

Hamlet of Crystal Bay/Sunset Beach
Minutes of Annual General Meeting (May 17, 2015)

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Opening Remarks:

Meeting called to order @11:45am by Chair Len Chmelyk. Hamlet Board Members Brad Gilbert and Mark Schmeltzer introduced. Approximately 55 Cabin owners attended the meeting. Thanks to Ab Truss and Virginia Iampen for the use of their garage and Ken Bakanec for the use of his yard. Thanks to Ron Harris and Joanne Schlekewy for all the work they do and all their extra work. Thanks to Norm Perret and Ian Carleton for putting in the wooden sidewalk at the east Public Beach. Condolences expressed to the families of Gail Courtice, Paul Douglas, and Ronnie Schneider who passed away over the winter.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Move Transfer Site Fee increase to New Business

Add Fire Bans to Information Only

Motion to accept Agenda for 2015 Rick Albert, second Norm Perret Passed

3. Approval Of AGM Minutes 2014

Motion to accept Minutes of 2014 Ian Carlton, second Rick Albert Passed

4. Budget 2015

Mark Schmeltzer presented the Budget; copies were distributed. Discussion.

Hamlet planning to add speed bumps.

10 Garbage tags planned on giving to residents. (vote to come) Based on 100 cabin owners, the maximum expense would be \$3,000

Motion by Ray Swayze, second Norm Perret to accept the garbage tags Passed

After adding the \$3,000 tag expenses to the budget there will be a balance of \$27,927.20

Motion to accept new budget by Wendy Carlton, second Ron Harris Passed

5. Hamlet Board Report for 2014

Early May – culverts installed at boat launch and Westview Road
Roads Gravelled

June Break-Ins: Al Hawkins, Ray Swayze and Lyn Bishop cabins

Road Address signs put up.

Roads graded and calcium chloride applied, speed bumps installed.

It was found that the old McKellar cabin is not on the lot that was bought by Margaret Paulson. She would pay a portion of the expense to have it removed. Alternatives were too expensive so the cabin has been boarded up and left to the RM for their decision.

July 26: The barbeque took place again for the hamlet; over 100 people enjoyed the BBQ

August: Civic address signs handed out.

Several building permits submitted to the board and granted.

October: Sheds broken into. RCMP called

October 15-18: Len Chmelyk attended the PARCS conference. Updated cabin owners on the content and commented on how informative it was.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Emergency Response Plan: Rod Sellers informed those attending of the difficulty in generating an appropriate Emergency Response Plan for our small community. He proposed to distribute names and numbers of cabin owners with a "Safe Haven". Neighbours could seek safety in the event of evidence of severe storms, tornados, etc. The following people have graciously offered the use of their cabins:

**Rod Sellers – #425 Lakeshore Drive 306-845-3555

**Mark Schmeltzer - #743 Willow Bay

**Teresa Popowicz - #400 Lakeshore Dr. 780-970-8315 tpopowicz@Shaw.ca

b. Public Beach Shelter: Still looking for trades person to build this.

c. Grid Road #796: A letter went to the RM about the 3 km of gravel that we proposed to have hard topped. We were told a law suit exists on this road at present so another idea brought forward by Brad Gilbert was to lobby the RM to hard pack the area between the hills and it will only leave about 500 metres untreated.

7. New Business

a. Water Board contribution of \$5,000 received and approved in Budget.

b. Zebra and Quagga Mussel Infestation:

These non-native muscels arrived in North America from the Baltic Seas in 1986 and have spread to many lakes in US and in 2013 Lake Winnipeg became infected. Presently none have been detected in AB or SK.

What happens if these mussels enter our lakes? These mussels have **no natural predators** and **no effective treatments** have been found. They attach themselves to intake structures causing millions of dollars of damage to water intake, power generation facilities and lakefront property. They attach themselves to most hard surfaces. They cause a significant decrease in the number of fish that feed on deep water zooplankton organisms, like trout and walleye.

When do these mussels spawn and spread? They spawn in the spring in water temperatures of 10 -15 C. The spread from lake to lake most often is caused by their attaching themselves to boats.

What has Sask Environment done to date to combat this threat?

- Produced a supply of posters for boat launches that advertise the Key Message:

Clean, Drain, Dry your boat to prevent the spread of these mussels. The mussels will die after being completely dried out for a period of time.

- Set up the TIPS line for alerts about suspected spotting of these mussels.

- Trained Conservation Officers in watercraft inspection.
- purchased a high pressure decontamination washer.

Sask Environment emphasizes, however, that the best strategy is **prevention through public awareness**. Their main emphasis has been on developing a plan to train an army of volunteers

The Hamlet Board is planning to put a sign at our boat launch making people aware of this problem, especially for visiting boats.

c. Voting - RM Election

Evelyn Bloom is our councillor. The election date is the third week in October. The RM of Mervin has not made it easy for cabin owners to vote in the RM Election. The Hamlet Board would like to see if residents are interested in pursuing either an electronic or mail in ballot so that residents may vote.

Motion to pursue a convenient method to have a say in voting for a councillor of our choice and have the Board approach the RM about an electronic/mail out vote to enable cabin owners to vote by Ian Carleton, second Ken Bakanec. Passed

d. Number of RV's per lot

RM does not look favourably at this and is talking about having residents that house 2 or more RV's make application for commercial camp ground status licences. In consultation with the RM, RV's need to follow the same setbacks as cabins: 20 ft from front property line and 5 ft from side of property lines.

There is a \$2000 fine from the RCMP for parking on the municipal reserve. Several complaints came to board members in the summer of 2014. Currently the zoning bylaw is NO trailers on a lot; however, presently the RM has chosen to overlook this. Please respect your neighbours. Other Hamlets in the RM are also experiencing issues with the number of trailers on lots.

e. We anticipate sharing a bylaw officer with nearby lake areas in about two years. We require a person to enforce our bylaws. There will be costs connected with this option.

f. Break-ins: There were 13 attempted and completed break-ins on cabins and sheds during February and March 2015. Two males were arrested and some stolen property was recovered. Observed on camera in one cabin, 2 females were seen breaking in, so these people have not been caught.

Motion by Ray Swayze that the Hamlet Board investigate the costs associated with purchasing 2 cameras, one for each end of the lake.

Motion amended: Shirley Paulson. That the Board proceed with the purchase and installation of the security cameras if the price does not exceed \$7,000. Seconded by Rick Albert. Passed

g. Contact List

Please fill out the contact list or let the Board members know how to contact you. This will be used to contact you when needed ie. Break-ins, fire, etc.

8. Information Only

- a. Regional Park 50th Anniversary this year on July 18, 2015. Tickets can be purchased. See Program information on Bulletin Board
- b. Hamlet BBQ – Saturday July 4 in the usual spot.
- c. Building permits required for all decks, sheds, cabins, garages etc. It goes to the hamlet board for approval and then to the RM.
- d. Swim Lessons at the south end July 20 - 31, 2015
- e. Fire Ban: Signs are posted at each end of the Hamlet when needed. Call the RCMP if you see anyone burning during a fire ban; this is an enforceable bylaw.

9. Election of new Board Member

Brad Gilbert's 3 year term is up but he is willing to stay on.
Nominations were called.
John Morrison nominated Brad Gilbert. Welcome Back Brad.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Karen Albert for meeting adjournment. Second by Norm Perret. Passed
Meeting adjourned at 1:18