



**Spring Meeting  
Lakeshore Heights Association  
Sunday May 21, 2023**

1. **The meeting was called to order at 11:05** by Stefano Bevilacqua. There were 41 households represented at the meeting. Stefano introduced the board members.

Stefano Bevilacqua, Glenn Bunston, Ken Jansen, Louise LaFlèche, Heather Lowe & Neil Taylor.

Stefano also reminded the membership of the Mission statement for Lakeshore Heights Association. (see the mission statement at the end of this document)

2. **Approval of the minutes from the fall 2022 meeting.**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the fall 2022 meeting.*

Danis Dorge seconded by Brian Kazuk.

3. **Membership Update**

Stefano reminded attendees that the membership drive is on for the 2023 year. Representatives will be going door to door during the months of May and June to collect the \$20.00 membership fee. So far 36 people have paid by pay pal or e transfer. The goal this year is 200 memberships.

*You can pay for your membership at the AGM, or via e-transfer, cheque or paypal, as well your street rep will be coming door-to-door collecting.*

- **e-Transfer** - To [lakeshoreheightsmb@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoreheightsmb@gmail.com) ***In the 'message area' please indicate your lake address so we can easily update our records.*** Your funds will auto deposit and you'll receive an instant notification from your financial institution.
- **PayPal** (Visit our Website Membership Page for PayPal Link at <http://www.grandbeachtourism.com/cottagecom-lakeshore-membership.html>)
- **Mail** – Cheques may be mailed to: Lakeshore Heights Association, Box 280, Grand Marais, MB, R0E 0T0

#### 4. **New play structure update.**

Louise LaFlèche talked about how the structure was selected, factors that were considered were; play value for children including for a variety of ages, proximity of manufacturer to our community for transportation purposes, cost, Canadian product, reputable company that our community had previously worked with. Blue Imp from Medicine Hat Alberta was selected.

Glenn Bunston discussed the costs and financing of the structure. The cost was \$25,000.00, the municipality of St. Clements was able to assist us saving us the GST, a \$1,100.00 savings as well as a \$20,000.00 grant. The cost to our community was \$4,000.00. We still have to pay for the installer as well as the installation costs such as concrete, sand, plywood and other incidentals. The cost will add up to \$4,000.00 +. We have received \$2,800.00 in donations from the community.

Ken Jansen discussed the shipping, storage and installation. The structure was shipped to Winnipeg in early December, Ken arranged to have the equipment moved to a municipality storage facility. Thank-you to Greg Hawcroft who arranged for the trailer to get the equipment to the storage facility and then from the facility to Lakeshore Heights. The week of May 15th the old play structure was removed, thanks to a crew of volunteers. Sean Dreilich of 204 Property Maintenance (204-330-2530) a friend of Greg's was contracted to remove the sand to prepare the space for installation. The installation will take place Thursday and Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The installer from Blue Imp will be on site to certify the installation of the structure.

#### 5. **Events**

Heather Lowe gave an update on the 2023 events for Lakeshore Heights. She discussed the dates and events that have been confirmed to date and asked for volunteers to host some of the events.

**Community Garage Sale – will be held Saturday June 24.** Posters will be set up in the surrounding communities, advertising will be done on our Facebook page and signs will be set up on Road 500 and on RD 101. No need to register, just set up your items in your yard or your driveway on that day to participate. We usually have a fair number of customers, it's a great way to purge and to get to know some neighbours.

**Beach Volleyball – Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Hosted by Ken and Boris.** Details will be announced in June for how and when to register your team.

**Children's picnic – Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at the covered structure.** Time and details to follow.

**Mud Run Lakeshore Heights Team, July 22, Hillside Beach.** Each family will register on their own and be part of the Lakeshore Heights team if interested. The cost is \$30.00 and includes a t shirt, participation in the race and prizes. It is open to 5- to 12-year-olds as well as adults for the adult run. This event is not organised by Lakeshore Heights, the idea is to be part of the Lakeshore Heights team. Details to follow.

**Trivia night, Halloween in August, Pancake Breakfast and Horseshoe Tournament. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>,** the long weekend. Friday night Trivia night, Saturday will be Halloween trick or treating, followed by a family dance party at the covered structure. The pancake breakfast will be Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> at the covered structure followed by the Horseshoe Tournament. Details will be announced on the bulletin boards, the facebook page and via e mail.

**Golf Tournament and dinner,** hosted by Cory and Clay will take place in August, the date will be announced soon.

**Kids mini golf at Grand Putt,** August 12<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**Trivia night at the covered structure, Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Adult mini golf at Grand Putt, Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## 6. Budget

Glenn Bunston presented the budget for this year and the recap from last year's budget.

*Motion to approve the budget.*

*Brian Kazuk seconded by Judy Jansen.*

## 7. Assets and maintenance.

Ken gave an update of projects to come for the summer and what has been done since last fall. New posts have been installed at the volleyball court, the playground structure will be installed on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The main stairs were set up for the summer. Some work will have to be done to maintain the integrity

of the structure and to make the last stairs more accessible. This is ongoing maintenance due to the changing shoreline.

#### **8. Valley fibre**

Representatives from Valley Fibre will be in the community this weekend going door to door to speak about the service coming to the area.

#### **9. Election of board members.**

As past president Neil Taylor is responsible for nominations of new board members for the 2023-2025 term. Three new members are needed to fill the positions. Stefano Bevilacqua, Ken Jansen and Louise LaFlèche will not be renewing their terms. Nominations can be forwarded to Neil Taylor via the Lakeshore Heights e mail, or in person at 208 West Street. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting that will be held Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at the covered structure.

#### **10. Other business**

Judy Jansen brought forward a concern, she reminded members and residents of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs. Often there are dog poo piles left in parks and on the side of the road, please clean up. This includes picking up full bags left on the side of the road.

Some members wanted to know if there would ever be a public lake access at the covered structure. It was suggested that possibly the municipality could be approached to see if they would build and maintain a ramp.

A Lakeshore Heights resident asked why the cottagers residing on Birch Grove could not be members of the Lakeshore Heights Association. It was explained that the area of Lakeshore Heights was identified by the municipality many years ago. The perimeter is Road 101, West Street, Road 102 and Road 500. Accepting a new area as part of the Lakeshore Heights Association would require a change to the constitution. For that to happen, a formal request needs to be made and presented to the board, it would then need to be voted on by the membership at an annual general meeting. The discussion was quite lengthy, it was also pointed out that this request has been made by third parties at a few meetings and the same solution has been suggested. No formal requests have been brought forward. The cottagers from Birch Grove as with any other surrounding cottagers are welcome to attend any event in Lakeshore Heights as guests.

*Stefano called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15. Seconded by Boris*

**Mission statement for the Lakeshore Heights Association.**

*To provide a safe and welcoming environment to members where you can enjoy a peaceful relaxing time.*

*To provide a venue to share ideas, concerns and organize activities through volunteer involvement to enhance our community.*

*To encourage involvement in the protection of our environment by keeping our drinking water safe, proper disposal of wastewater and to promote in the utilization of phosphorus free products.*

*To lobby for continued improvement to our community and work with the Municipality to maintain the roads, ditches, and beaches.*

**Areas not part of the scope of responsibilities of the Board of the Lakeshore Heights Association.**

*Police matters (RCMP)*

*By-Law enforcement - Prairie By-Law Enforcement Services (animal control services and by-law enforcement)*

*Areas of municipal responsibility (roads, ditches, beaches, waste disposal, snow clearing)  
- Rural Municipality of St. Clements*

*Resolving issues between individual neighbors - Community Resolution Centre*

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