

Hemlock Valley Homeowners' Association

Annual General Meeting

March 29, 2014, Minutes

- 1) Welcome Meeting called to order at 5:11 PM
- 2) Attendance – 26 voting members in attendance from 105 members in 2013.
- 3) Approval of Agenda – motion to accept by Kelly McKormack seconded by Dave Evans.
Unanimously approved.
- 4) Approval of minutes From 2013 AGM – motion to accept by Kelly McKormack, seconded by Dave Milne – Unanimously approved.
- 5) President's Report – Brian Murphy
 - a. Kudos to Hemlock Electric customers in their successful campaign with BC Utilities Corporation that led to a significant decrease in Electrical rates.
 - b. The S??? Medical center presented at the 2013 AGM has not moved forward. According to Chief Harvey Paul the reason is that another local band has put a claim on the land.
 - c. Recent discussion with Terry Pratt at the Ministry of Lands and Parks – She reports that Ralph Berezan has submitted more information to FVRD and the province is waiting to hear from FVRD on that. There was no other information or detail in this. Target date for completion of this application process is mid-May 2014.
 - d. Hemlock homeowners raised over \$20,000.00 in 2014 for various charities.
Congratulations to all.
 - e. FVRD –
 - i. HVHA has increased focus on linear park land as designated in the existing OCP in communications with FVRD. We are asking FVRD to move forward with developing the park areas.
 - ii. An expansion of the firehall is needed – this requires FVRD action.
 - iii. Hemlock Valley garbage and recycling facilities are not adequate, Access to the bins is difficult. The recycling bin is not clearly marked and people put garbage into it. There is often illegal items left in or beside the bins (mattresses, TV, etc). Clearly, this is homeowners' actions.
At the 2013 Community Clean up day – 2 pick up trucks were available around the village to take large items to the special bin designated for these other types of items. Not a single homeowner took advantage of this.
We have been approved by FVRD for a cleanup bin again this year.
We have asked FVRD to work with us on a remedy for this.
 - iv. Thank you to the Volunteer Fire department for the time and work they always give. This year they had several large fires to attend.
 - v. Kudos to the resort staff who worked hard to open and keep open the resort despite small amounts of snow.

- vi. Thank you to the HVHA directors for their time and efforts on behalf of all property owners in Hemlock Valley.

Motion to accept president's report – Kelly McKormack. Seconded by Dave Nick. Unanimously approved.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Val Mazur presented the Treasurer's report as Jackie Vanderveen was not able to attend. Copies were available to HVHA members in attendance and available on request to HVHA members in good standing.
 - a. A comment was made about the seeming high cost of the HVHA website.
Action: 2014 HVHA executive to look into this.

Motion to accept the financial report by Nancy Evans. Seconded by Brian Murphy. Unanimously approved.

7) Guests:

7.1 Fraser Valley Regional District – Wendy Bales

- a. Avalanche area – FVRD is still working on a solution with the ministry of transport. There is no answer yet.
- b. Official Community Plan (OCP):
 - FVRD not aware that Ralph Berezan has submitted the requested information
 - Park land – need to demonstrate community use for federal and provincial grants to develop park land – could be emergency shelter, outdoor stage, bathrooms, etc
 - There is conflicting information re who has title on the “tennis court” land.
- c. Recycling – Waste management planning is stalled in Area C as FVRD is doing a review of all services provided in Area C. However, it seems that some improvements to signage, and more frequent pick ups might help for now. Wendy will take this to the next EASC meeting.
- d. The Deroche school sends a thank you to HVHA for donations.
- e. Canada Post mailing addresses - Wendy is lobbying Canada Post to change our mailing addresses to Hemlock Valley instead of Agassiz.
- f. The FVRD is launching a Vicious Dog service – there was no interest in having this service in Hemlock Valley.
- g. There will be an Aging Community forum in Harrison Mills – no date yet.

Brian explained that the OCP is a registered bylaw. It includes specified land for linear parks, riparian setback, etc. HVHA has requested that FVRD submit a "Front Counter" request on the specified park land to prevent development into a parking lot. "Front counter" is like an expression of interest and the areas include the "triangle on the corner of Enzian Way and Hemlock Valley Road. This is seen as an ideal location for the new, larger fire hall. The linear parks could have "dual tenure" between the regional district and the resort – the resort could develop as snow shoeing and cross country skiing trail system for the winter time. Follow up on this issue will continue – Wendy Bales advises that the Regional Corporate Services Committee needs to be approached and she will do this.

7.2 Hemlock Resort – no report

7.3 Hemlock Valley Volunteer Fire Department Report – Marty McKinney

- a. Thank you to Hemlock Valley residents – the annual fundraiser Casino night was well attended.
- b. Thank you to the HVHA for donations to the Volunteer Fire department
- c. Thank you to the Volunteer members of the fire department for their time and commitment.
- d. There was a large fire in November – 3 cabins were lost but 6 were saved and there were no serious injuries. There were only a few members on the hill at the time. Help was received from the North Fraser, Agassiz and Chilliwack River fire departments. Over 73,000 feet of hose was used.

Chris Wilson is the FVRD Fire Services Manager and also the Emergency Services Manager– he is working to coordinate local fire departments and the North Fraser department has offered to have automatic response to a confirmed Hemlock Valley fire

Marty suggested Hemlock Valley residents could show their appreciation to the other fire departments by attending their fundraisers this year. Agassiz hosts a golf tournament in June as Sandpiper resort. North Fraser holds a pancake breakfast in June.

The Hemlock valley Fire Department will be painting the fire hall in June and volunteers are needed. Some repairs to damage done by woodpeckers will also be done. A BBQ lunch will be provided, as will all paint and equipment. Broadcast e-mail will go out with confirmed dates/times.

There are currently 16 members of the Volunteer fire department - additional members are needed. Please go to the HVHA and the FVRD websites for applications.

A basic course for rookies that was held in 2013 will be repeated in 2014.

7.4 Ski Club Report – Stewart Green reported that ski club membership was down this year – likely due to the late start of the ski season. There were 39 members; 33 Nancy Greene, 6 U14/U16/FIS. A number of these racers were very successful.

Thank you to the Resort and Volunteers for help with the BC Winter Games.

The annual fundraiser Valentine dance and silent auction was successful. Thank you to the community for their support.

8) Election of Officers – Rick Mazur

Thank you to 2013 HVHA directors and officers.

President – Brian Murphy was elected by acclamation

Vice President – Rick Mazur was nominated by Rob Weiss and elected by acclamation

Secretary – Carrie Murphy was elected by acclamation

Treasurer – Jackie Vanderveen was elected by acclamation

Directors: Erna Brkch, Nancy Evans, Stewart Green, Marie Mackie, Val Mazur, Marty McKinney, Dave Nick, Rob Weiss were elected by acclamation.

9) New Business

9.1 Brian welcomed the 2014 executive – welcome to new members Dave Nick and Rick Mazur. Thanks to Dave Milne and Jim and Shirley Kingsbury for their service to the Hemlock Valley community and who did not run again this year.

9.2 Garbage bins:

A comment was made that the bins are difficult or impossible to open because they are rusty, heavy ice and snow builds up on the lids and because of the fence.

It was suggested that FVRD should ensure the snow clearing contract includes removing ice and snow from the bin lids.

Another suggestion was that recycling should have a separate, designated bin with good signage.

The question was asked re how many tax dollars go to FVRD from Hemlock Valley property owners and how many dollars are spent by FVRD on services for Hemlock Valley.

W Bales advised she would follow up on these points with FVRD.

10) Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM. .