

Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay AGM Minutes July 15, 2023 @ The Shack

Meeting Called to Order at 9:25 am

51 residents were in attendance. Board in attendance: Wayne Vaxvick, Bob Long, Dave Deutscher. Paula Ross recorded the minutes.

Nancy Meers moved to adopt today's agenda. Claire Knight seconded. No additions were made. Carried.

Minutes from 2022 were available online and as a print copy at the meeting. Pat Daignault moved to adopt the minutes. Seconded by Dianne Rhodes. Carried.

A. Reports:

1. Financial Report

- a. Bob Long reported that financial statements were sent out. Items that arose from the report:
 - a.i. A surplus of \$185, 000 due to lot sales.
 - a.ii. Increased base tax of \$25.00. Water bill increase \$100.00
 - a.iii. Chris MacLachlan made a motion to accept the report. Carrie Knight seconded. Carried.

2. RM Report

- a. Davin Ylioja reported on activity by RM for Hitchcock Bay and area. This activity included:
 - a.i. Dust control added to the curve before Hideaway turn.
 - a.ii. Curve going to Birsay has been upgraded.
 - a.iii. Water issue near boat launch area. Trying to contact SK Power about temporary suspension of power to poles in order for further upgrades.
 - a.iv. Pat Daignault asked if there was an emergency measures person in place yet. Not yet. RM is working on finding someone with necessary training.
- b. Naomi Schnitzler made a motion to accept the report. Ellen Manson seconded. Carried.

3. Swimming Club report

- a. Carrie Knight reported that this is the 33rd year for swim lessons at Hitchcock Bay. Lessons start on Monday, July 24 and run for 2 weeks. Cost is \$25.00/participant per week. Contact Carrie to register.
- b. Instructors this year are Caitlyn Knight assisted by Lillian Hayes.
- c. Maryann Deutscher volunteered to put in docks on July first weekend and monitor water levels for correct usage until swim lessons begin.
- d. Claire Knight motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Nancy Meers. Carried.

4. **Golf Club report**

- a. Golf Club Committee members include Tony Daignault, Chris Popowich, Carrie Knight, Wayne Vaxvick, Doug Jones,
- b. Thank you to volunteers for helping with upgrades made possible from various fundraisers.
- c. Golf fees are due by e-transfer (normcookcountrygolf@gmail.com) or pay any club member.
- d. Leveling of greens is in the works. Looking at inserting foam under turf.
- e. The Annual Golf tournament is on August 5, 2023. Donation of prizes is always welcome.
- f. Dan Danielson motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Derek Hanneson. Carried.

5. **Park Planning and Shack report**

- a. Andrea Fleck reported on the activity of the committee over the past year. Highlights include:
 - a.i. Park Planning committee members are Andrea Fleck, Patti Forrest, Andy Forrest, Meredith Chappell, Daphne Hanneson, Paula Crawford, Dianne Rhodes, Sandy Husky, Veronica Davidson, Blair Prima, Pat Daigneault.
 - a.ii. Last year's income was \$9039.12 from fundraisers, July long weekend BBQ, Saran, donations.
 - a.iii. Youth program will run again this year during the last two weeks of July. The cost last year was \$1188.00.
 - a.iv. This year's projects include cart path, exercise stations, irrigation and turf around court, Commemorative donation plaque for exercise stations, tree planting in the works.
 - a.v. A huge thank you to all volunteers, esp. to the regular volunteers: Roy King, Kendal Manson, Gary Meers, Monty Bender, Pat Erickson, Linda Jones, Doug Jones.
- b. Meredith Chappell reported on the exercise stations. Installation happened on July 14th and should now be ready for use. The next New Horizons for Seniors grant application will be open soon and we will apply. Ideas?
- c. The Basket Raffle is held on August 5 & 6th. Donations are greatly welcome. Please let the committee know the theme and approx. value of your donated basket by July 28th.
- d. There is now a golf cart path with heavier stones. The other path is for walking only.
- e. Motion to accept the report made by Ellen Manson; seconded by Chris MacLachlan. Carried.

6. **Water Treatment report**

– Kerri Cole was absent. The board will request a written report from her.

