

**108 MILE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: February 8, 2017**

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm.

Len Doucette welcomed everyone and introduced the RCA members in attendance - Len Doucette, Kathy Knutsen, Don White, Roxanne Ziefflie, Ingrid Meyer, Larry Knutsen 30 members of the general public in attendance.

Minutes from the 2017 AGM will be posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report – Kathie Knutsen

Bank Balances January 31, 2017:

Investment Account: \$14,699.88, Gaming Account: \$637.70, Operating Account: \$5,867.45, Beach Account: \$8,078.71, CRD Funding Grant: 23,740.18

Anyone wanting a copy of the August 31, 2016 financial statements will find them on our webpage www.108mileranch.ca

Motion by Kathie Knutsen, 2nd by Ingrid Meyer to appoint McAloney & Associates as our auditors for 2016/2017. **Carried**

Motion by Don White, 2nd by Ingrid Meyer to accept the treasurer's report. **Carried**

President's Report – Len Doucette

It's been a great year with a lot of success stories and positive changes for our community. It's great to see The Hills (Spruce Hills) nearing the end of their extensive renovations project. The addition of the CO cabin at the Heritage site, the improvements at the 108 Resort, the future development of our water systems and of course all the other projects nearing completion. It takes commitment and a lot of hard work from many in our community for us to enjoy and be part of our beaches, trails, green space, fire protection, community hall, skating parties, dog sled races, our heritage site, ghost hunts, Canada day, bike races, ski races, October fest, Christmas party, bingo, the list is extensive and I am sure I have missed a few. It takes people for all this to happen. These people work many thankless hours in the back ground volunteering their time. I have to say, it's been a privilege for me to be working with these people and to be part of this community. I have met so many people and have seen so many changes and it's thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that live and work in our community. However, there comes a time when the people who organize and work as volunteers running these events and celebrations need to take a break and pass the baton over to new energetic people.

It's with mixed emotions and a heavy heart that I will be stepping down as RCA chair. I have worked alongside many great people and community organizations and I will miss them all. As you are probably already aware, I took on the position of General manager at The Spruce Hill Resort, formally The Hills. I am going to focus all my attention to the resort and wouldn't be able to give my full attention to the RCA. I thank everyone in the RCA and community and hope to see you up the hill.

Welcome Packages – Len Doucette on behalf of Dan Jackson – Delivered 20 packages for 2016. People moving here from all over BC and Alberta. Bev French and myself made up another 25 packages for this year. Bev and I will share delivering packages for 2017.

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Memberships – Ingrid Meyer – Business Membership income was \$720, regular membership \$445 for a total of \$1165.

RCA Events – Ingrid Meyer

Easter Sunday March 27th, Pete Tonkin chaired for the 2nd time. It was very successful with 80 children attending.

May 28th, Ingrid organized the Business Fair from 10-5pm, we offered free drinks and hot dogs. All together a good success.

October 1st, We held our 2nd Oktoberfest and sold 130 tickets. The event was hosted by the RCA and the 108 Lions. Each group made \$1355. We had a 50/50 draw with the proceeds being donated to the Lee Family, the father is battling leukaemia.

November 27th was our annual Christmas Market. The best ever with 40 vendors and our net income was \$1700.

December 3rd was our Breakfast with Santa organized by Bev French. Breakfast was donated and prepared by the 108 Lions. 71 children and 64 adults attended.

Beaches – Ingrid Meyer – Our expenses for 2016 were \$1,668.08 plus our beach attendant, Darren Poulson received \$5300 in wages for a total expense of \$6,968.08. We had a carry over to next season of \$1,351.10. We have requested \$7000.00 from the CRD to maintain our beaches

Coffee Time/Games Day – Mag Griffith/Debbie Porter – Cost for both coffee and games days is \$2.00 which includes coffee and munchies. Coffee time runs the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10:30 am – noon, currently there are 18 – 22 people attending and we hold a Christmas potluck luncheon annually. Games day runs the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. We make a small profit.

Community Centre Bookings – Bruce Biedler

The following events took place during 2016 at the 108 Community hall

5 weddings

Several birthday parties for young and old

Anniversaries

Memorials

Private Functions

CRD Public meetings and referendums

Chris Harris book launch party

West Fraser Christmas party

Cariboo Christian Life Fellowship youth Christmas party

Breakfast with Santa

Annual Christmas Market – which was the largest one to date including the use of the upper hall

Lions Oktoberfest

Halloween dance by New Age Entertainment

Business Fair

Psalm 23 golf tourney dinner reception

Divorce open golf tourney dinner reception

Lions Bingo

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Our regular user groups: Tai Chi, Zumba, Yoga, Barry's Dance, Drummers, AA Group, Coffee Time & Games Day
This has been our 4th year of managing the hall.

Community Centre Maintenance – Len Doucette on behalf of Dan Jackson

Working together with hall manager, Carol Thorne, is a pleasure. Usual items have been serviced eg: 5-furnaces, water softener, floors waxed, outside picnic area, quotes for exhaust fan in Lion's den waiting to be finished. This year, 2016, we acquired from the Heart & Stroke Foundation an AED. It is located in the main hall entrance and 13 people have been trained how to use it by James Seeley.

New Business:

Nominations & Election of Directors – Len opened the floor for nominations. The following people were nominated and have accepted nomination to the board of directors:

Tish Hitchcock – nominated by Ingrid Meyer

Amber Lynn Parker – nominated by Ingrid Meyer

Debbie Hollowell – nominated by Ingrid Meyer

Welcome to the RCA board of directors.

Ingrid Meyer motioned to close nominations, 2nd by Roxanne Ziefflie. **Carried**

Dan Jackson sent notice that he will stand as director for one more year.

