

Annual Meeting
White Sands Hall Society and Rural Crime Watch
June 8, 2021
Meeting Held Via Zoom

Present:

Hall Society Executive: VP Geri Horne, Treasurer Heather Zyerveld, Secretary Judy Peelar, Director Vicky Sanchuck, Director Tamara Dawson, Director Leanne Andrekson, Director Cheryl VanDusen

Crime Watch Directors: Dale Kitcher, Vicky Sanchuck, Judy Peelar

Village Council: Lorne Thurston, Carl Cornelssen

Members At Large: Sue Showers, Andrea Hildebrand, Karla Macneil, Karen Stewart, Daryl Paradis, Kirsten Paradis, Bernie Feisst, Shirley Feisst, Sean MacLeod, Christina Guidolin-MacLeod, Brianne Storey, Andrew Storey, Scott Cyr, Mary Cyr

Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by VP Geri Horne
2. The number of members present exceeded the quorum and therefore the meeting proceeded.
3. Geri Horne asked for Additions or changes to the agenda. Geri Horne had one item to add:
 - Assignment of Auditors under New BusinessGeri Horne moved for approval of the revised Agenda. Seconded by Tamara Dawson. Carried.
4. Minutes of April 20, 2021 were distributed with the notice of this meeting. Judy Peelar asked for any changes or additions to those minutes. Hearing none, the motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made Cheryl VanDusen. Seconded by Heather Zyerveld. Carried.
5. **Financial Report:**
The Financial Report for the Year Ending 2020 was presented. (See attached) Sue Showers and Vicky Sanchuck audited the 2020 books.

Motion to accept the audited Year End Financial Statements was made by Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Sue Showers. Carried

The Year to Date Financial Statements for the period ending May 31, 2021 was presented by Heather Zyerveld. (See attached) The question was asked, what is included in the Social Events expense of \$5200. That item includes: July 1 celebration, Golf Tournament, Fall Wind Up, Christmas Party and Winter Activities.

Motion to accept the Year-to-Date Financial Statement for the Period Ending May 31, 2021 was made by Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Sue Showers. Carried.

Heather Zyerveld explained that the budget for the Golf tournament was approved at \$800. We can have 72 golfers. The Golf course charges \$30 per person for golf fees and cart and \$17 for the meal. We charge golfers \$35 per adult and \$25 for those under 14 years of age. This leaves us a shortfall before we even spend money on prizes. Judy Peelar explained that the last tournament held 2 years ago, had all prizes donated – so no expense to us - plus they held a 50/50 draw and donated monies from that back to the Hall Society. Therefore, the net expense was unusually low and that is what this year’s budget was based on.

Treasurer Heather Zyerveld is seeking another \$700 to be budgeted for the Golf Tournament expenses. They will indeed be seeking donations for prizes and hope to limit expenses in this regard.

Motion was made by Judy Peelar to increase the budget for the Golf Tournament from \$800 to \$1500. Seconded by Cheryl VanDusen. Carried.

6. White Sands Rural Crime Watch Society Annual Meeting:

The Rural Crime Watch Annual President’s Report was presented by Director Dale Kitcher.

SVWS Crime Watch Society
Annual President’s Report – June 8, 2021

I wanted to start off by saying that I am pleased to be your new Crime Watch President and say thanks again to Corinne Phelan for her years of commitment to the program.

For those of who may not know me, I spent most of my career in the Health, Safety & Environment field and have been coming to White Sands since 2005. I have a good understanding of security and property loss prevention practices and plan to share the learning going forward through the Crime Watch group.

A key hi-lite from the Alberta Crime Watch General meeting was that rural break & enters have decreased as more people are working from home due to the pandemic. However there has been an increase in on-line phone scams targeting seniors and criminals are more brazen with day time theft becoming more common.

Police need the public’s help to reduce crime by reporting all suspicious activity to local police or RCMP. Simple practices such as removing keys from vehicles & ATV’s as well as locking your home when away goes a long way in preventing crime.

Crime Watch Common Themes – Focus on Home Security, Property Identification and General Crime Awareness & Education.

