

White Sands Hall Society - Annual General Meeting

June 4, 2022

Minutes

Present:

Hall Society Board: Tamara Dawson, Heather Zyerveld, Judy Peelar, Cheryl VanDusen, Sue Showers, Andrea Hildebrand, Vicky Sanchuck

Members at Large: Jim Marke, Carol Linkert, Gerry Linkert, Lorne Thurston, Virginia Thomas, Eric Thomas, Rick Crawford, Nicole Williams, Dale Kitcher, Corinne Phelan, Colleen Trotter, George Trotter, Kirsten Paradis, Deb Waugh, Bobbi-Jo Ferris, Ed Waugh, Dean Williams, Len Spencer

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Tamara Dawson, with the quorum met.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Director Sue Showers asked to add the following items:

- Under new business – Change White Sands Whisper to Social Media update
- Under Budget and Financial – add approval for cost of social media

Motion to approve the agenda with the above changes was made by Gerry Linkert. Seconded by Dale Kitcher. Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Judy Peelar had distributed the minutes of the April 30, 2022 General Meeting with the notice of and agenda for this meeting. She asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Nicole Williams. Seconded by Kirsten Paradis. Carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Heather Zyerveld had distributed the budget for 2022 with the notice of and agenda for this meeting. Motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Colleen Trotter.

Discussion then ensued that we need to add an expense not previously budgeted. The Hall Society has designed its own website requiring a domain. The cost is \$300 per year for the URL and platform via WIX.

The previous motion to accept the 2022 Budget was defeated. A new motion to accept the 2022 Budget with the added expense of \$300 for Website costs was made by Heather Zyerveld. Seconded by Jim Marke. Carried.

The Year-to-Date Financial statements for 2022 had also been previously distributed.

Rural Crime Watch Announcement:

Dale Kitcher, President of the White Sands Rural Crime Watch announced that the Crime Watch Program for White Sands was being dissolved. Three of the Board members were not seeking re-election and no volunteers stepped forward to fill the vacated positions.

There has not been a lot of incidents requiring the involvement for Crime Watch. The RCMP are called in the event of any suspicious activity or crimes.

Existing signage will remain up. Residents should still remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to the RCMP.

Hall Society Elections:

Tamara Dawson turned the chair over to Election Officer Cheryl VanDusen. Cheryl asked for a motion on method of voting – either by ballot or a show of hands. Motion was made by Andrea Hildebrand that voting be made by Ballot. Seconded by Colleen Trotter. Carried.

The following positions are up for election: President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 directors.

For the position of President, Tamara Dawson has indicated she will run again. Cheryl asked for further nominations from the floor. After 3 requests, there were no further nominations. Tamara Dawson was elected President for a 2-year term by acclamation.

For the position of Treasurer, Heather Zyerveld has indicated she will run again. Cheryl asked for further nominations from the floor. After 3 requests, there were no further nominations. Heather Zyerveld was elected Treasurer for a 2-year term by acclamation.

For the position of Secretary, Kirsten Paradis has indicated she will run for this position. Cheryl asked for further nominations from the floor. After 3 requests, there were no further nominations. Kirsten Paradis was elected Secretary for a 1-year term by acclamation.

For the position of Director, there are 2 terms expiring. There are 4 people who have previously indicated their interest in running: Bobbi-Jo Ferris, Jim Marke, Andy Teslia and Nicole Williams. Cheryl asked for further nominations from the floor. After 3 requests, there were no further nominations. Ballots were distributed and members were asked to vote for up to 2 of the candidates.

Vicky Sanchuck and Gerry Linkert were selected to count ballots and the meeting continued while counting was in progress.

Tamara Dawson returned to the Chair.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Hall Rental – Tamara Dawson announced that the Hall Society was taking over the rental of the Hall from Council. You must be a resident to rent the hall or have a connection to a resident. Damage deposits will be collected. Renters must have insurance and sign a lease agreement.

Take It or Leave It Shed – Tamara Dawson commented that this has proven a valuable asset to our community. We ask that those dropping off items please read the signage on what can be left so as not

to over burden our volunteers who maintain the shed. The shed will be painted later this spring and volunteers are needed to assist with this project.

Social Media – Sue Showers announced that we are working on 3 new projects:

- White Sands Whisper Community Fact Sheet – printed copies of this will be distributed throughout the community at various functions. It provides key information for new and existing residents
- Hall Society Facebook Page – information only for distributing information. It is set up under White Sands Community Hall Society. We can post from this to other Facebook platforms therefore eliminating the need for someone to use their personal Facebook account.
- Website – we were originally going to set up via the Village website, but it became somewhat cumbersome and involved too much time for the Village CAO. We will have a link between the Village Website and the Hall Society Website so people checking either one can move easily to the other. A Hall Society Director will be assigned as the Communication Director. Policies will be established.

Upcoming Plans – Tamara Dawson announced that we need volunteers to help us execute some new ideas and activities that have been brought forward by our residents. The Hall Society Board meets monthly and feel it is important to plan activities involving the youth of our community. Some thoughts are: a Sand Castle Competition, Board Game Night, beautification of garbage cans. We also received the suggestion that we hold Block Parties to get to know your neighbors.

