



WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: April 7, 2013

Time: 5:32 pm

Venue: Community Entrance

Meeting called to order: Andrea Golding

Prayer: Frances Bowers Wilson

In attendance were 36 residents which included the following Executive Members.

Executive Members Present

Andrea Golding - President

Andrew Grant – 1st Vice-President

Donald Scott – 2nd Vice-President

Peter Hutchinson - Treasurer

Petrina Henry – Assistant Public Relations Officer

Athoy Neil - Secretary

Donald Tomlinson – Chairman, Planning and Development

Minutes

The minutes of the General Meeting held April 7th was read by Athoy Neil and there were no Matters arising from the minutes.

The discussions at the meeting surrounded the below topics.

Labour Day

The president spoke on plans for Labour Day where the main focus will be on the beautification of the entrance way to the community and repairing the guardhouse. She expressed a desire to have the sides of roadways within the community cleaned up providing we can acquire the services of a truck. Residents were asked to clean up the areas outside their homes and the garbage would be collected by the truck. She also asked for the community's support in the form of donations of cash or kind and for residents to turn out to participate on Labour Day.

The president also encouraged residents to visit the Association's website as it was now fully functional and information were been uploaded regularly.

Hartlands Road

Andrew Grant gave an update on the Hartland Road Rehabilitation, informing the group that there was some recent news of progress coming out of the Ministry of Agriculture. It has been reported that the funding from the Sugar Transformation Unit has been approved for several cane roads, including the Hartlands Road. Tender for these should be announced within the next few weeks but details on the scope of work had not yet been obtained. Optimism was expressed that between the STU and work to be done by WIHCON, our problems with the road could be solved by the end of the year. The residents were reminded that the plans include the installation of traffic lights at the intersection with the Old Harbour Road.

The Member of Parliament (MP) has promised to get the road graded if it gets worse before repairs begin.

Audit Committee

Mr. Grant once again explained the proposed formation of an audit committee which would have powers to review the financial affairs of the Association on behalf of its members. This committee would be appointed by the General Meeting, unlike other committees that are appointed by the Executive Committee. Its purpose is to increase accountability and transparency as well as to bring us into compliance with The Companies Act that requires an annual audit of registered companies. As an added benefit, this increased transparency should serve to protect the reputations of executive members who have served honestly.



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The resolution to create the Audit Committee was passed by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Jacqueline Murray had indicated a willingness to serve and she was introduced to the meeting. She is a Chartered Accountant who has worked as an auditor with KPMG for over ten (10) years, having previously worked at Price Waterhouse Coopers for thirteen (13) years. She was accepted as the first member of the Audit Committee by unanimous vote. Another resident, also an accountant, has indicated a desire to serve but was absent and residents opted to wait until she is present to vote on her acceptance.

Community Safety and Security

Mr. Hutchinson informed the residents that there have been several hold-ups and a case of rape recently in the community. There has even been the reported theft of a Pit Bull dog from the home of a resident. The gathering was informed that the Safety and Security Committee has been constituted with seven (7) residents who have volunteered to spearhead initiatives in this area.

Sergeant Kiffra Bent, who is a member of our Safety and Security Committee and Sub-Officer in charge of the Community Safety branch of the St. Catherine North Police Division, did a presentation on “Community Safety and Security” and “The Neighborhood Watch”. She also made it known that the Police does not force the Neighborhood Watch on any community. She advised the resident that they should always be aware of their surroundings.

She pointed out the key features of a Neighbourhood Watch after which she sought and got the feedback on how many persons were interested in supporting such a system. Most of the residents present were in agreement to having the system in place. She ended by showing a very interesting power point presentation on the Neighbourhood Watch Movement while asking each member present at the meeting take two persons with them to the next general meeting.

The president gave thanks to everyone who came out to listen and took part as well as to Sgt. Bent for her presentation.

The meeting was adjourned by Athoy Neil after it was moved by Donald Tomlinson and seconded by Courtney Brown.

Recording Secretary: Athoy Neil

Signature

Date

Approved by: President Andrea Golding

Signature

Date