

WEYAKWIN COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - May 18, 2014

Executive Members present

President – Norma Harder

Vice-President – Elsie Wiggins

Treasurer – John Harder

Past President – Mary Jane Brown

Members at Large – Duane Hearn and Dalton Baycroft

Absent: Secretary – Marian Uytterhagen (substitute recorder – Sandra Bearden)

41 paid-up members attending, other community members in attendance.

1. **Call to order** at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Ramsey Bay Community Hall. Meeting protocol requested – raise hand to be recognized by the chair, stand, state name.
2. **President's Remarks** (report attached)
Norma Harder thanked everyone for attending and provided her report for members to read.
MOTION: Norma Harder moved to accept the President's Report.
Seconded by Wayne Harnett. Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of last annual meeting. No discussion.
MOTION: Sandra Bearden moved to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2013 Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Louise Gray. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (report attached)
John Harder presented his report with brief explanations of expenses and income.
MOTION: John Harder moved that the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014 be approved.
Seconded by Cheryl Harnett. Carried.
MOTION: John Harder moved that the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2015 be prepared without audit or review.
Seconded by Mary Jane Brown. Carried.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Roads** – Bill Tuttroen (report attached)
MOTION: Bill Tuttroen moved to accept the Road report.
Seconded by Lloyd Campbell. Carried.
- b) **Landfill** – (report attached)
MOTION: Norma Harder moved to accept the Landfill report.
Seconded by Wendy Mills. Carried.
- c) **Memorial Site Committee** – Norma Harder reported for Helen Thompson.
Helen Thompson was contacted by the Ramsey family and was told that the stone mason they had contacted had backed out. They suggested that the Memorial

Committee try something else or some other way to display the plaques. Suggestions are welcome.

MOTION: Norma Harder moved to accept the Memorial Site report.
Seconded by Wendy Mills. Carried.

d) First Responders – Lois Woods (report attached)

MOTION: Lois Woods moved to accept the First Responders report.
Seconded by Cheryl Harnett. Carried.

Discussion and questions: If there is an emergency, the procedure is to call 9-1-1. The Emergency Response System will then contact the first responders and they will co-ordinate response and treatment. The first responders will do what they can till an ambulance arrives, but cannot respond to calls unless contacted by the ERS.

If the first responders Lois Woods and Norma Harder are not available, others available on a purely neighbourly basis would be Morris Zatwarnitski, Marian Uytterhagen or Marie Patterson, but they are not officially certified as Ramsey Bay first responders.

Ambulance costs are covered if a person goes by ambulance to La Ronge which is in our health region – the Mamewetan Churchill River Region. If a person asks to go to Prince Albert or elsewhere, they must pay their own costs unless they have personal coverage by Blue Cross or another insurance carrier. (eg. In 2002, ambulance cost to P.A. was \$900 charged to the individual because it was not this health region.) If La Ronge health staff decides to transfer a person to another location by ambulance or air, the costs are covered by the Mamewetan Health Region.

*** I checked with Kim Ann Bell who is the Emergency Preparedness Co-ordinator for the MCRHR and she told me that anyone with a treaty number or on social assistance is not charged for the ambulance ride. Workers comp will also pay in some instances. The Government also pays a subsidy for seniors 65 and older and if anyone carries extra insurance from Blue Cross or Group Medical or any other plan, the cost of the ambulance ride would be covered by your insurer providing your plan specifies that it covers this service.**

e) Block Captains – Eileen Rempel – all well, nothing new to report.

f) Hall Rental and Perogie Reports – Elsie Wiggins (reports attached)

MOTION: Elsie Wiggins moved to accept the Perogie report.
Seconded by Wendy Mills. Carried.

MOTION: Elsie Wiggins moved to accept the Hall Rental report
Seconded by Cheryl Harnett. Carried.

g) Potluck Suppers – Debbie Schultz absent. She is stepping down from this position. Volunteers can submit names to the Executive.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Hall Roof Repair:** John Harder reported that Thorpe Brothers have been contacted concerning the hall roof repair and will be dealing with the situation within the next few weeks.
- b) **House Numbering:** The numbering system suggested by Northern Municipal Services is unrealistic. A system needs to be in place for use by ambulance, fire and police. Various systems were discussed. Wayne Harnett has some experience with house numbering on reserves and volunteered to work on this.
- c) **Gas Lines:** A gas line is in place at the back of the hall. It would be convenient to have a line moved to the front for the BBQ. This is on hold for now at NMS (Northern Municipal Services) discretion.
- d) **Directory Signs:** Various sign placements and directories were discussed in relation to the house numbering issue as well. Wayne Harnett will work on this.
- e) **Garage:** On hold. Northern Municipal Services will not discuss at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Hall Report**

(Report attached: Report re Dealing with Northern Municipal Services re Hall)

The Executive decided to bring these matters to the membership for discussion.

