

MINUTES of WEYAKWIN LAKE CABIN OWNERS (WCOA) -AGM -MAY 17-2015

Ramsey Bay Hall, Weyakwin Lake, Sask

Attendees:

Cabin Owners -88

Voting Members – 67

Executive:

Carol Rowan - President

Norma Harder - Past President

Duane Hearn - Vice President

Sandra Messett – Treasurer

John Harder – Member at Large

Leo Lefaivre – Member at Large

Marian Uytterhagen - (acting secretary for Heather Kuiack)

1. Call to Order:

President Carol Rowan called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Natasha Merriman representing Parks, Culture and Sport (PCS)-La Ronge was introduced.

- *) She circulated maps of the subdivision identifying crown, parks and private property.
- *) Permits are required for all tree removal and may be obtained ONLY from her.
- *) There is a process required to have fireworks on public & private property. Contact Natasha.
- *) In the past docks were given numbers after paying a fee. This process was initiated through the WCOA. Now an application form (available on line) must be filled out.
- *) Carol Rowan reviewed the conditions the walkways are in. Natasha Merriman has suggestions she will forward to the executive on what we can do to maintain these.
- *) Natasha Merriman spoke re hall lease. She said the lease for the hall property is on park land and she deals with the park issues.

Carol Rowan thanked Natasha Merriman for her information. Natasha will forward her contact information and links and they will be posted on our WCOA website.

3. Approve agenda:

Motion: Tim Dament / Elsie Wiggins to approve agenda.

Carried.

4. Approval of minutes of last meeting:

Motion: Terry Johnson / Peter Kirychuk to dispense with reading of the minutes of May 14, 2014 and August 31, 2014.

Carried.

Motion: Shirley Crawford / Les Anderson to approve minutes of May 14, 2014 and August 31, 2014, as presented.

Carried.

5. Treasurer's report:

Sandra Messett presented the WCOA Statement of Earnings & Members Equity and Balance Sheet (12 months ending March 31, 2015) and NMS Statement of Operations for Ramsey Bay for the period ending Dec. 31, 2014 was also discussed.

Motion: Sandra Messett / Norma Harder to approve WCOA financial report. Carried.

Motion: John Harder / Wayne Harnett that we dispense with both an audit and a review of our financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2016. Carried.

A question re: NMS depreciated cost of \$24,000 was answered by John Harder

He explained that when the hall was built NMS put the taxpayer cost of the building at \$55,000, and each year depreciation has been deducted, leaving an undepreciated balance of \$24,380.

6. President's Report:

Carol Rowan presented her report (attached). Volunteer sign-up sheets for the long weekend Boat Regatta in July and Ramsey Bay Days in August were passed around.

Norma Harder was given the names of several cabin owners who indicated an interest in becoming 1st Responders here. She will make additional inquires re: training requirements and procedures to have these individuals added to our list of First Responders at Ramsey Bay.

7. Other Reports:

Elsie Wiggins presented her perogy report which stated a profit of \$1,100 in 2014.

Motion: Elsie Wiggins / Sharon Borysko to approve the Perogy fund raising report. Carried.

8. Other Business:

* Hall report- Carol Rowan reviewed past events leading to decision by NMS to stop funding the existing hall. Letters to the Minister responsible that requested changes to the ambiguous legislation, legal advice and meetings with other government agencies along with attempts to meet with the other COA Executive have not produced encouraging results.

Our executive met with New-North and their suggestion was to become a self-governed hamlet. This option will be further investigated to provide information to property owners. Once you restructure you can't go back to a COA. It appears that there is no restriction on how many Associations may be permitted in a resort and we are the only Resort with two Cottage Owners Associations representing the same subdivision. This seems to be a problem created by the government legislation. A suggestion was to create a 3rd Association that would deem every tax payer to be a member, and would the government deal with us at this point. This will be discussed with the lawyer. Other suggestion include taking a petition door to door, hoping a petition may help force changes to the legislation.

At this point we do and must move forward through these choices: petition, going public, strong sentiment was expressed that no contact be made with the other Association, speak to our lawyer, co-operation of members and self-funding through this period. The TV service has been cancelled, the garage that was approved last year will be on hold and funding for a natural gas furnace will proceed to

reduce current electric heat charges. Another item may be to remove the land line from the hall as most individuals have cell phones today.

Motion: John Harder / Bill Tuttroen to confirm that it is our position that the hall at Ramsey Bay is operated by WCOA in trust for the taxpayers of Ramsey Bay. Carried.

***WCOA 2015 Budget**

- Discussion re: ways to pressure methods to reconcile payments from NMS

Motion: Bruce Tunnicliffe / Ken Prokop to move that the executive of WCOA attend to the preparation of, the circulation to the taxpayers of Ramsey Bay for signature and the submission to the Provincial Government a petition requesting that funding of expenses related to the operations of the hall at Ramsey Bay be continued from property taxes, similar to past practices. Carried.

- Custodian- Previously a contract was approved by NMS to pay the custodian of the hall \$100.00 monthly, but as more responsibilities were included, it was increased to \$300.00 monthly. NMS has not honored this contract since May 2013, so the WCOA has paid this cost since then.

Motion: Dennis Derbowka /Bill Messett to continue paying custodians \$300.00 monthly. Carried.

-Membership fee-

Motion: Bruce Tunnicliffe /Marie Patterson to increase WCOA annual membership to \$20.00 effective May 2015 Carried.

-Breakfast fees- These will increase to match Ramsey Bay Snowmobile Club prices.

9. Announcements:

- An assortment of trees from Sask Power are available for distribution. Thank you to Les & Lorraine Anderson for bringing them to our community for over 20 years.
- Diane's Nursery will be selling bedding plants available on Saturday May 23-# 15 Wolf
- Reminder – Boat Launch / Filleting Shed annual fee \$25/property.
- Landfill Regulations have changed. There are no keys available in the community. Landfill Hours of Operation are posted on our website. In the event you need access outside of these times please contact the Weyakwin Town Clerk.
- There will be a community tree cleanup along Ramsey Drive- Saturday May 23, 2015. Please meet at the south end of Beaver at 9 am. Everyone Welcome.
- Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets have been circulated- please consider putting your name down for some of the upcoming events.

10. Adjournment: 12:50 pm by Carol Rowan