

White Sands Hall Society
Annual General Meeting - June 29, 2025
After town hall meeting in the Community Hall

Hall Society Board: Tamara Dawson, Cheryl VanDusen, Nicole Williams, Andrea Hildebrand, Bobbi-Jo Lockhart, Andy Teslia, Leona Thorogood, Meg Bondy

Members at Large: Kathy Thurston, Jeannie Kezama, Margaret Palto, Lorne Thurston, Rob Lane

1. Call to order – 11:35 Cheryl
2. Number of members present – Meg Bondy
3. Additions/Changes to agenda – Cheryl VanDusen
4. Minutes as distributed June 22, 2024 by Meg Bondy. Cheryl Carry forward the minutes, Nicole second, Andy Third. All In favour.
5. Financial Report – Andrea Hildebrand – Had the books Audited Cheryl and Patty, a member and member at large.
 - a) 2024 Financial Report and Audit

White Sands Community Hall Society Budget July 2024 - June 2025	
Income	
Bashaw Bottle Depot	\$11,000.00
Celebrate Canada Grant*	\$2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,000.00
Disbursements	
Insurance,Website, Bank Fees, Admin	\$500.00
Flower Beds	\$400.00
Social Events	\$19,750.00
Cards & Coffee	\$500.00

Firewood	\$400.00
Bottle Shed Expenses	\$250.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,800.00
2024 Social Events	
Kids Events (2)	\$400.00
Family Bash (dance & sandcastles)	\$2,000.00
Celebrate Canada	\$4,500.00
Golf Tournament	\$3,000.00
Summer Scream	\$200.00
Fireworks	\$1,000.00
Cross Country Ski Trails	\$200.00
Chili Cookoff	\$500.00
Gas Cards-Volunteers	\$100.00
Games/Adult Night	\$500.00
Christmas Party	\$4,000.00
Volunteer Night	\$1,000.00
3 on 3 Hockey Tournament	\$100.00
2025 Events	
Garage Sale	\$250.00
Big Jack Classic	\$1,000.00
Slough Slider Bonspiel	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$19,750.00

*The Hall Society has been pre-approved for this grant. Actual amount will be based on approved expenses that are submitted.

- b) 2025 Budget – Our events are dependent on bottle donations, remind the village to donate

White Sands Community Hall Society
Budget 2025

	Budget 2025	To Date 2025
Income		
Bashaw Bottle Depot	\$11,000.00	\$2,901.95
Big Jack Classic	\$500.00	\$394.50
Grants & Donations	\$3,220.00	

Rental Income	\$2,200.00	\$980.00
TOTAL	\$16,420.00	\$4,276.45
Disbursements		
Ins,Website, Bank Fees, Admin	\$600.00	\$54.41
Social Events	\$13,950.00	\$307.28
Hall Expenses (From Rental Inc)	\$1,500.00	\$54.44
Community Enjoyment(water,wood,f.b)	\$1,700.00	\$632.52
Fireworks	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bottle Shed Electricity	\$1,000.00	
Cross Country Ski Trails	\$200.00	
TOTAL	\$19,950.00	\$2,048.65

c) Social Events

Cards, Exercise etc	\$300.00	\$60.84
Slough Slider Bonspiel	\$500.00	\$151.25
Snowmobile Poker Rally	\$1,000.00	
Garage Sale	\$250.00	\$95.19
July 1 st	\$3,000.00	
Golf Tournament	\$3,000.00	\$-
Family Day(SummerScream/Dance)	\$2,000.00	
Chili Cookoff & Cornhole Contest	\$300.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,000.00	
Christmas Party	\$2,500.00	\$-
3 on 3 Hockey T'ment	\$100.00	\$-
TOTAL	\$13,950.00	\$307.28

Bank Balance 01/01/25 \$14,693.38

Bank Balance 28/06/25 \$16,432.54

- c) Error Total to date – will be amended, motion to accept by Cheryl, Nicole Second, Tamara third, all in favour

6. Hall Society Elections – Cheryl VanDusen has volunteered to be the Elections Officer
Positions up for election: Vice President, Secretary, 2 Directors

Vice President – Bobbi Agrees to stay up, no one to put name forward, Cheryl asks twice

Secretary – Meg agrees to stay on for 2 years. No one to put name forward. Cheryl asks twice

Director – Tamara agrees to stay on for 2 years, No one to put name forward, Cheryl asks twice

Director - Andy agrees to stay on for 2 years, No one to put name forward, Cheryl asks twice

7. Old and/or unfinished business

a) Hall rentals – Andrea Hildebrand

Remind the Hall is available to rent for community members, info on the hall website or contact Andrea as well. It's a great venue, encourage use.

8. New Business

a) Hall Society Presidents Report – Cheryl VanDusen –

2025 President's Report

Good Morning Everyone,

Thank you for coming to our AGM this morning.

What a year!! Every year our little village continues to grow and so do the activities that our Hall Society put on.

I want to start this with a heartfelt thank you. A huge thank you to so many people, a thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have so many people to thank so I am going to do it in sections.

To my team:

Bobbi-Jo Ferris – our VP. Thank you for standing by my side and all your work throughout the year. She is the Queen of party planning – from our Christmas party to farmers markets, to tending the flowers, you always have so many great ideas for us to think about.

Meg Bondy – Wow, what an amazing job you do as our secretary. You keep us all on track, put on great paint nights and have brought our media presence to a whole new level.

Andrea Hildebrand – our treasurer. You have been excellent since day one. We appreciate all of your hard work to modernize our books and always being on top of budgeting. Thank you for taking on managing the hall rentals for the village as well.