Resident & Visitor awareness & education will come through regular meetings, village signs, bulletin boards and the White Sands Facebook page.

Future Crime Watch Initiatives for the Summer Village Include:

- Establish a Crime Watch contact to report incidents to the RCMP
- Educate residents to report suspicious activity to the RCMP and copy the Crime Watch Board via email: **whitesandscrimewatch@gmail.com**
- Increase resident education & communication regarding Crime Watch by sharing alerts and updates from Provincial Crime Watch
- Establish a Crime Watch relationship with Rochon Sands – share initiatives, incidents of crime etc.
- Secure additional Crime Watch signage as required for new development areas in the Village
- Monitor footage from video cameras in the event of a crime – share with RCMP
- Use our electronic sign to alert residents and visitors that this is a Crime Watch area
- Light It, Lock It or Lose It programs have an impact on vehicle and property theft and overall crime
- Discuss what can be done to reduce repeat areas of break and enters such as the bottle storage area, give & take, the hall and shop.
- Educate property owners on crime reduction strategies such as use of motion lights, cameras, security horns, crime watch patrols etc.

Submitted: Dale Kitcher, Director

The second item of business for the Rural Crime Watch Meeting is a proposed change to the membership requirements for our Crime Watch Program. Dale Kitcher presented the following information:

Membership for the White Sands Crime Watch Program

The White Sands Crime Watch program started in 2013. Membership was by means of an application form complete with a criminal records check. In 2016 our program was incorporated under the Societies Act per protocol from the Alberta Crime Watch Assoc. Criminal Record checks for members were no longer mandatory. They were required only for the Executive Board Members.

Currently we have about 65 members in the White Sands Crime Watch program. When something happens in the Village, information is communicated to all residents via the Village Communication email list or the Hall Society's email list. That encompasses many more people than the members of Crime Watch.

The Board of Crime Watch then asked themselves, why do people have to apply to be a member? What is the benefit? Can we not say that anyone who owns property in White Sands can be a member of our Crime Watch program? This is what we do for the Hall Society.

We asked Alberta Crime Watch Assoc if we could do that. They said yes, we could.

The difference will be that all 6 Board members will have to have a criminal records check completed, not just the 3 Executive members.

We believe it would be more practical and beneficial to our community to have all property owners in White Sands be members of the White Sands Crime Watch Society.

We therefore ask for the following motion:

The White Sands Rural Crime Watch Society will define its members as anyone over the age of 18 who owns property within the Village of White Sands. Therefore, membership application forms will no longer be required.

Motion was made by Judy Peelar: That the White Sands Rural Crime Watch Society define its members as anyone over the age of 18 who owns property within the Village of White Sands and that application forms are no longer necessary to become a member. Seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

7. White Sands Rural Crime Watch Society Election

Geri Horne turned the Chair over the Election Officer Heather Zyerveld to present the Results of the Rural Crime Watch Election.

Heather Zyerveld announced that Nominations were requested prior to today's Annual Meeting and the nomination period officially closed on May 27, 2021.

As a result of the nominations, all positions for the Crime Watch Board were filled by acclamation. Congratulations and thanks to the following:

1. President: Dale Kitcher
2. Vice President: Ed Waugh
3. Secretary: Karen Stewart
4. Directors: Bobbi Jo Ferris, Tish Holliday, Evan Kainz

All positions are 1-year terms in accordance with the bylaws of the Crime Watch Society.

2021 elections for the Crime Watch Board are now complete.

Thanks to those who previously served and chose not to run again:

Director: Vicky Sanchuck – who has served on this board since 2014

Secretary: Judy Peelar – who has served on this board since 2017

The Chair was returned to VP Geri Horne to continue the Annual Meeting.

8. Old and/or unfinished business:

Tent Enclosure at Jack's Pond – Judy Peelar provided an update.

At our last meeting we discussed setting aside \$5,000 for the purchase of a tent or structure at Jack's Pond. There was much discussion on this and some feedback after the meeting. We felt we should clarify this potential donation.

