# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Community Entrance April 27, 2014

#### **Executive Members Present:**

Andrea Golding - President

Andrew Grant - First Vice President

Peter Hutchinson - Treasurer
Petrina Heny - PRO
Maureen Collins - Secretary

## **Executive Members Absent:**

Donald Scott - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Joan Allison - Assistant Secretary
Nicolas Williams - Asst. Treasurer

## **Non Executive Members Present:**

Donald Tomlinson - Head – Planning & Development Department

## **Non Executive Members Absent:**

Peter Baker - Company Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 5:11pm Moderator was Peter Hutchinson. Prayer was offered by Sharon Burrell.

Minutes of the last General Meeting, held on Sunday, March 30, 2014, was read. No corrections were given.

# **MATTERS DISCUSSED:**

## **UPDATE ON FUNDS:**

Peter gave an update on funds available for the Association. Tag Drive, Heartland Funds, Night Out, etc. He also stated that Dues Collection was low, as last month (March) only three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) was collected. Our greater efforts are needed. Dues collection would continue at the end of the meeting at still \$200.00 per month.

## **ROAD REPAIRS:**

Andrea mentioned that she made contact again with WIHCON, who now has a new Project Manager assigned. However, there are no updates yet on the assistance with fixing the roads mentioned in previous meetings.

Andrea has also made contact with the Parish Council and spoken to the Member of Parliament for the area, Mr. Wheatley, for assistance with drainage and he has agreed to help.

Andrea further stated and encouraged residents that the Executive Committee really needs everyone's assistance as White Water Meadows is our community. We need to be positive in our outlook and help when we can. There are many areas that we can all help in.

## **RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:**

Some residents expressed concern about water running into the trench across the community from the area of the WIHCON development that has created flooding in some houses. Andrea would contact WIHCON regarding such.

#### Other Concerns Included:

- \*\* Meetings at the entrance to the community makes others privy to the privacy of what is discussed
- \*\* General meetings should be held in the Park
- \*\* Businesses should also be established in the Park for the benefit of the community.
- \*\* We should discourage support of the Jerk stands set up at the drive in entrance to White Water Meadows. It is tacky and also encourages garbage at the entrance.

## **CRIME/ SECURITY IN THE AREA:**

Andrea and Peter H spoke of crime that is happening in the area - and referred to stolen hoses from resident's backyard, a car stolen from a driveway, and a house break-in. Residents were encouraged to be their neighbours' keeper. Get phone contacts of neighbors around you, and report all incidences to the Police. The more reports we make, the more records are created, and they will see the need to patrol the area more often and take further actions, if necessary.

## **NEW SEWAGE RATES:**

Donald Tomlinson gave residents an update on the new sewage rates. A letter was received by the Executive Committee from Mr. Hardware of Cancara Environment , as well as the OUR (Office of Utilities Regulations) regarding new increases of over &1,600/ per month from \$500.00. Increases will affect both small and large households. Mr. Hardware further explained to him that the increases were as a result of increase in utility costs, maintenance, etc. of the sewage facility.

However, residents expressed that the increases were just too high and some may not be able to afford it. The Committee has tried to meet with Mr. Hardware, but this did not materialize.

The residents then proposed the following options, even with increases:

- 1. Write to OUR to find out how did they come to the agreement on the rate increase. No consultation was made with the community on the matter.
- 2. Obtain copy of document that Cancara Environment sent to OUR.
- 3. Consultations must be made with both Cancara and OUR to resolve the matter.
- 4. Proposed rates by the community was \$1,000.00 for the next one to two years, then \$1,600.00 thereafter.

Donald further advised that a meeting will be set up with Mr. Hardware to discuss the issues. Then information will be passed on to the residents.

## **RETRO PARTY:**

Residents were asked to spread the word about the Retro Party for May 23, 2014. We are looking forward to their tremendous support from the community as well as other communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm, first by	Velma Gray and seconded by Sharon	Watson.
Recording Secretary: Maureen Collins	Signature	Date
Approved by: President Andrea Golding	Signature	Date