B. Old Business:

1. **Land Development by Boat Launch**

-Nine commercial lots are available with one designated for the Fire Hall. Eight were offered to residents with little interest. They could be offered to non-residents. These are commercial lots and not for living. No camping on the lots. Motion made to keep lots to residents only by Dan Danielson. Seconded by Pat Popowich. Carried.

C. New Business:

1. Future Fire Hall

- a. It is an issue if there was a fire, as insurance is huge for fire.
- b. Meridth Chappell mentioned that there is a possible grant for a fire hall or multipurpose building (shower facilities, bathrooms, etc on the side).
- c. Location is a consideration to ensure there is sewer, water, electricity, etc. Commercial lots have access to all of this.
- d. Snow removal is maintained to boat launch as well as all roads in the resort.
- e. There is a rapid response unit. This needs to be more formalized. If there are any volunteers to join this, please let the board know.

2. Generator for Water Treatment Plant

- a. Chris Popowich has ordered this, a cement pad will be poured, and it will be put in place.

3. Northside Boat Launch

- a. The cement pad on the northside was washed out due to quick snow melt. Need to speak with RM about snowbanks so ensure better drainage when these melts happen.
- b. The North ramp was blocked off due to fear of damage to vehicles, etc. Need better support in place for underneath the ramp. It will continue to be blocked off for the remainder of the season until support can be installed. The government has been slow to request information on how to make repairs.
- c. Suggestion to consider slab-jacking for repair. Dave Deutscher commented that most new repairs are done by polyurethane foam.

4. Vandalism/Accidents

- a. July long weekend: Street light knocked down, pickleball net wrecked, vehicle damage (windows smashed, etc), trees damaged. How do we manage this? Trail Cameras?

5. Storage of Ice Shacks, Boats, Trailers

- a. Any ice shack needs to have identifiers of the owner. Storage of shacks is currently on crown land, and we maintain the area, so we are granted storage use.
- b. Should there be a sticker system for storage rental of ice shacks? Summer grass maintenance is done and isn't without a cost. Maybe there could be a tiered fee for residents/nonresidents?
Motion made to charge \$50.00 for residents to store each ice shack and no non-resident storage by Carrie Knight. Andrea Fleck seconded.
Discussion: no gate around the area. Carried.

6. Storage of Ice Shacks, Boats, Trailers

- a. Clean up of the area east of the campsite. There are boat trailers left there throughout the year. The board will monitor this and contact owners to remove these.
- b. The washrooms near the seasonal campsites and boat launch are being renovated to make them operational. The contractor has discussed these changes with the inspector. Work on washrooms includes new plumbing,

wiring, toilets, interior and exterior lighting for a total of \$9541.00. This has been an ongoing issue and was discussed last year. After repairs were started it was found that there is a leak in the septic tank. The Hamlet Board has been in talks with the manufacturer regarding repair options.

- c. Camper fees include sewage/water usage. There is no power or firewood provided for the sites. Their fees compare to other campsites.
- d. Can there be revenue from the new shower system? Yes.
- e. Motion that long-term boat trailer storage must display annual boat launch pass made by Dan Danielson, seconded by Gary Meer. Carried.

7. **Nuclear Reactor**

- a. A few sites in SK have been investigated for a possible nuclear reactor. Do we want to host a come & go informational meeting with SK Power? Interest in either an August or September meeting. Coteau and Sandy Beach already have meetings set up.
Question: Is this meeting to inform the public about what is already decided or whether it should occur? Answer: There is already consultation with landowners, but discussion can still be made.

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

- a. Vivian road is still a huge issue. Bigger rocks is not an answer.
 - a.i. The Grant to make repairs was not received. What's happening with it now?
 - a.ii. No slap repair is going to solve the issue: water drainage is an issue as well as surface condition.
 - a.iii. The drainage ditch could be a safety concern.
 - a.iv. Major repair is needed by a road construction company.
 - a.v. Motion by Marilyn Long to put investigation of this issue by the board to come up with a long-term solution. Seconded by Chris MacLachlan. Carried.

9. **Election of 1 new board member (3-year term)**

Bob Long has decided to step down from the board. **Thank you, Bob** for your many, many years of service.

-Nomination of Roy King to sit on the board. Motion made by Kendal Manson. Carrie Knight seconded. Carried.

Doug Simon moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 am.