# Minutes from ASPEN COVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 21, 2023 103 Strawberry Crescent

Chairperson Valorie Peddle recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. She thanked all for their attendance.

Meeting Agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cathy Turn moved that we approve the agenda. Seconded by Connie Shea. All in favour. Motion carried.

Kim Wildeman read the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Ivan Gartner moved that we accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Eugene Hoff. All in favour. Motion carried.

# Correspondence:

Valorie read the list of correspondence received throughout the year (list attached). It will be available to anyone wishing to review.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Garbage – The board asked how is it working for everyone – Discussion was held on the frequency of tipping and it was brought to our attention that the lid is quite heavy. The board will follow up with WYWRA to determine whether there is an option with a lighter lid.

Terry Shea moved that we continue the tipping frequency as planned in the budget, Connie Shea seconded. All in favour, Motion carried.

2. Playground – An email was sent to the Owners on Sept 16. The board only received 3 responses in support of this initiative so no further action was taken. There was no further discussion on this item.

# **Financial Report:**

1. Valorie Peddle reviewed the 2022 Actual Financial Statement:

 Reserve carried forward
 \$11,442.20

 Tax Share
 \$5,905.64

 Total
 \$17,347.84

 Expenses
 \$4,661.60

Year End Balance \$12,686.24 Net Change +\$1,244.04

Moved by Cathy Turn that we accept the 2022 Actual Financial Statement as presented. Seconded by Court Peddle. All in favour. Motion carried.

Guests Councillor Ken Hergott and Municipal Planner Paige Hundt joined the meeting and provided the attendees with some background on their roles and responsibilities with the RM of Mervin.

Ken informed everyone of a tax increase this year related to government changes to oil and gas taxes. Not finalized but expecting about a 6% increase to residential taxes. He also provided brief overview of RM projects including:

- Energy processing plant at the current landfill site. This would be a potential future revenue stream. Currently at impact/feasibility study and hope to start on site next year.
- RM bought a milling machine (like a rototiller) to help with road repair.
- will be oiling the main road (South Bay/Horseshoe Bay) again this year
- involved in a detailed lake study with surrounding RMs to ensure the lake remains healthy

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## Financial Report (Continued):

2. <u>Valorie Peddle</u> presented the 2023 Proposed Budget:

 Reserve at Dec. 31, 2022
 \$12,686.24

 Tax Share
 \$5,905.00

 Total
 \$18,591.24

 Expenses
 \$9,432.50

Year End Balance \$ 9,158.74 Net Change -\$3,527.50

There were no questions/comments on the information provided.

Wally Lewis moved we accept the 2023 Budget, as presented. Seconded by Lurdes Logan. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. Membership/Administration Account: There is \$240.05 in the account after expenses for the 2023 BBQ were paid and receipts and donations were collected.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Valorie Peddle read the report on Board Activities for the May 2022 May 2023 period.
- 2. Donation to the 2024 Livelong Summerspiel: Victor O'Connor moved that we donate \$125.00 to the Livelong Summer Spiel, Seconded by Wally Lewis. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 3. Donation to Parkland for 2023: Court Peddle moved that we donate \$200.00 to Parkland for the use of the playground and boat launch. Seconded by Ivan Gartner. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 4. Pest Control:

Ed Tomanek will spray for spiders. The price will be the same as last year at \$100 per home. Valorie Peddle has agreed to coordinate again this year. If you are interested, please sign the sheet before you leave and leave the cash or cheque with her.

## Cygon:

There were no questions regarding the application and all homeowners have adequate supply for the year.

- 5. RM of Mervin Staffing Update: Valorie reviewed the changes that have taken place in the RM Of Mervin office since last spring.
- 6. RM of Mervin AGM Update: We were unable to attend the event this spring but received the powerpoint presentation from the Deputy Administrator. Valorie read a summary of the information provided including: The new Chief Security Officer (CSO) Safety Program offices are located in the old Veternary Clinic in Turtleford. The RM of Mervin has hired Sergeant Larry Baker as the Director of Protective Services.

Valorie indicated that the staffing, CSO and other information is on the website and recommended that all Owners take a moment and view the new website at www.rmofmervin.ca

- 7. Court Peddle gave a report on the activities of the Turtle Lake Watershed and suggested that we ask the new CSO about recommendations vs regulations that are enforceable.
- 8. Fire equipment and Demo: Linda initiated discussion on the use of our fire equipment.

Ivan Gartner moved to equip the portable pump (including fittings, hoses, etc) in a deck box located centrally at the water edge for filling the holding tank. Seconded by Terry Shea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ivan and Trent will set this up and plan a demo/teaching session on the July long weekend.

Paige commented she is arranging for fire risk assessments for hamlets through the Ministry of Public Safety. Availability will be dependent on the provincial wildfire situation.

#### 9. Request for Volunteers:

Install Speed bumps – to be installed at 9am Monday Morning. Ivan, George, Victor, Trent and Glen volunteered.

Fire Pump – Ivan Gartner and Trent Turn agreed to check the equipment this year.

Snow fence – Trent Turn and Ivan Gartner agreed to install the snow fence this winter.

10. Increase of fees for AGM barbeque: Valorie recommended that we increase the amount collected from \$10 per household to cover costs. Discussion was held.

Court Peddle moved that the meal fees be increased from \$10 per household to \$15.00. Victor O'Connor seconded the motion. All in Favour. Motion Carried.

11. Hosts for next year: George and Marilyn McAllister agreed to host the 2024 Aspen Cove Annual General Meeting and Barbeque, to be held the Sunday of the May long weekend (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Valorie Peddle thanked the group for their participation. She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Victor O'Connor moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes will be emailed to residents, following the AGM and prior to next year's meeting.