Lively discussion arose regarding the ongoing disagreements between the WCOA (Weyakwin Cottage Owners Association) and the RBCOA (Ramsey Bay Cottage Owners Association) and the NMS (Northern Municipal Services) suggestion that the hall matter must be settled by arbitration and that all matters and projects be put on hold until matters are resolved. Also discussed were costs of arbitration, legal fees, lease agreements (WCOA have hall lease agreement in effect to 2031), control of the keys, hall rental, attempts to communicate between groups, forming a hamlet at Ramsey Bay, and hope for co-operation within the community as it used to be.

b) **Funds from Northern Municipal Services**

Another matter concerning funds of \$1620.60 paid to RBCOA for Patriot Day supplies was raised. (Page attached – NMS Pay List by Fund – Detailed). It was stated that many of these expenses could have been covered by hall rental of \$165. Concern was expressed that our community tax dollars to NMS are being spent this way. Suggestions for action included e-mailing or contacting Northern Municipal Services, Brad Henry, Hasan Akhtar and Doyle Vermette MLA.

MOTION: John Harder moved that WCOA continue to meet with Northern Municipal Services to discuss all aspects of hall operations and that arbitration not be agreed to without first receiving a member vote of approval and that WCOA seek legal advice as considered necessary.

Seconded by Mary Jane Brown. Carried. Yes votes: 28 No votes: 1

c) **Boat Regatta and Ramsey Bay Days**

Sign-up sheets were distributed to the group.

8. ELECTIONS

Mary Jane Brown gave a major “Thank you” to the outgoing executive, extending it also to Marian Uytterhagen who was absent for this meeting. She called three times for volunteers or nominations from the floor for each position.

New Executive:

President: Carol Rowan

Vice-President: Duane Hearn

Secretary: Heather Kuiack

Treasurer: Position open (John Harder will continue if no one comes forward, and will assist new treasurer as needed)

Past President: Norma Harder

Members at Large: Leo Lefaiivre and Sandra Messett

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Volunteers Needed** (contact Executive)

Landfill – Wendel Friesen is stepping down

Duties: Have key to landfill gate

Attend monthly hamlet meetings as necessary (call Flora Kraus at Weyakwin Hamlet office to see if attendance is needed)

Potluck Suppers – Debbie Schultz is stepping down

b) **Driving** – Please note that the speed in the community is 40 km – concerns for children and people walking. Appreciation was given for vehicles slowing down to pass on the gravel road from the highway to Ramsey Bay – it saves our windshields and there is less dust to eat.

c) **New President’s Remarks** (copy attached)

Carol Rowan gave her personal goals and views as the new president and hopes to join the groups again into one cabin owners’ association.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) **Trees:** Les and Lorraine Anderson brought tree seedlings for the community (various spruce, pines, chokecherries, Saskatoons). Thank you.

b) **Docking Fees and Pets:** Campground owners James and Helen Hamm ask that people respect the **NO PETS** signs at the beach for cleanliness and health issues. Boats have a docking fee of \$25 (self-regulated) which helps pay for cleaning the fish shack and washroom pump-outs.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Norma Harder moved that this Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mary Jane Brown. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18, 2014

Minutes prepared by Sandra Bearden.

Perogie Report for 2013

February 20 & 21	We made: potato and cheese perogies	102 dozen
April 16 & 17	potato and cheese perogies	125 ½ dozen
May 15 & 16	sauerkraut perogies	43 ½ dozen
August 14 & 15	potato and cheese perogies	123 ½ dozen
September 25 & 26	cabbage rolls	48 ½ dozen
	Total for the year:	443 dozen

Thanks to all the ladies who come and help and socialize.

Submitted by Elsie Wiggins

Hall Report from May AGM Meeting 2013 last year to present – May 18, 2014

I am still looking after hall rentals.

Our functions are pot lucks once a month, wellness clinics, board meetings and regular meetings, private bookings, perogie and cabbage roll sessions, snowmobile rally, fish derby, pancake breakfasts, boat regatta, Ramsey Bay Day, and bake sales to name a few.

Jim and I are still caretaking the hall because we care about our community and its properties.

Submitted by Elsie Wiggins

Carol Rowan's Remarks – May 18, 2014

No one can erase or change history, and I'm sure you'll all agree there's lots of history at Weyakwin Lake. Some of it is very positive while some of it is very negative. All we can do is move forward and try not to repeat past mistakes.

If I ever offend any of you through a personal word or act, please talk to me about it, not your neighbour or someone else who lives here. I won't be drawn into the "he said – she said" gossip that can ruin relationships. And although I can't speak for the rest of the folks who've chosen to serve on this executive, I'm pretty sure they would all concur.

My goal as President is to get back to one cottage owners association through which all cottage owners are comfortable that their concerns are being addressed in a positive and respectful way and we're all working together to make this wonderful place even better.

I hope you will all assist me and your executive in this goal.

Carol Rowan