New Business:

2022 President's Report

Well, it has been almost one year since I have been in this role. And it was an interesting year as we were faced with COVID restrictions for the better part of it. I also call out that COVID really impacted our ability to do the things we wanted to do. All meetings we via Zoom. We had crashes, freezes and all the other fun issues you can expect when you are in a rural type community. COVID also impacted the events we could have which included: our Parade BBQ, Fall Wind up and Christmas party.

However there, were some reprieves:

- Canada Day Parade
- Golf Tournament – high demand
- Winter Solstice
- Supported the Cross-Country ski trails
- Bought more Christmas lights!!

So we waited and waited. We waited till January when we could meet again. We changed the structure of our meetings so we as a Board are meeting more often and by the items we have reported on today, we are doing more. The website is fantastic, our newsletter rocks, the Canada Day Parade with food trucks is going to be the best.

The one thing that I wanted to drive home in this part of the meeting is the strength, passion and the commitment of our Board this year:

Cheryl – As our VP, who hosted all the Zoom Meetings we patiently tried to get through, her work on the sign, her work on the website and her tireless work of the golf tournament.

Heather – Her attention to detail, her get stuff done attitude, her openness to find new ways to do things, her work on the sign and the treats she brings to our meetings. Not to mention, the golf tournament last year. We have a lot of security in knowing she is our Treasurer.

Andrea – her great ideas, great follow through, always a willingness to put her hand up and her excellent perspective on things related to the Hall.

Sue – She has taken us to the next level Baby!! Her lead position in all our new community facing communication is going to change the way we operate. We are going to be able to talk to more people, more often and faster!! We know she put in hours upon hours. Thank you so much!!

Vicky – we know she is stepping down but we will miss her a lot. We really want to call out all the hours and hours and more hours she spent in keeping our Take it or Leave it Shed in great order. Her historical knowledge was also valued. We thank her for her time on the board.

Karla – she was not with us for long and she is stepping down as well but her ability to help us make complicated messages easy and clear to understand has been valued. She proofed, proofed and proofed again. Her help with the Whisper, the website and our Take It or leave it signs was invaluable. Thank you, Karla, for your time on the board.

And last for Board Mentions but certainly not least... Judy, Judy, we as a Board and as a Community cannot express our gratitude. She has been the backbone of every single thing we have done, her details, her notes, her knowledge, her countless hours, her organization, her commitment, her quick laugh and her passion for our community... we will miss you to the bone and just wanted to show our appreciation with this bouquet of flowers. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

These are my thank you's to the Board but it goes far beyond this to make our little village so great. Thank you to:

The bottle guys: Carl, Gerry, Rick, Bob, Ken, Stan and everyone else who helps.

The Take it or Leave it Team: Carol and Tish

The Flower Bed Team: Heather, Bobbi, Carol and Cheryl

And also a big Thank you to our council. They support us every step of the way!!

And last but not least, a huge thank you to the White Sand residents who come to support all our events. We have the best village in all of Canada!! I am so proud and grateful to live here.

Tamara Dawson
President
White Sands Hall Society

Eric Thomas expressed his thanks to the Bottle Sorting team and their dedication. Several times a week they must go to the shed and bring in the bottles left, so they are not stolen. Without the bottles and

the team working them, we have no income and no Hall Society. They are the money makers for our community.

July 1st Activities – Heather Zyerveld announced that instead of doing a community BBQ following the Parade, we have invited a Food Truck to come out. The Food Truck knows he may have 400 customers and will be prepared. The Hall Society will offset the cost of food purchases by offering each household a coupon to be spent at the food truck.

We invite everyone to come throughout the afternoon as the Truck will be here from noon til 4:00. There will also be musical entertainment. Bring a chair and enjoy.

Details for the Parade and Food Truck will be posted soon.

Golf Tournament – Cheryl VanDusen provided an update.

- Virginia Thomas was the first person to organize our annual Golf Tournament. Together they will create a history of this event.
- Cheryl gave a shout out to Heather Zyerveld who did the lion's share of the work for the Tournament last year.
- This year's tournament is July 16th at Pheasantback. Up to 100 golfers can be accommodated.
- The Hall Society will subsidize the fees for White Sands Residents.
- Lunch is open to anyone – you don't have to golf
- We do need volunteers
- Posters and announcements on details will be going up soon

Other Plans – Tamara Dawson announced that we have plans to replace the basketball nets. We are working with Council to set up a gaga ball pit and horseshoe pit somewhere in the Village. There are tentative plans for a Teen Dance and the Fall Wind Up.

Garage Sale – Judy Peelar announced that the Community Garage Sale is a go for June 11th. Posters, radio and newspapers ads are all done. We have 13 households participating. Maps of the locations will be distributed this coming week. Maps will also be on hand at the entrance on Buffalo Road by the Bulletin Board.

Election Results:

The Chair was turned over the Election Officer Cheryl VanDusen. Congratulations to Bobbi-Jo Ferris and Nicole Williams as the new Directors, serving 2-year terms.

Thanks to Jim Marke and Andy Teslia for letting their names stand for these positions.

Thanks to retiring Board Members: Karla Macneil, Vicky Sanchuck and Judy Peelar for their past service.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2022

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. was made by Carol Linkert.