

MORDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Minutes – September 20, 2023

Morden Community Association Annual General Meeting was held in the community hall on September 20, 2023 at 7 pm. Twenty-four (24) residents and six (6) Board members were in attendance (Nadine Stevens, Penny Lowe, Shirley Hartling, Kathy Thorpe, Mark Jamieson and Donna Sabean. Board member, Rob McMahon was unable to attend.

Nadine, Board president, welcomed those in attendance, introducing new community members, and giving a detailed summary of the past year.

Minutes of the November 1, 2022 AGM, made available to community residents on the Morden website prior to the annual meeting, were approved by Murray Graves, seconded by Paul Iannaccone.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Dart group was not as successful this year in attracting participants and, therefore, was discontinued.
- Exercise class has been well attended and will begin again in October, after breaking for the summer.
- Parks – Two youths were employed for the summer to help maintain the parks as well as work at fund raising events. This worked well, with many positive comments, and it is hoped to continue next summer.
- Donations – Annual donations to the VON \$400, St. Mary's Elementary School \$200, and Morden Anglican Church \$400. Murray Graves moved to continue with these donations, seconded by Ingrid Martel. Motion carried. Note: As we are not a charitable organization, other donations that were made during the past year were on a one-time basis.

Financial Report: Shirley presented a detailed financial report for the period April 1, 2022 to September 17, 2023. These reports may be viewed on our website. Shirley moved for the adoption of the financial report, seconded by Murray Graves, motion carried.

New Business:

- Revisions of current bi-laws were made, one change being that two additional directors be permitted on the board bringing the total to nine (9). It was moved by Murray Graves that the changes to the bi-laws be implemented, seconded by Brad Boudreau. Motion carried.
- Grants – New Horizons grant, for upgrading washrooms to barrier-free access, will be applied for by September 28. We will also be looking into funding from Provincial and Federal sources. Upgrades have been made to kitchen with the purchase of an 10-burner propane range as well as a new cooler. A grant for the extraction system, estimated at a cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000, will also be applied for.
- Library – Annette Iannaccone is starting a community library on her property. She would like community support through help during library hours as well as financial assistance. Information will be available on the community website.
- Card Parties – Karen Atwater began card parties at the hall in the spring. Players meet every Thursday evening at 7 with a fee of \$5 per person. To date, \$1000 has been collected. As a means of obtaining new card tables, a donation of \$140 could be made to purchase a table, with plaque applied, either in memory or with the purchaser's name. Ten new tables have now been purchased.
- Fund Raising – We are looking into fund raising events to help with the cost of washroom renovations and extraction system. Karen Atwater is planning a Christmas Tea. Any additional ideas would be appreciated.

Other From the Floor:

- Paul Iannaccone stated that during recent hurricane Lee, many people in the community were without electricity and water. He suggested that the community apply for a grant to purchase a generator which would make it possible for the community hall to become a comfort centre. Paul agreed to head up this project.
- Tim McLean is interested in arranging a Remembrance Day ceremony at the French Cross on November 11. The community will provide refreshments at the hall.
- It was noted that the community welcome sign at the corner of McNally and Morden Road is in need of repair. Maintenance will see what needs to be done.

Election of Officers:

- Three new directors have been accepted to the Board – Annette Iannaccone, Brad Boudreau, Kelly McLean. Penny Lowe did not reoffer at the end of her term. We thank Penny for her many years of service to the Board.

The next annual general meeting will be held in April 2024.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Recorded by

Donna Sabean, Secretary