Tamara Dawson – Thank you for being my guide on the side in your role as retired President. I am always looking to you for advice and it is so appreciated. You always come with a huge smile on your face and a joke or two!! Your work on the parade, the Family dance and Christmas elves is so very appreciated.

Nicole Williams – If someone needs to run a sand castle contest, a curling bonspiel (known as the slough slider) or run a crazy sound system, you are the girl. Thank you for all your work.

Leona Thorogood – Thank you to the newest member of this great crew. She is spearheading some new events like a pickleball tournament, helping with the golf tournament and has lent her green thumb to our flower gardens to help beautify our village. We are excited to have you as part of our team.

Andy Teslia – thank you first of all, for putting up with all us crazy gals. Seriously though, our golf tournament would not happen without all of your efforts and the chili cookoff is now an eagerly awaited fall event!

You are an amazing group of people to work with!

Now – I'd like to give a huge round of applause for **all the volunteers** in the village.

Our bottle team – without you, we have nothing! Carl Cornelson, Rick Crawford, Bob Greene, Stan Holiday, Jim Howdle, John Peltó and Gerry Linkert. A huge Thank you!!

Please donate!! Our events are entirely funded by bottles. Keep drinking villagers!!

Our Take It or Leave it team: Tish Holiday who has now stepped down. Margaret Peltó drops by almost every day and Steph Kainz is lending her time as well. Thank you ladies! Now if we can only stop having the broom stolen lol

Our Flower Team: Bobbi-Jo, Nicole, Meg, Cheryl and Leona – the village has never looked better!

Our Ice makers – Gerry Linkert, Greg Wallace, Bob Greene, Dwayne Hildebrandt, and the many more. Thank you – our curlers and hockey players appreciate you tremendously.

Our Golf Tournament team – Cheryl VanDusen, Andy Teslia, Dwila Slatcher and the tournament day helpers that make the day go so smoothly – Glenys Kent, Kathy Schultz, Colleen Trotter, Corinne Phelan, Wendy Wright, Lance Olsen, Ken and Tyler Beierbach.

Our Christmas Tree light hangers – Meg and Brent Bondy. So very pretty in the winter.

Our Christmas Elves - Tamara and Cheryl who collect and deliver all our amazing donations from everyone.

Our exercise and yoga ladies – Geri Horne and Suzanne Denton – thank you for lending all of your time to keep us fit.

And our Village Council – Lorne, Dan and Paul – we know you put countless hours in to make our village great.

In the past year, we have held many **successful events**:

- Canada Day celebrations – despite the unsettled weather yesterday and some cancellation, we had a great parade, taco in a bag, a corn hole competition and karaoke. Many families enjoy this celebration.
- Golf tournament at Pheasantback - this is always a popular event in the village and has already sold out for this year.
- Our August long Family day with a sandcastle contest and dance – a hit with all ages. For our dance we had so many non-board volunteers step up and it made the difference.
- The Hutterites came with produce almost every Friday – thanks to Bobbi- Jo for setting these up.
- The summer scream saw ghost and goblins come out of hiding in the summer. The kids (and maybe some adults) had lots of fun and then headed to the hall for ice cream.
- Christmas Party - always a popular event and sold out quickly.
- 3 on 3 hockey tournament
- The slough slider -residents embrace this event with great team names and costumes.
- Garage Sale – this we had 8 houses participate this year which made for a busy day in the village. There were great treasures out there!
- Chili cook off and corn hole competition. Some amazing food and hotly contested corn hole games. So many laughs.
- Hall refresh – thank you to everyone that helped beautify our hall – from the committee members, painter and photographers. I think it looks great!
- We also had a couple of paint nites with them now being taught by Meg Bondy, our secretary and local resident!

We have so many folks in the village always willing to step up and help, but we are always looking for more. Volunteers make our village one of the best! We are grateful for the help.

There is a sign-up sheet on the side – please consider putting your name there to help.

If I missed anyone, I am very sorry. We do appreciate each and everyone of you.

Again, please donate bottles – this is our only source of revenue to put on all of these fabulous events.

Thank you for making the last year such a success and we look forward to another awesome year, this year.

b) Upcoming Events - Bobbi-Jo Ferris

Cheryl covered but will summarize

Canada Day celebrations were great 350 people in 1h 10 min, ran out of chips, used flavoured chips,

July 12 – Golf Tournament

Aug long – Family dance, summer scream in the morning

Aug 9 - Pickleball

Sept – chilli cook off

Volunteer appreciation Night

Christmas part – first Saturday in Saturday – Dec 6, entertainment instead of gift exchange

Big Jack Classic and Slough slider on the same day this year

Snow mobile Rally - hoping for this year, weather has not been cooperating

Getting more paint and craft nights

Adult game night – Canasta, TBD for dates

9. Election Results – Cheryl VanDusen – official

10. Next meeting: TBD –

11. Lorne added – a Lid was made for the AED, so it can be put outside in hopes it is easier to find. Lorne will notify us when it is moved.

Heating pads and heat control to be added to new location, separate circuit, plug from hall to new location, Summer time heat affect it? This one has a battery. Rochon keeps theirs outside their hall.

Option: Office can take over rentals? It's up to us if we want to hand over the rentals

Problems with sewer and water, communication with the office to get the operations by maintenance. Andrea agrees this makes more sense to hand over to the office. Cheryl and Andrea will put together a plan.

Bobbi – Hutterites coming back every Friday again this summer, start date is TBD, had great reception

Doing one vendor market pushed in August

Adjourn at noon, Cheryl VanDusen

