

Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay

AGM Minutes

July 20, 2024 @ The Shack

Meeting Called to Order at 9:42 am

43 residents were in attendance. Board in attendance: Wayne Vaxvick, Dave Deutscher, Roy King. Paula Ross recorded the minutes.

Roy King moved to adopt today's agenda. Carrie Knight seconded. The Swimming Club Report was added under Reports. Carried.

Minutes from 2023 were available online and as a print copy at the meeting. Keith Swenson moved to adopt the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Knight. Carried.

A. Reports:

1. Financial Report

- a. Dave Deutscher reported. Digital copy for viewing along with print copies were available
 - i. Total Revenue for 2023: \$375,748.10
 - ii. Total Expenses for 2023: \$214,374.90
 - iii. No issues arose from the report
- b. Carla Schrader made a motion to accept the report. Tony Daigneault seconded. Carried.

2. RM Report

- a. Carla Schrader reported on activity by RM for Hitchcock Bay and area. This activity included:
 - i. New RM shop to be built in Birsay.
 - ii. Dust control on grids near farms has been completed.
 - iii. Contact Carla (404 Vivian Bay) or call Lindsay at the RM office if there are concerns.
 - iv. Thank yous were given for well-kept roads all winter and for Lindsay's quick response time when called or asked for something.
- b. Pat Daigneault made a motion to accept the report. Paula Crawford seconded. Carried.

3. Golf Club Report

- a. Golf Club Committee report was given by Tony Daigneault.
 - i. The annual Golf tournament is on Saturday, August 3. Thanks to our treasurer, Carrie Knight for organizing this event. And thank you to all the volunteers that make the event happen. No prizes will be solicited this year, but donations are welcome.
 - ii. Thank you to Dean Chapel, Grant Cole, and Murray Cordes for the cash donations and to Chris for donating the turkeys.
 - iii. Thank you also to Kendal for trenching and to Monty for assorted work.
 - iv. It has been a very busy cutting season with all the rain this spring.

- v. Golf fees are due by e-transfer (normcookcountrygolf@gmail.com) or pay any club member.
- b. Patti Forrest motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Paula Crawford. Carried.

4. Park Planning and Shack Report

- a. Andrea Fleck reported on the activity of the committee over the past year. Highlights include:
 - i. New golf path was initiated from Ruby south to the Shack.
 - ii. 5 permanent exercise stations were put in place
 - iii. Motion cameras and motion sensor lights were installed due to previous acts of vandalism around the park and Shack.
 - iv. Disc golf equipment was installed and improvements were made around the court.
 - v. Youth program will run again this year. Thanks to Paula and her helpers for running this.
 - vi. Shack usage guidelines have been updated by Paula and will be posted on the website and Facebook page. Contact a committee member to book the Shack.
 - vii. The Basket Raffle will be held on the August long weekend. Donations are greatly welcome. Please let the committee know the basket contents so that it can be submitted to SLGA. and approx value of your donated basket by July 28th.
 - viii. Thank you to all who volunteered many hours assisting with projects in the park and maintaining community development.
- b. Committee members are: Sandy Husky, Meredith Chappell, Dianne Rhodes, Paula Crawford, Veronica Davidson, Daphne Hanneson, Blaire Prima, Andrea Fleck, Pat Daigneault, Andy Forrest, Patti Forrest.
- c. Motion to accept the report made by Willie McLorreston; seconded by Doug Jones. Carried.

5. Lucky Lake Fire Corp Report

- a. Dave Deutscher reported. This Corp is for Lucky Lake, Hitchcock Bay, Coteau and area.
 - i. This corp oversees the spending of funds in the areas listed above.
 - ii. A rapid response truck has been purchased and will be housed in Birsay
 - iii. Discussion regarding response teams and the need for an alert system (siren, WhatsApp communication system, etc).
- b. Motion to accept the report was made by Willie McLorreston; seconded by Carla Schrader.

6. Swimming Club Report

- a. Carrie Knight reported that this is the 34th year for swim lessons at Hitchcock Bay.
 - i. Lessons start on Monday, July 22 and run for 2 weeks. Cost is \$25.00/participant per week. Lessons will run from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm.
 - ii. There are 58 registered swimmers for next week. If you still want to register, contact Carrie at 306-858-7166 asap.
 - iii. Head instructor this year is Caitlyn Knight.

- iv. Thank you to Carrie's volunteer corps: Curtis Knight, Bob Long, Caitlyn Knight, Hayden Churchman, Ksenya Churchman, and Eva Churchman for help with docks, buoys, and beach tidy-up last weekend.
- b. Motion to accept the report was made by Larry Pederson; seconded by Jean Vaxvick.

B. Old Business:

1. Vivian Bay Road- What is being done?

- a. Dave talked to Jeff about getting more heavy gravel to pack into the ground followed by finer gravel coating.
- b. Heavy rains this spring did a lot of damage to existing repair work.
- c. Suggestion was made to talk to Dale Wright (resident) who might be able to help.
- d. Ditch safety concerns still need to be addressed.

2. Boat Launch Status- North side still closed

- a. We have received the permit to at slurry (fill-crete) to repair and will do so once the water level is down.
- b. Rerouting water run-off on north side being investigated.

3. Ice Shacks

- a. There is a plan to clean up the area and possibly plant trees/shrubs to improve aesthetics.
- b. All shacks should be required to include a name and contact number.
- c. Can the conservation officer be part of a plan to regulate usage of this area?
- d. Can we have a shack storage sign-up on the HB website?

C. New Business:

1. 2024 Property Tax Increase

- a. There will be a base tax increase of \$15.00 to \$640.00 this year.
- b. No increase in school tax.

2. Sale of Storage Lots to Public

- a. The cost of the lots north of the boat launch area is currently \$36,000.00 for residents with the stipulation the building must begin within 4 years of purchase.
- b. Sales have stagnated. Should we consider opening this to the public?
 - i. More advertising to residents should occur first, then open a limited public sale to residents in Hitchcock Hideaway, Lucky Lake, Birsay, and Coteau areas.
 - ii. Suggested that public purchase price could increase by \$5,000.00.

3. Permits/Boat Launch Fees

- a. Currently the fees are set as cabin owners (free), public \$10.00 daily, \$50.00 annual. This is much cheaper than other launches in the area.
- b. Should there be a fee for cabin owners? \$25.00? \$50.00? Annually.

- c. Motion by Carla Schrader: There will be a \$50.00 annual fee for residents (per lot) for use of the boat launch starting in 2025 and collected by the board. Seconded by Paul Tucker. Carried.
- d. Motion by Carrie Knight: Boat launch fees will increase to \$20.00 daily and \$100.00 annually for non-residents. Seconded by Chris Phillips. Carried.

4. Camper Parking

- a. Visitors that park their campers in resident lots have a 30 day max to their stay.
- b. Campers are not supposed to be parked in the green spaces.
- c. Dave will look into the bylaws regarding this and see if the RM can help with enforcement if needed.

5. Election of 1 new board member (3 year term)

-Wayne Vaxvick has agreed to stay on for another term. Any nominations from the floor? Nominations cease.

D. Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am