



Fall meeting September 2nd 2018

Lakeshore Heights Cottage Association

The meeting was called to order by Neil at 11:00. 37 households were represented.

The meeting started with a short introduction by Neil. There is only one item to be voted on at this meeting, the minutes from the last meeting. There are no elections of officers this year as all present members have two year terms ending next fall (2019). Edith will be taking nominations for the next fall election during the 2019 summer season.

Welcome to all the new attendees.

1. **Approval of the spring 2018 minutes.** The minutes were distributed to the members via the web site as well as by an e mail blast along with the meeting reminder. There were no edits or additions.

Ken proposed that the minutes of May 2018 be approved as presented.

Seconded by Terry.

All in favor, no one opposed.

2. **Communications and membership.**

Stefano spoke about the membership drive for 2018. There are 203 paid memberships, a decline from the previous year. The membership fees are used for the maintenance of our common spaces as well as planning events for the community. Stefano thanked all the volunteers who went door to door collecting memberships this year. Thank you to Doug, Cory, Neil, Glen, Pam, Jaimie, Kris, Carol, Louise and Lucille.

Newsletters were not prepared this year for the web site. Instead e mail blasts were sent out to the membership to announce various events as well as informing the members about other happenings at Lakeshore Heights. A member asked if a newsletter could be reintroduced next year as it was felt that it contained more detailed information.

3. **Web master report.**

Dennis talked about the usage of the web site. The web site continues to be visited on a frequent basis. The Home page, Need a Worker and the History pages were the three most visited pages. The Newsletters were the 5th most visited but were not up to date. This will be changed next year as we will return to preparing newsletters.

Please forward any photos of Lakeshore heights over the years to the executive so they can forward them to Dennis to be included in the history pages.

Dennis encouraged the membership to visit the Grand Marais Community Central building, especially the museum or to use the free wifi. A wellness gym will be set up during the fall season and will be available to all residents. The web site and building are managed by the Grand Beach and Area Development Corporation.

4. **Community events.** Neil presented the report in the absence of Edith.

7 events were held

- **Community garage sale** -23 families participated in the community garage sale held on Saturday of the July long weekend. 3 artisan booths were set up at the covered structure. The event attracted lots of traffic, thank you Edith.
- **The family picnic** was cancelled and then saved thanks to Ken and Judy and their team of volunteers who together organised a fantastic event in less than a week. The picnic was attended by 125 people and was a true success. Thanks to Stephano and Joanne the greeters, Pam and Leanne for organising the prizes and games, Layla for bringing some games, Lindsey for leading with the microphone, Ted and Lucille for the hot dogs and Judy and Ken for organising it all and the Costco run.
- **A new event – the Junior Golf tournament** was organised by Ken. 4 youth participated this year they came with much enthusiasm. Rules, sportsmanship and etiquette of the game were promoted. William had the longest drive, 175 yards and Travis was closest to the hole at 4,5 feet. The event was followed by prizes and tacos. It will be repeated next year. Thanks to Amanda for preparing the grab bags.
- **Another new event – Beach Volleyball** was organised by Boris and his team of volunteers. Ken brought his BBQ and cooked and served the hot dogs. It was a party atmosphere with music and spectators. Enough hot dogs, pop and chips were sold to pay for the event's expenses. Thanks to this event the volleyball pit has new sand and some official line straps. 8 teams of four players participated, Kill Zone (the Gilbert family) took home the trophy. Boris looks forward to a bigger event next year.
- **Pancake breakfast** – Thanks to Richard and Gaby for organising the event. 155 attendees ate some great pancakes and sausages, drank coffee and juice and socialised with neighbours. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this a success in spite of the not so stellar weather. The tarps and tables were put to good use.
- **Horseshoe tournament** – 52 people participated in the tournament. The sale of food as well as 50-50 tickets paid for the event. Thanks to Pam and her volunteers for the organisation. Much fun was had by all.
- **Golf tournament and dinner** – Cory and Clay and their gang of volunteers organised the event. 34 golfers participated at Victoria Beach Golf Course, 52 diners enjoyed the fine cooking by Clay and Cory, Edith, Kathy and Sandra. Along with the dinner ticket sales, the fees for golfing, the 50-50 draw and the silent auction, the event was paid for and had 39\$ surplus for the association. A much enjoyed event.

- ✓ For those who are interested. Another community event will be held in November. A Manitoba Moose Hockey game. Lakeshore Heights Association members and their families and friends can purchase tickets for a game for 15\$, the seats are all located together to promote a community gathering. The final date will be posted on the web site. An informal gathering will take place before the game at the restaurant in the basement of the MTS center. Members are responsible for purchasing their own food and beverages. Watch the web site for more information.

5. **Community spaces and environment**

Clay talked about this year's work.

New sand was purchased and delivered for the volley ball court. Thanks to Ken for tilling the old sand prior to delivery.

A New post between North and East was installed.

4 tables and 20 chairs were purchased for various events, these replace some old and heavy wooden tables and chairs,

A 10 x 10 pop up tent was purchased for events, it was used during the volley ball tournament.

For next year - a new coffee pot needs to be purchased, the old one is at it's end. We presently have a 30 cup urn and will get a 50 cup urn.

A system to bring the stairs up and down is being considered, a type of winch that will save having to get many people to help taking down and set up the stairs.

A third horseshoe pit is being considered.

There is a need for a new stove and grill.

A new bench is needed for the picnic structure open area, the present bench has fallen over the edge.

New signs and flower boxes are also being considered for next year, the present ones are near the end of their life.

Clay reminded members that paid memberships are important to help with maintaining our assets.

6. **Financial report** – Glen presented the financial report. It is an interim report as the year end is at the end of December. We have a bank balance of \$ 2 900.00. This will be used for some of the projects that were mentioned above.
7. **Other business** – Neil brought up some unpleasant business first, a break in was reported on South, he reminded residents to be vigilant. There was an incident where a hateful message was left on a car. We are reminded that as residents we want a community where everyone

feels safe and respected, please look out for any suspicious activity and phone the RCMP to report them, then contact the association so we can let others know.

Thank- you to Layla and Stewart for their continued contribution with the small library.
Thank-you to Audrey for the beautiful flowers in the flower boxes.

There have been some bear sightings on West Street. Please be watchful and let conservation know if you have sightings.

If you have any ideas for speakers at the spring meeting, please forward your ideas.
Thanks again to the volunteers for your contributions.

Before closing the meeting, Neil asked if there were any concerns or other business.
These were the points that were mentioned.

- Part of the playground equipment at the picnic structure park need to be re-anchored.
- It would be nice to have a bench at the volleyball court park as the previous one was vandalised and is no longer there
- Remind residents to STAY OFF the playground areas with ATVs and motor bikes.
- Another sign is needed at the top of the stairs at the main beach to remind dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes and to CLEAN UP THEIR DOG POOP
- Quint and Stephanie, new residents are donating some horse shoes for the new horse shoe pit
- Strong people are needed to bring up the stairs from the main beach during the Thanks giving weekend.
- More sand is needed at the volley ball court.
- Next year a porta potty will be used during the volleyball tournament. A short discussion was had to weigh the pros and cons of owning as opposed to renting. It is more efficient to rent rather than buy. Schneider's donated the service for the golf tournament.
- A suggestion was made to have a green picnic table at the volley ball court park. The association cannot do both. A short discussion was had about the possibility of obtaining grant money for these or having a plaque if someone donates the cost of the purchase.
- The members were reminded that this is an election year in the municipality of St-Clements. As residents it is important to find out what candidates are prepared to do for areas like ours.

The meeting was ajourned at 12:00. See you in the spring or at the Moose game !!