

HAMLET OF EVERGREEN ACRES
Minutes of (Spring) Annual General Meeting – May 17, 2014

The meeting was held at Ken & Sheila Busch's and called to order by Board Chair, Scott Campbell, 30 people in attendance. All persons introduced themselves.

Roger Cote read the minutes of the Aug 31, 2013 meeting. Moved by Cec Cote that the minutes be adopted as read, Seconded Brad Caplan, Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Lagoon: Old lifts, docks, wood etc. that are not tagged with owners name will be removed, tentatively 14 June, volunteers are asked to help.
Name and phone number tags should also be put on trailers parked at the Lagoon, in case we need to have them moved to mow grass etc.
The lagoon will be pumped down starting tomorrow, Bernie needs some help moving hoses etc. The storage building at the site was replaced last year but needs painting. Judy Caplan volunteered to look after getting it done this summer.
- Lagoon & Dump: We own the land, but it is in the RM of Parkdale. A discussion was held regarding possibility of having storage areas for hamlet residents. Some information was provided that indicated we would need to have the area rezoned etc. We would also need to ensure compliance with Public Health regulations.
Moved by Cec Cote that things remain as they are for now, except for removal of junk, Seconded Eleanor Yellowlees, Carried. It will be reviewed again at fall meeting.
- Septic tank pump outs: 2013 was the year to get our septic tanks pumped out. **If your tank has not been pumped call or e-mail Poop-To-Go, Phone: 1-877-845-3261, E-Mail: neil.brenda@sasktel.net.**
- Memorials: Les Olson is looking after this, he was not at the meeting, if anyone is interested please mail or e-mail a photo to Les, phone; 306 845-3772, e-mail; olsonsatthelake@gmail.com

New Business

- Water Operator: A new two year agreement was signed with Rick Mathews, it can be viewed on the RM website.
- Water Pumphouse: Some maintenance is required, including a new gas heater, new metering pump and servicing the emergency generator. A heating company will be called about the heater. Anderson pumphouse will be called about pump replacement and general inspection of the treatment equipment. Stan Bergen will look after this.
We need someone to be the contact person for pumphouse matters, Stan volunteered to be the contact.
- Budget: Scott reviewed the budget for this year, we have forecast a yearend balance of about \$91,000. Information can be found on RM website; www.rmofmervin.com
A discussion ensued about reducing the water bills. It was decided to leave them as is at \$1100/year to build up a utility reserve.
We may need to install a larger line to Lagoon if usage increases much more, some pumps are having a hard time pumping out septic tanks, particularly on long weekends. We will also undoubtedly need to do water or sewer line repairs.
Scott will check on possibility of investing money to collect interest.
- Golf Course: New tee-off mats were purchased and installed at a cost of about \$6000, the golf course fees paid for about half the cost, the remainder came from general revenue. Thanks to Kohuch, Shier & Olson families for installing them.
To help support the golf course, we are all encouraged to buy memberships even if we do not golf.

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- **Fees can be paid to Bonnie Shier, #2 Tollefsons Terrace, 306-845 3063.**
Fees for this year:
 - Annual Family - \$50.00
 - Annual Single - \$30.00
 - Round - \$5.00
- Sask Lotteries Grant: We received the \$250 grant, it will be put towards the golf mats.
- Roads: Calcium will be applied to main road again this year.
All of the cul-de-sac roads were gravelled last year.
- PARCS: (Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan), which we belong to lobbies government bodies for various causes, such as taxes and has been doing so for many years. We urge you to attend a meeting or check the website, www.parcs-sk.com
- House numbers: The RM has assigned new house numbers and passed a bylaw that says; ***“Each house or building shall bear the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is situated, and each number shall have a minimum height of five (5) inches.”*** The new numbers are shown on the owners list and map included with the minutes.
- Community Docks: The dock that was at the end of Knotts Landing is damaged beyond repair so will not be put in the lake this year. The only one left is the one at the boat launch.
- Swim Platform: The platform is getting badly beat up. People remove the anchors to move it around and then a storm smashes it on the rocks. It will likely be OK for this year, but will need to be replaced next year if we want to have one.
- Beach: New signs are being made up and will be installed, regarding 'NO DOGS, NO GLASS ON BEACH', Ken Busch is arranging.
- Turtle Lake Watershed Authority: Bernie Lukan provided an update.
Fishing limits will be more strictly enforced.
There is a lot of debris on the lake from storm damaged ice fishing shacks.
It has been suggested to put name and address on docks, in case they get moved around by storms.
There are many good reports available on the web site, pertaining to fish habitat, logging, hunting/fishing licences, bird sanctuary and many more topics that affect our lake.
Website, www.livingbywater.ca
- Sewer Pumps: A discussion was held regarding acceptable size/horsepower of pumps. It was suggested that a limit of 3/4HP be put on pumps. Actually the HP is not important, it is the pressure and head the pump puts out that matters. Stan Bergen volunteered to check with Anderson Pumphouse on the pressure rating of our sewer system.
- Speed Limit: It was noted that most people using the main road are travelling too fast.
Please slow down and advise guest to do so as well.
- Hamlet Board: We needed to elect one new member for a four year term, Scott Campbell's term is completed. No advance nominations were received.
One nomination was received from the floor; Trent Gatzke nominated Stan Bergen. Stan accepted and was elected by acclamation. He will serve a four year term on the board and will act as Board Chair.
- Snow Clearing: Kevin Heisler cleared the roads several times over the winter at a cost of about \$3860. He reported that in order to do it in future, the RM requires him to have additional liability insurance which will cost about \$2000. The board will review arrangements for next year.
- **Thanks were expressed to the following:**
Bernie Lukan, for his work at the lagoon, Watershed Authority.
Scott Campbell, for his work as Board Chair.
Roger Cote, for his work as Board Secretary.
Ken Busch, for his work maintaining the beach, hosting the meeting.
Kohuch, Shier & Olson families for running and maintaining the golf course.

Meeting adjourned, Moved by Glen Yellowlees, Seconded, Stan Bergen, Carried.

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Next meeting in the fall, Sep long weekend, Saturday 30 Aug, 2014, 11:00am. See you there!

A reminder for new folks

- For construction of any structure on your lot, larger than 99 sq ft, you must have a building permit, approved by the Hamlet board and the RM of Mervin. You will also need a legal survey if over 200 sq ft. Forms, regulations and sample lot sketch are available from RM office or website. www.rmofmervin.com .
- **The Dumpsters are for household/kitchen waste only**, no fish guts, deer hides, building materials, plastics, rubber, metals etc. (All garbage to be bagged.)
 - No building materials, plastics, rubber or metals are to be placed at the dump, trees and leaves only.
 - All metals, glass, rubber etc are to go to the RM transfer site, south of Brightsand Lake.

NOTE: There are only a few folks that we don't have e-mail addresses for. We encourage people to let us have their e-m address rather than having to 'snail' mail out minutes, notices etc. Also advise us of any change to address, phone number or e-mail.
E-mail Roger: cotra@sasktel.net

RM of Mervin Transfer Site Hours (South of Brightsand Lake)

Summer hours: from April 01 – Oct long weekend, inclusive

Wednesdays: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Saturdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Sundays: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Holiday Mondays (May – Sept) 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Winter hours: from Oct long weekend – Mar 31

Wednesdays: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sundays: 12:00pm – 6:00pm

There is also a Transfer Site at Livelong