

LONI BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

27th July 2013

The meeting was held at Gimli New Horizons on the 27th July 2013. Memberships and Sign in Sheet were available. This information is collected for an email distribution list to inform residents of any pertinent information. RM of Gimli Councillor Richard Petrowski and CAO Joann King were also in attendance.

Ron Hahlweg, President of the LBRA welcomed everyone.

The meeting took a different format than the usual one, as we had the questions for the RM at the beginning of the meeting, due to Richard and Joann's schedule that day.

Q & A session with RM of GIMLI

Joann, put questions to the floor and asked us what we would like to talk about.

1. Paved roads.

When can we expect the roads to be paved ? Joann replied that this would not be happening anytime soon as there were at least 30 cottages not hooked up to the sewer yet. She said they they had been sent letters from the RM, stating that they needed to connect. If they didn't their cottage would be Red Tagged and they would not be able to use it or stay overnight.

2. How was this going to be enforced ? Joann said that they were working on it.

3. Jeff Modjeski wanted to know why the year before, Joann had suggested that we could have a water meter installed at our cottage, and when he spoke to the PUB they said that it was not possible. Apparently the PUB has never allowed seasonal rating. This would be far to costly to maintain, reading of meters and maintenance etc. Joann did not recall saying this. She said that the PUB (Public Utilities Board) sets the rates based on

operating and maintaining the sewer system.

4. Ron Hahlweg asked if Loni Beach was unique in that it has both a Public Sewer System and private wells ? Joann stated that this was not unique and everyone, regardless of the system that they have, pays the same consumption rate.
5. Isabel Petersen, asked if an individual can approach the PUB ? Joann said that this was an option and as a community, we should, if we are not happy.
6. Colin Dawes asked, when the RM is going to take action against the people that have not hooked up ? Joann stated again, that as of September 30th 2014, these people would no longer be able to use their cottage. She also said that they had been contacted by some cottage owners that were having trouble getting a contractor to come and do the work. She said that the RM was trying to facilitate this process by contacting some local contractors to make them aware of the deadlines for these people.
7. Alan Cantor said that he felt that this was much of the same thing and that the RM had talked about Red tagging cottages back in 2011.
8. Larry Weber wanted to know why all of the costs for the sewer hook up and subsequent quarterly rates were not available when the sewer was put in ? He felt that we were forced to do this and that none is happy about it. Joann assured us that all the processes were put in place.
9. Laurie Stirton, contacted the RM office and was told that if people didn't connect they would be fined. They didn't know how much, but it could be upward of \$500.00, so she hooked up. She felt that there needs to be a hard deadline.
10. Ron stated that at the moment every property that has hooked up are paying the rates and that we are sharing the burden for the ones that have not. This was a concern for everyone at the meeting.
11. Jim Sawyer stated that whilst he is happy that we have the sewer, it was somewhat putting cart before the horse and that the roads should be fixed

whether we have more sewer hook-ups to do or not.

12. Brian Squair stated the roads are getting higher and wider all the time.
13. Barbara Buffy stated that she planted seed and had a nice lawn, however a Grader did a U-turn in her yard and ruined the newly seeded lawn. Richard asked for her address and said they would look into it.
14. Glenn Pollard wanted to know when the repairs to the well that feeds into the lake just south of his property would be repaired, as it is not safe ? Richard knew this needed to be fixed and would get it done a.s.a.p.
15. Brian Squair said the same ditch is plugged and he usually shovels it out but was unable to do it anymore. He understood that the RM was supposed to be installing steps, when was this happening ? Richard stated the RM had decided against installing steps there as they had already installed steps just two cottages North at the other Public Beach access and that they felt this close enough for everyone to use.
16. Alan Cantor felt that this particular public Access should be made unavailable to people.
17. Leanne Squair, disagreed with Mr Cantor and felt that the RM should make it a Safe public Access.
18. Jeff Modjeski noted that he had seen a number of properties that were not being used and that their yards were not being maintained. Joann said that if people were not maintaining their yards the RM would and the owners would be billed for this.
19. Isabel Petersen noted that the land behind her residence was not being maintained. Richard was going to look into it.
20. Joan Guttormsson noted that ATV's were being driven down Loni by children, she felt that maybe she should call the RCMP. Joann suggested that she should.

