

**HAMLET OF EVERGREEN ACRES**  
**Minutes of AGM (Spring) Meeting – May 16, 2015**

The meeting was held at Ken & Sheila Busch's and called to order by Board Chair Stan Bergen, 33 people in attendance. All persons introduced themselves.

Roger Cote read the minutes of the Aug 30, 2014 meeting. Omission noted from the minutes: Marie Kube was to get prices and information for new playground equipment.

Moved by Brad Caplan that the minutes be adopted as amended, Seconded Rob Kohuch, Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Lagoon: The main line to lagoon was 'pigged', (cleaned out) last fall, it remains to be seen if this has improved our tank pumping.
  - Some of the lagoon pump out lines have been damaged, Bernie has repaired and pumping has started.
  - A small 'hunting shack' was moved into the pumping area last fall, Ferlin will contact owner to have it removed.
- Memorials: Les Olson suggested we do cards for honorees rather than plaques. He will make up cards and bring to fall meeting for signatures. Trent will ask Scott Campbell to take an aerial photo of Evergreen which can be incorporated into the card. The following will be included; Jim Olson, Ron & Rose Poelzer, Art & Therese Dorval, Roger Manegre
- Water Pumphouse: A new gas heater was installed, the emergency generator will be serviced this spring. John Somers will look after getting it done.
  - There is some concern that we may run out of water on heavy use weekends. We may need another storage tank in the building or we may need another well. This will be monitored in coming weeks.
  - We should all try to economize our weekend water usage. Installation of low or dual flush toilets is a good idea which will also help the lagoon.
  - Grass watering needs to be kept to a minimum and preferably done at night.
- Budget: Stan talked to RM. Our money is drawing interest but should not be put into investments as that is risky.
  - The RM will set up separate accounts for any particular projects that we want and money going into one of these accounts will only be used for that project.
- House numbers: Some folks have not yet installed new house numbers. The numbers were to be up by Dec 31, 2014.
- Swim Platform: The old platform has been disposed of. A new platform will be purchased. the cost is estimated at about \$1500. Ken Busch will purchase. Stan will talk to RM about liability insurance for the platform.  
New buoys will be deferred till next year.
- Snow Clearing: Last winter's clearing was satisfactory. The board will make arrangements for this coming winter.
- Playground Equipment: New equipment may cost up to \$25,000, including taxes, freight and set-up costs. Moved by Rob Kohuch that the Hamlet contribute a maximum of \$15,000 dollars towards the cost of new equipment, Seconded, Kevin Heisler, Carried.
  - An E-mail will be sent to encourage folks to make donations towards the cost of new equipment. Donations can dropped off to Denise Leptich, 405 Jorgenson's Junction, or be sent to RM of Mervin. RM will put into separate playground account and issue tax receipts.
  - After two weeks the board will assess how much money we have and new equipment can be ordered to suit the budget.
  - Marie Kube & Denise Letptich will get prices and make a recommendation to the board.
  - Stan will check with RM into liability and location of playground.
- AED: Moved by Brad Caplan that an AED, ("defibrillator") be bought for the Hamlet, Seconded Ken Busch, Carried. The cost is about \$1400. The board will decide where it will be kept, likely

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the water pump house in a compartment accessible from outside. Rob Kohuch volunteered to look after the storage requirements.

- Cell Phone Reception: It is very difficult to get on the internet or even make a phone call on weekends, and particularly long weekends. Everyone **who is a SaskTel customer** is urged to **call SaskTel at 1-800-667-6870** and also your MLA to ask when they will make improvements.
- Brush Pile: We did not get a very good burn on the pile this winter, it has now been cleaned up and pushed up.
  - We are reminded that this pile is supposed to be only for trees, brush and leaves. We should not put in tree stumps unless all dirt is removed. We cannot put building materials, painted / treated wood, metal, plastic, gyproc, insulation etc on the pile. If it continues to be abused the RM will make us take **everything** to the Transfer Site.
  - The board will discuss with Kevin Heisler, the cost to maintain the brush pile.
- Garbage Dumpsters: New metal dumpsters were brought in. The lids on the dumpsters are still rather heavy to open, but they need to be to keep the bears out.

### New Business

- Road Dust Abatement: Stan will contact RM to arrange, it will also be applied to the golf course road this year.
- Fire Ban: Moved by Les Olson that no outdoor fires of any kind be allowed while there is a fire ban on, until the definition of "Open Fires" is clarified, Seconded Dorothy Mangere, Carried.
  - Stan will contact RM for clarification on 'Open Fires'.
  - When there is a fire ban on, **no fireworks** are allowed.
- Swimming Lessons: We have received solicitations from two parties interested in providing swimming lessons. If anyone is interested they should contact Shawn Roy for the names and numbers, then contact them for details.
- PARCS: (Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan), lobbies government bodies for various causes, such as taxes and has been doing so for many years.
  - At the end of these minutes there is a brief description from PARCS about their activities.
  - Moved by Brad Caplan, that we again join PARCS at a cost of \$150 for the year, Seconded Rob Kohuch, Carried. Their next meeting will be in the fall. Check the website for information [www.skparcs.com](http://www.skparcs.com).
- Hamlet Board: We needed to elect one new member for a four year term, Roger Cote's term is completed. One nomination, Shawn Roy, was put forward by Nominating Committee chair John Somers. No other nominations were made. Moved by Bernie Lukan that nominations cease, Seconded Ferlin Burges, Carried. Shawn accepted and was elected by show of hands. He will serve a four year term on the board and act as Secretary.
- **Thanks were expressed to the following:**
  - Bernie Lukan for time spent on the Watershed Authority and work associated with the lagoon.
  - Ferlin Burgess for work maintaining/mowing the dump site and lagoon area.
  - John Somers for chairing, (being), the nominating committee, also for getting the heater replaced and maintenance of the generator at the pumphouse.
  - Rob Kohuch for work at the dump area.

Moved by Bernie Lukan that meeting adjourn, seconded Brad Caplan, Carried.

Next meeting in the fall, Sept long weekend; Saturday, 05 Sep, 2015, 11:00am. See you there!

- **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.  
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### A reminder for new folks

- **The Dumpsters are for household/kitchen waste only**, no fish guts, deer hides, building materials, metals etc. (All garbage is to be bagged).
  - No building materials, plastics, rubber or metals are to be dumped, trees and leaves only.
  - All building materials, metals, glass, rubber etc are to go to the RM transfer site, south of Brightsand Lake.
- **There are recycle bins in Livelong** for cardboard/paper and type 1 & 2 plastic.

### 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**

### Regarding the work of PARCS

The PARCS Board of Directors wishes to remind you about the recent work that PARCS has been doing on behalf of cottage communities:

- We are busy working with the Ministry of Environment and the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds to provide training sessions for representatives from ***cottage owner communities wishing to take steps to protect their lakes from invasive aquatic mussels***. Our president was a guest speaker at the provincial conference of Saskatchewan Watersheds. Watch for our next newsletter for more details.
- Once again ***the province listened to our lobby and the school taxes remained revenue neutral for 2015*** for each property category.
- Our ***bi-monthly email newsletters*** brought the most current information to your inbox on your computers.
- We met with the ***Ministry of Government Relations*** to provide input about the new regulations for the formation of new organized hamlets and new resort villages, as well as the rules for dissolution of current OHs and RVs. This topic will be featured at our fall convention.
- We represented the voice of cottage communities on ***provincial advisory committees*** for Forestry, for Fisheries and SAMA.
- We are planning a fall convention with ***an emphasis on the environment***.

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