii. Willing to participate in work bees: Y-22, N-11
 - c.iii. Willing to be on master email list for rapid communication: Y-33, N-1
 - c.iv. Would like bi-annual (twice/year) reports from HBDC, Hamlet Board, committees, etc: Y- 29, N-5
 - c.v. Would like more detailed agenda items prior to AGM: Y – 23, N- 11
 - c.vi. Concerned about shoreline integrity: 24, N-9
 - c.vii. Would like community pancake breakfasts on summer longs: Y-25, N-7
 - c.viii. Would participate on a committee for pancake breakfasts: Y-5, N-26
 - c.ix. Would you like community BBQ and mini sports day on July long: Y-23, N-9
 - c.x. Would you participate on a committee to organize and implement the BBQ: Y-12, N-20
 - c.xi. Would you participate in work bees in Ruby Park: Y-21, N-3
 - c.xii. Interested in a dog park: Y-3, N-31
 - c.xiii. Interested in permanent composting by leaf/grass dump: Y-22, N-9
 - c.xiv. Willing to participate on a planning/maintenance committee for composting section: Y-7, N-24
 - c.xv. Willing to sit as a golf committee volunteer: Y -3. N-29
 - c.xvi. Are more golf course improvements needed: Y-9, N-22
 - c.xvii. Continue pancake breakfasts on longs and willing to help: Y-12, N-19
 - c.xviii. Willing to join work bee once or twice a year: Y-20, N-13
 - c.xix. Interested in golf lessons: Y-4, N-27
- d. General survey comments included the following:
 - d.i. "If available" should have been an option for answering.
 - d.ii. I would prefer to donate \$ instead of helping with community events
 - d.iii. Golf carts should have number ID to track careless/underage drivers
 - d.iv. Dump area NW of campground
 - d.v. Improve golf greens and use stickers to ID people who have pd golf fees
 - d.vi. Dock fee, ice fishing shack storage fee, sea can fee
 - d.vii. No to a marina
 - d.viii. Thank you for making the lake a better place.

-Motion to accept the report made by Dan Bachman; seconded by Dan Danielson
Carried.

6. **Water Treatment report**

– Kerri Cole reported on water use and concerns including the following:

- a. This spring, flow from wells was not enough due to very low water levels. With water now rising, flow has improved.
- b. Outside watering with potable water is an issue. Usual usage is ~5000-8000 gals/day. Currently we are using 10,000-18,000 gals/day. Please make sure you and your neighbors are only using the outside lines (located near roadside) for garden and lawn watering. The Hamlet even tried turning off outside lines at the source to see who was still watering but didn't find anyone that day. Thank you to "the guys" who helped do this inspection.
- c. New wells are in the works along with pumps, drives, etc. Old well is too close to the shoreline and needs to be removed.
- d. TSASK (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan) requires permits for plumbing (public and private). It can't just be a general handyperson who installs new sinks, etc. into washrooms. There are insurance issues and TSASK will come down hard on us for violations.
- e. The boat launch bathrooms are still there.... Was there not a motion to remove these last year?
- f. Plans to have a take-off valve for the Fire Department to use and a gate installed in the fenced area for their access.

-A question was raised about calcium buildup in water lines and taps. Our water is very hard out here. A solution would be to install your own water softening system.

-Carrie Knight made a motion to accept the report. Marilyn Long seconded it. Carried.

B. **Old Business**

1. **Land Development by Boat Launch**

-Bob Long reported on this item.

1. 11 of the 20 lots to date have been sold to residents; 1 lot is reserved for the potential Fire Hall, 8 still remain unsold. There is a wait list of non-residents who would like to purchase the lots (approx. 8 names).

Carrie Knight made a motion to open the sale to non-residents who are on the waitlist. Bob Marchand seconded. Carried (with 2 opposed)

Discussion: How long is the window before building. Bob Long thought it was 4 years.

2. **Vivian Bay Ditch**

-Bob Long reported on this item.