To recap: In the fall of 2020 it was brought to the Hall Society that a tent at Jack's Pond was being considered for the purpose of providing a winter shelter and opportunity to host social functions over the winter months. It was seen as a benefit to the community.

During 2020 we could not hold any of our usual social functions and therefore had not spent much of our income from bottles. The Hall Society Board suggested we could donate \$5,000 towards the cost of the enclosure. The enclosure would be owned by the Village. The Hall Society is simply contributing to the cost as we deemed this a benefit to the community increasing social opportunities.

Over the winter, Village Council investigated different options from a large tent to a quonset like structure. No decision was made on what the enclosure would be.

At the April Meeting of the Hall Society, we brought forward the motion to approve the \$5,000 expense. Many questions were asked and concerns expressed.

So, we now want to clarify:

1. The \$5,000 is still in the Hall Society account – simply earmarked for a future expense for a structure at Jack's Pond.
2. Council has not determined what type of structure yet and have now added another option like an outdoor kitchen – similar to what you see at campgrounds.
3. Council will be looking for feedback on this project in their next newsletter due to go out in the next week or so. Based on that feedback, Council will make a decision on how to proceed.
4. Once we know the plan, we will revisit the expenditure and take it to another motion.

Golf Tournament – Cheryl VanDusen provided an update. They have booked the tournament for July 17, 2021 at Pheasantback Golf Club. Failing any health issues that stop this going forward, planning is underway. Information will be forthcoming on details for registration. The volunteer group met this weekend to start plans. Thanks to volunteers: Cheryl VanDusen, Heather Zyerveld, Andy Teslia, Brianna Storey, Dwila Slatcher and Carley Sheridan.

Canada Day Parade – Tamara Dawson provided an update. We have announced that the Parade will go ahead on July 3. We have volunteers for the judging. We are hoping to have a BBQ but are awaiting health restriction announcements before we finalize this detail. If we proceed, we will need volunteers to help with this. A meeting of the organization committee will be held following this week's announcement by the Minister of Health.

9. New business

**White Sands Hall Society
Presidents Report
June 8, 2021**

Thank you to all of our volunteers that volunteer at the pop and can shed, at Jacks Pond (snow clearing, flooding), to those that were involved in the curling bonspiel, the Christmas Secret Santa, for the Hay Rides, the flower beds, the sign programmers, those who look after the take it and leave it shed and the Crime Watch program.

Even though covid shut down many of our social events there were still some events:

- The Winter Solstice was a very small affair.
- The Christmas Secret Santa had some participants. The toy drive and food donations were overwhelming. Thanks to all that donated.
- Hay rides were enjoyed by those that participated and were enjoyed by those that were on it according to the posts on Facebook. The sleigh looked great.
- Jacks Pond was a busy spot this past winter also. This year there were 2 hockey rinks, 2 curling rinks and people were able to skate all the way around the pond. Many people were on the ice and enjoyed the use. Thank you to everybody that built seats and the table. The fires burnt through lots of firewood and pallets. Thanks to those that picked up the pallets and provided firewood.
- February was the 2nd annual curling tournament, postponed by one weekend because weather was very cold for the original set weekend. There were 24 teams this year, double from last year.

The electronic sign after some glitches and difficulties was working better but is now back on sabbatical. Thank you to the volunteers who are programming it. Special thanks to Bernie Feisst who was able to keep his sanity...barely.

The bottle and can recycle program is the Hall Societies main revenue. We had some thefts last summer and after some bars and locks and blocks, we hope that the thefts will stop as far as the bottle shed is concerned. Volunteers are always needed to sort and count bottles and cans. If you are interested in helping, the sorting is on Mondays at 9:30 or Tuesdays at 9:30 on long weekends.

The rural Crime Watch program is still happening. Corinne Phelan has resigned her position and Dale Kitcher is filling in. Information for the Crime Watch can be found on the White Sands website: whitesandsab.ca.

At this time we are unsure if there will be any events this year, ie July1 parade and BBQ, Golf Tournament, Summers end wrap up BBQ or even the Christmas Party. Updates will be posted and volunteers are always needed.

Special Thanks goes to Fraser Denton who passed away, for his 7 years of dedication, and volunteering throughout the community.