Guest Speakers:

Al Richmond – CRD Chair

-For 8 years we have tried to widen the shoulders around the 108 school. This year we have put down some recycled blacktop.

Terry Murphy (MOTI) will continue to try and improve more roads, mostly where the kids walk. We have 30 miles of roads in the 108 to do.

-Official Community Plan meeting – March 6

-Thanks to the volunteer fire department. They train every Tuesday night. Some calls are very traumatic, it's hard to see neighbours and friends in need.

-Recycling – this is an industry funded program, totes belong to the district. Don't put your totes out at night. 90 tons was collected for recycling in 2016. 50 tons came out of Lac La Hache. We can be fined if contaminated material is found. 20% has been found and we are only allowed 3%. Please no plastic bags, Styrofoam, pizza boxes or glass. It is shipped to Vancouver for sorting. We do not have enough tonnage to pick up weekly, cannot expand it without increase in taxes. An education meeting will be held in May.

-there will be a 1% budget increase - .4% for new services, .1% inflation

-need new fire truck and tanker. Trucks must be under 20 years old.

-Area G population is 5156

2016 Water Referendum: Mitch Mitchell has retired and Peter Hughes has taken his place.

-still divided on cause of lake going down. Well is drilled. Design of building is done and we will start in the spring. Would like to have up and running in the fall by the pumphouse on Sepa Lake.

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The late design stages to take higher levels of manganese. 3 hydrogeologist companies involved, not all aligned. Lake levels are being monitored regularly.

Questions from the Floor:

Were lines flushed this fall – yes – also done in spring.

Will system flushing disappear after update - no

Any changes in convenance regarding size of houses built in the 108. - No - It's a zoning bylaw not in the restricted convenance. Blue Goose has control on convenance.

Nelson Oler – Ambulance Paramedic in 100 Mile.

- Silent Service which covers about 5000 sq. Miles. 60% of job is inter-hospital transfers. Fire department has to step in when we are not available. We have 2 full time staff and 16 – 20 on call staff who are paid \$2.00/hr or \$22.00 per shift. As of 2010 we were part of the facility bargaining association along with janitors etc. We need to be deemed essential service. We have started a petition to include Ambulance as essential service.

Benefit – uninterrupted service – if labour dispute. Gives us the ability to stand up for patience.

We have to fight to have work BC cover us. Most students who come in are gone in 5 years.

Emergency service is same as fire and police. We will be going out to get signatures of 10% of registered voters to take to the government. We have until April 9th.

108 Mile Ranch Reports:

108 Website – Jeffrey Newman – I am in transition and I have now got my wife to help out. Have managed the site for 17 years and would like to bring in someone else – willing to train if they are interested in being our website manager. We have many relevant pages worth looking at.

108 Volunteer Fire Department – Larry Knutsen, Assistant Chief, 108 V.F.D.

Year-end report Nov 1, 2015 – Oct 31, 2016

The following callouts related to: 19 motor vehicle incidents, 28 Fire related calls, 67 First responder call-outs (medical reasons).

Nov 1, 2016 – Jan 31, 2017. The following callouts related to: 14 motor vehicle incidents, 3 fire related call-outs, 27 first responders call-outs.

Our current membership is 22, of which three of these are female, with our door always open for new members. We also have one Junior fire fighter in our roster. The junior fire fighter program is from 16 years of age to 19 years of age. The 108 Fire Hall has been training to the play book manual distributed by the Province Of B.C.'s Fire Commissioners Office. This manual is province wide for all volunteer fire halls to train to, to make everyone's training on the same page.

108 Lions Club – Don White

Community Events September 2015 – December 2016:

Bingo – 7 bingo events held. Draw was held on last bingo event for 2 nights in Kamloops and \$25 spending money. Each bingo that one attended, their name went into the draw box.

Oktoberfest (co-host with RCA). Huge success – sold out event, October 2016

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Santa's breakfast (co-sponsor with RCA and 108 Fire Department) – December 2016.
Lions provided and served the breakfast and covered the cost of the pictures with Santa.
Santa parade participant
Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction – May 2016
Easter Egg Hunt (co-sponsor with RCA & 108 Fire Department)
Heritage Site – tended fire for Halloween event
Purina Guide Dog Walk – May 2016 – Raised funds for training guide dogs
Annual Ice off Contest – Guess date, time of day anchor drops and flag goes up – for prizes.

Donations:

1. Sponsorship – 100 Mile Soccer Association - \$250.00
2. Donated \$500 to Fort McMurray Lion's Club to be donated to community
3. Donate \$250 to South Cariboo Fire Safety Initiative to be used at the 108 Elementary School
4. Food Bank - \$200
5. Remembrance Day Wreath – Legion
6. Hospital Foundation - \$100 for lighting the Light Ceremony
7. RCA – donation of \$1000
8. Provide breakfast at the 108 Fire Department's garage sale and donated funds raised

Additional Service:

Assisted Interlakes Lions with cooking and serving breakfast at Rodeo
Collect eye glasses to be refurbished and sent on to less fortunate countries.

108 Greenbelt Commission – Ron Soeder – 2 main projects

- a) Evasive plants – wet conditions caused dormant seeds to germinate.
- b) Replacing 2 km of fencing in walker valley.

Did a trail counter on both Sepa and 108 Lakes. Over 300 uses per day. We have more users than any other CRD trails (that use trail counters).

Thanked all the volunteers of the greenbelt commission.

Announcement: Sandy Foster is now the 108 Mile Correspondent and starting in March would like to meet with volunteers regarding events.

Motion by Don to Adjourn at 9:10 pm