1. Seems to be working but not without issues. It could be costly to fully rework the area, but if it's working, why spend more to change it. Carrie Knight made a motion to leave the ditch and beautify the area with grass and install a wet well on the opposite side to push water out. Kerri Cole seconded it. **(later rescinded)**.

2. More discussion around the hazard of the current ditch slope and boggy bottom. Doug Simon asked about the water table level which Bob Long thought to be only 4 feet. Doug requested doing test holes to confirm. Rob Marchand talked about pros and cons of the ditch. New motion made by Carrie Knight to check slope, correct if needed, then clean and beautify the area using the RM contractor. Marilyn Long seconded this. Carried.

3. **Boat Launch Washrooms**

1. These need replacement. Kerri Cole requested that whatever replaces it, ensure there is enough water for residents before providing for the campground.
2. Questions that arose during discussion include:
 - 2.i. Does the area need shower facilities remade?
 - 2.ii. What will be the cost of replacement of the old toilets and what do we replace it with?
 - 2.iii. Could the new washroom facility be adjacent and linked to the new Fire Hall?
 - 2.iv. Is a committee needed to investigate this further?
 - 2.v. Should campers have required sewer lines instead like residents do?
 Motion made by Marilyn Long to set up a committee to look into boat launch washrooms and report to the board. Seconded by Derek Hanneson. Carried (later rescinded).
3. Discussion regarding whether it's best to have the HBDC look into this instead of yet another committee. Marilyn rescinded her previous motion and motioned that the HBDC and Hamlet Board be asked to investigate the feasibility of the boat launch bathrooms and related facilities and report on their findings. This was seconded by Pat Erickson. Carried.

C. New Business

1. Future Fire Hall

– this discussion was deferred by Bob Long and to be reported on along with boat launch washrooms through the HBDC & Hamlet Board under other related facilities (which was previously discussed under old business).

2. Generator for Water Treatment Plant

-This is an essential purchase since every power outage currently requires a boil water advisory until test results determine the water is safe to drink.

-A new generator needs to be purchased to ensure safe water flow during outages. Purchasing propane or diesel was discussed.

-The projected cost is \$25,000 – 30,000.

-The new generator would be a stand-alone unit outside of the water treatment building.

-Carrie Knight made a motion to investigate and proceed with the purchase of a generator at the water treatment plant to a maximum of \$40,000. Marilyn Long seconded the motion. Carried.

3. Foreshore Dock Permits

-Bob Long has received information from the Sask Water Security Agency (WSA) and Sask. Environment regarding private temporary or seasonal docks and boat lifts. A copy was available for all residents at the meeting to peruse. Just a reminder to residents, all docks have public access because they are on crown land. They are not private.

-Question: Why are sea cans not allowed on cabin lots, but they are allowed on the shoreline? Answer: The current sea can owner applied for and was granted a permit for the sea can from WSA.

4. Election of 1 new board member:

-Both Bob Long and Wayne Vaxvick will remain on the board. Andy Forrest's term is up and has decided to not let his name stand. We thank him for his service.

-Linda Simon nominated Dave Deutscher. No other nominations were received. Linda Simon motioned for nominations to cease. Seconded by Jean Vaxvick. Carried.

5. **Other New Business arising from the floor:**

- a. There is a noticeable sewer smell especially in the morning. It was noticed on occasion by a number of residents. Does anyone have any information about this? *Not at this time*
- b. Where can boat trailer stickers for this year be picked up? *They are available from Carrie Knight.*
- c. What can be done to clean-up old fishing shacks and old boats?
 - c.i. *Bob Long reminded people that fishing shacks are left on Crown land which makes it hard to do much. The old boats are on Hamlet owned land and they can look into their removal.*
 - c.ii. A motion was made by Derek Hanneson to investigate gravelling and fencing an area specifically for fishing shacks and charge rental for storage. Seconded by Chris Popowich. Carried.

Paula Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at ~11: 40 am.