This concluded the question session for Richard Petrowski and Joann King.

Secretary

Paula Hahlweg LBRA secretary read the 2012-2013 minutes. Paula stated that this position would be available in July 2014.

Presidents Report

Ron Hahlweg stated that the LBRA is looking for a Treasurer.

The LBRA is an important part of the Loni Beach community as it is a way for us to distribute information in the community, via our annual meeting.

Another way that we distribute information is through our website which is maintained by Brennan Childs, a big thank you to him.

Brennan had some stats for us, he said that the 2012 stats on the website were 200 hits per month, 2144 visits to the website, so it is definitely used and is one of the best ways to get information out there.

Ron noted that the sewer hook-ups were progressing.

He advised everyone to contact the PUB about our existing rates and become a community voice.

Ron noted that whilst the roads aren't perfect they were better than previous years.

New Business

1. Trash and Treasure for summer of 2014. Moved by Joan Guttormsson, seconded by Ron Hahlweg. Carried
2. Donation to Evergreen Basic Needs Organization. Moved Isabel Petersen. This prompted a discussion about other organizations, Ron wanted to donate \$200 to Gimli Heritage Advisory Committee, Sheila Redekop wanted to donate \$500.00 to LWRC. As we have limited funds we discussed this for a while. Sheila withdrew her motion.

A new motion was put forward by Leanne Squair for donations. Gimli Heritage Association \$100.00, LWRC \$300.00, and Evergreen Basic Needs

\$200.00. Seconded by Lisa Squair. All in Favour. Carried

Elections for LBRA Board Executive

President. Ron Hahlweg - Motion, Leanne Squair, Seconded, Campbell Alexander, All In Favour. Carried.

Secretary. Paula Hahlweg - Motion, Ron Hahlweg, Seconded, Leanne Squair, All In Favour. Carried.

Past President. Leanne Squair - Motion - Ron Hahlweg, Seconded, Larry Weber, All in Favour. Carried.

Member at Large. Jeff Modjeski - Motion, Ron Hahlweg, Seconded, Campbell Alexander, All in Favour. Carried.

Member at Large. Campbell Alexander - Motion, Ron Hahlweg, Seconded, Jeff Modjeski, All in Favour. Carried.

Treasurer. Vikki Henderson - Motion, Ron Hahlweg, Seconded, Gord Hahlweg, All in Favour. Carried.

Elections concluded the New Business portion of the meeting.

The LBRA invited Wally Johannson, President of the Gimli Heritage Advisory Committee to present to the group about the work they do in the community.

Wally stated that Loni beach was a gem for Heritage Cottages, because they had a large number of cottages that were kept as just summer residences and therefore not changed too much. The Heritage Association is planning on producing a booklet on Loni Beach because of its unique characteristics.

He listed a number of reasons why Loni has historical value.

The lack of paved roads, keeping traffic speed down, more pedestrian oriented.

The areas distinct boundaries, no through streets.

Lots of trees from 50-100 years old.

Curved streets.
Sandy Beach with Public Access.
No Retail, Commercial or Industrial.
Few Garages.
Mainly One Storey buildings. Screened Verandas.
Icelandic Signs

The Gimli Heritage Association has applied for a grant to hire Lorne Thompson to produce a booklet. They would like to contact families that have been here for many years to get their input into what they should be covering in the booklet. It will be a booklet of about 30-40 pages and will be an overview of cottages in the area not a family history of everyone.

Wally had prepared a slide-show for us on Heritage Cottages in the area but unfortunately there were some technical difficulties and he was unable to get the slide show working.

It was however a very informative talk and much appreciated by the meeting attendees. Thank You Wally for keeping the History of Loni Beach Alive.

After the meeting we all attended a wine tasting, hosted by Campbell Alexander. It was a great way for us to sample some wines available to us at the local LC and a great way to connect with our neighbours in Loni.

Thank you Campbell for your efforts with this event and thanks to all who attended.

That concludes the minutes of the LBRA annual meeting held on July 27th 2013.