

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held May 02, 2021
via Google Meet

Call to Order & Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15p.m by the president, Sandra Hall, who extended a very warm welcome to all in attendance. Special welcome was extended to first time attendee Damian Rose.

Prayer:

Prayer was graciously offered by Carol Jumpp-Graham.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf Pauline Rattray-Mitchell, Sonia Wong, Ethel Peat-Smith, Pearline Walker, Marlene Lee and Winnifred Jackson.

Family matters:

Heartiest congratulations were extended to the following persons who would be celebrating birthdays in May:

- Carol Jumpp – May 3
- Beverlyn Wong – May 22

Reading, Correction and Confirmation of Minutes:

The reading and confirmation of the minutes were deferred to the next general meeting.

Review of Constitution:

Carl Harris was tasked with reading articles 8, 9, 11 and 12. Suggestions for amendments were accepted from the membership. It was made clear during the discussions that these suggestions will be put to the general membership for voting, prior to any changes being made.

The following are the pertinent suggestions that were made:

Article 8:

Section 1.a:

- the monthly contribution to be increased to \$200 and registration to also be increased.

Section 1.b:

- Inclusion for either the word ‘*and*’ or ‘*or*’ for sentence to read... ‘*and/or any such amounts...*’ or a period be placed after the word and a new sentence is added to capture the intended sentiments. However, after some deliberations, it was recommended that clarification of the intent be sought from original author of the document.

Article 9:

- The frequency with which the contribution statement is issued be included. This could be annually or bi-annually.

- Alternatively, the treasurer could give an interim report instead of issuing statements if this does not contravene the role of the treasurer as outlined in Article 13.
- Review the need for multiple signatures needed before a statement can be issued so that the Treasurer can utilize electronic means or otherwise, to issue contribution statements.

Arising from the discussions on the issuance of statements, PRO, Danique Hayden informed the membership that plans were in-train to issue members with unique membership ID which would allow for the generation of a list with the contributions matched against ID numbers. This would be made public, and each member could then check for their specific information. Going forward, this could eliminate the need for issuing certificates.

Article 11:

- Minutes should be taken at all Executive meetings and made available for auditing purposes should the need arise.

Article 12:

Section 4:

- “They shall be eligible for re-election” should be reworded to specify who are ‘they’.
- Include criteria for ineligibility for re-election.
- Term limits should be set for the elected members.
- Include more assistance roles for Executive positions with various criteria (as part of succession planning).

The discussions led to the suggestion to develop a youth arm of the HVCA where young people can prioritise their own issues and have fun activities. It was stated that out of an active HVCA youth arm young people could be found to shadow the various executive roles. The Street Reps could be used to implement this initiative.

Street Reps:

The President commended the PRO, Danique Hayden for work done in updated the list of Street Reps. She stated that there are still however, a few roads without Reps and for the longer roads, two persons are needed. Based on the decision from the Executive, the Street Reps are very important in serving as the reporting link between the residents in the community and the Executive body. Therefore, they should be familiar with the demographics of the road and as a spin-off, would be able to identify the seniors who need assistance for the proposed Help for Seniors project. Also proposed is an end-of-year Street Competition to help build civic pride in the community.

The call was again made for persons to volunteer or recommend Street Reps for those un-manned roads which may be accessed from the website.

The roles/responsibilities of the Street Reps will also be put on the website.

WhatsApp Group:

President Hall reiterated that after assessing many comments and much deliberation, the current WhatsApp group, which was intended to be used for camaraderie amongst residence of the community will remain. However, to satisfy the need for a more business-like method of disseminating information using WhatsApp, for matter relating directly to the Association and the community, and which conforms to specific rules for use, a new group will be created that will specifically target members. Ms. Hall said it was hoped that the many persons who were a part of the community group that were not members would see it fit to become members. She further emphasized that these decisions have been made in an effort to meet everyone at the point of their need and should in no way be taken as a means of separating the residence of the community.

In response to an invitation for feedback, there was general support for this move. To give credence to the need for the changes, it was noted that more than half of the persons in the 'community' WhatsApp group were not members but were privy to the financial statements and other information that should be pertinent to only members. The vast amount of information of varying topics that was put in that group on a daily basis meant that important information relating to the Association could be missed.

Labour Day Projects:

- Tree planting at Aqua Park with plans to lay a walking track in the short-term. The President, along with other members of the executive will visit and sensitize persons in the vicinity of the park and seek volunteers (one per week) to maintain the plants.

A suggestion was made to have a sort of water storage facility at the park. This will be considered for future implementation.

Danny's Marina:

The President informed the membership that Danny's Marina is being forced to close because the property adjoining his, which he currently uses as a parking area for his patrons has been leased by an external entity, which means his patrons would now have to park on the side of the road. Based on queries and concerns from residents empathizing with the situation, Mr Clue has been approached and he will speak with Mr. Paulwell to see what can be done. However, there is little else the Association can do. The Executive, just as a means of support, could reach out to him to understand what is happening and see, if at all possible, assistance could be given.

Updates:

The President gave the following updates:

- A meeting was held with KSAC this week which focused on the vending at the round-a-bout. It was revealed that KSAC has a plan that will be implemented in short order. Details of this will come through Mr. Clue.

- The vendors at Fort Nugent have been served 3-days notices to relocate to Seashore Place but this is not feasible. So, efforts will be made to work with KSAC to help to organize the area with stalls. If KSAC is not capable, then other entities will be approached.

Adjournment:

With blessing from the President, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm on a motion moved by Elaine Edwards and seconded by Beverlyn Wong.