Submitted: Geri Horne, Vice President

Assignment of Auditors for Year End review of our financial records.

Sue Showers presented the information on what is involved, as she had performed this audit for the 2020-year end. In accordance with our bylaws the year end books must be audited by a director of the Hall Society and a member at large. Treasurer Heather Zyerveld prepares the financial statements. The audit takes 30-45 minutes.

We asked for volunteers to conduct the audit for 2021. Sue Showers volunteered as the Board participant. Kirsten Paradis volunteered as a member at large.

Motion to accept the audit be conducted by Sue Showers and Kirsten Paradis was made by Cheryl VanDusen. Seconded by Heather Zyerveld. Carried.

10. **White Sands Hall Society Elections** – VP Geri Horned turned the chair over to Election Officer Heather Zyerveld who made the following announcements and conducted the Election process.

- Nominations were requested prior to the meeting and the nomination period officially closed on May 27, 2021. As a result of the nominations, the following positions were filled by acclamation:
 - o President: Tamara Dawson - Term: 1 year as this was an interim vacancy
 - o Secretary: Judy Peelar – Term 2 yrs.
 - o Directors: Andrea Hildebrand, Karla Macneil, and Sue Showers – all 2-year terms
- Congratulations and thank you.
- Additional thanks to past Director: Leanne Andrekson – who has now moved out of White Sands and served on the Hall Society board for the past 2 years.
- Tonight’s election is for the remaining position of Vice President.
- Advance voting took place on June 5, 2021. Those votes are in a sealed box and will be counted along with tonight’s votes. That count will occur later tonight and results will be announced tomorrow.
- For the 2-year term and the position of Vice President, Hall Society, we have the following candidates running:

Geri Horne
Cheryl VanDusen

- Zoom Host, Cheryl VanDusen explained how the voting would take place. Votes would be sent privately to the 2 election officers – Heather Zyerveld and Leanne Andrekson – who would receive on-line voting under dual custody.
- Voting occurred and Heather Zyerveld announced that elections were complete and returned the Chair to Geri Horne.

11. The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

12. Motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl VanDusen at 7:52 p.m.

Election Results:

Following the meeting, the Election Officers Heather Zyerveld and Leanne Andrekson, counted all ballots from the Advance Poll and the on-line voting. The following announcement was made:

Cheryl VanDusen was elected for the Position of Vice President of the White Sands Hall Society.

**White Sands Community Hall Society 2020
Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Income	
Bashaw Bottle Depot	\$ 8,732.15
Entry Fees	\$ _____ -
TOTAL	\$ 8,732.15
 Disbursements	
Community Improvements	\$ 1,753.57
Insurance & Bank Fees	\$ 107.33
Flower Beds	\$ 253.11
Social Events	\$ 219.34
Cards & Coffee	\$ 125.84
Bottle Shed Expenses	\$ _____ 513.09
TOTAL	\$ 2,972.28
 Assets (Cash)	 \$ 11,990.07
 Liabilities	 \$ -
 Net Income	 \$ 5,759.87

I, Vicky Sanchuck, confirm that I have audited the financial statement for White Sands Community Hall Society for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Date _____
Signature: _____

I, Sue Showers, confirm that I have audited the financial statement for White Sands Community Hall Society for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Date _____
Signature: _____

White Sands Hall Society
2021 Financial Statement
For the Period Ending May 31, 2021

Income	Budget	YTD
Bashaw Bottle Depot	\$8,000.00	\$2,396.40
Misc Income		\$0.00
TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$2,396.40
 Disbursements		
Community Improvements	\$6,800.00	\$66.15
Ins, Bank Fees, Admin	\$110.00	\$40.02
Flower Beds	\$300.00	-\$1.00
Social Events	\$5,200.00	\$0.00
Cards & Coffee	\$200.00	\$0.00
Bottle Shed Expenses	\$300.00	\$0.00
Misc Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$13,410.00	\$105.17
 Net Income		 \$2,291.23
 Assets (Cash)		 \$14,281.30
 Liabilities		 \$0.00