

Meeting Minutes
AGM of the Organized Hamlet of Powm Beach
May 3, 2025 @ 10am
Dexter Hall, SK

1. **Call to order: (Scott) 10:02 am**
2. **Agenda approval (Brandy)**
 - a. Proposed changes to agenda
 - i. Add New Business: entertainment area (8.e)
 - ii. Add Budget adjustment: boat launch repairs (8.a.i)
 - b. Motion to accept JP Clair
 - c. Seconded Garth Firus
 - d. Carried Yes/No Yes
3. **Minutes from last year's approval (Scott)**
 - a. Motion to accept Kevin fix
 - b. Seconded Greg Schwenk
 - c. Carried Yes/No Yes
4. **Report of activities of the board (Scott)**
 - a. Introduction of current board members
 - i. Scott Sonder - 2027
 - ii. Brandy Schwenk - 2028
 - iii. Empty position - 2026 (position to be elected in New Business)
 - b. Report of activities of board members - review report (briefly), copies available
Appreciation expressed by members of the hamlet
5. **Introduction of RM representative (Brandy)**
 - a. Reeve: Gerry Ritz
 - b. Div 4 Councillor: Ken Hergott
 - c. Chief Administrative Officer: Shiloh Bronken
 - d. Questions for them & updates will be discussed in New Business
6. **Introduction of CSO (Brandy)**
 - a. Name: Jordan Star
7. **Old business discussion (Scott) Reviewed**
 - a. Expenses Report 2024
 - i. \$55,790.01 carried over from previous year (no added expenses)
 - b. Boat launch repairs not needed in 2024
 - i. A resident thought there was rebar sticking out, but it was a stick
 - ii. Pads were still in place, but we added a guide post to avoid the hole near the dock
 - c. Brandy's position on board was renewed by majority vote
 - d. Maintenance Team 2024
 - i. Thank you to: Jay Elder, Kevin Fix, Ken Williams, & Jan Bodnar
 - e. Gazebo - nothing has been planned or looked into at this time
 - f. PARCS review by Scott, conference for fall 2024 cancelled, no updates
 - g. New resident booklet - has been started, but not completed or distributed
 - h. Gravel path north of boat launch, similar to south side - no one has looked into this (tabled)
Update \$12000 to \$15000 moved to new business
 - i. Gravel on some hamlet roads & road fix by gas company installation - major holes fixed and filled
 - j. Tree planting bee - nothing was planned

Ron Gunther to check on tree source board will also check with RM on criteria for the tree planting
Fire truck purchase did not happen

8. New business discussion (Scott)

- a. 2025 Budget approval
 - i. Boat launch repairs added to Recreation (was \$2,500, increased by \$15,000 = \$17,500)
 - ii. Motion to accept Glenn Medernach
 - iii. Seconded Ron Gunther
 - iv. Carried Yes/No Yes
 - v. Discussion on how or what to do - committee to look into this?
- b. Election for vacant position, 1 year term (please note: anyone who joins the board will be required to complete a Disclosure & Conflict of Interest statement)
 - i. Call for nominations
 1. Name: Jason Svenningsen
 2. Name: Ken Williams
 - ii. Second call, third call
 - iii. Acceptance:
 1. Name & Yes/No: Jason Svenningsen Yes
 2. Name & Yes/No: Ken Williams Yes
 - iv. Voting by show of cards (per person)
 1. Name: Jason
 - a. Yes # 11
 2. Name: Ken
 - a. Yes # 25
 - v. Name: Ken Williams voted in by majority, term 1 yr
- c. Canada Day festivities & fireworks
 - i. Should we do it? July 1st is a Tuesday
 - ii. What date? (no long weekend this year)
 - iii. Does anyone want to plan it? (Brandy is unable to do it this year). No one stepped up, so no celebrations this year.
 - iv. Fireworks for Canada Day & New Year's, or only once a year?
 1. Vote to do fireworks on Canada Day (weather permitting), and decide closer to new Year's if we do fireworks then too.
 - v. Motion to accept Catherine Gudmundson
 - vi. Seconded Ron Gunther
 - vii. Carried Yes/No Yes
- d. Maintenance Person/Team - confirmed to continue for 2025
 - i. Any requests for hamlet maintenance must go through a board member (please do not contact the team directly)
- e. New entertainment area
 - i. A couple people have mentioned they'd like to see an entertainment area, ie: cement pad with pickleball courts, basketball, etc.
 - ii. Open discussion: no one wants an entertainment area - Voted No
- f. Gravel to some or all roads in hamlet - depending on cost, we may do this in phases (doesn't need to be voted on, we're just letting the residents know our plan)
 - i. Any discussion or problem areas? Lots of discussion (calcium chloride issues)
 - ii. We need gravel on roads as roads are powder now
 - iii. RM will look at powm roads with engineers
- g. Simple fence to replace ropes on west greenspace (ex: skinny trees instead of fence boards, similar to Blackwell's) - ropes are unsightly, but love that the green space is being protected, keep it more natural looking Possible install a rail fence instead of ropes this is a maintenance item
 - i. Discussion

- ii. Vote to replace ropes: all in favor
- h. Friendly Reminders & Notes - read headers, discuss as needed (maybe review the Garbages & Reminders sections)
- i. Watershed Committee update - Dave Blackwell gave a report
 - Water testing completed
 - Water depth measurements done by Dave
 - Core sample of bottom of lake completed
 - Skid steer and ice shack removed with no issues
 - See attached report**
- j. Questions for RM representative announced that the Municipal tax share is now 50%, not 40% anymore
 - i. Terry Whyte issue with Lake Quality Gerry Ritz mentioned a Turtle Lake study RM meets with all hamlets Boat counts, lot counts and development Final report for May 2026, :
 - ii. Jan bondar discussed fire ban included quads utv's RM mentioned \$80 fine if using quad during fire ban
 - iii. Last year we got an exemption RM having a meeting on Tuesday to discuss
 - iv. Tax assesment redone in 2025 based on your property lines only
 - v. Updates: More CSO having 2 all the time total of 4
- k. Questions for CSO
 - i. Golf cart rules by SGI CSO enforces Golf cart needs a permit:
 - ii. See CSO info sheet
- l. Gravel path north of boat launch, similar to south side - no one has looked into this
 - Update \$12000 to \$15000
 - Keith Gudmundson has issues with drainage and privacy
 - If the road is there then tax should change as cabins are taxed as lake front (but the rm confirmed property taxes are not based on location at all)
 - RM with engineers will look at feasibility
 - Francis Turcotte discussed the need for further discussion with cabin owners along this proposed route
 - Rm opened the bylaws during the meeting to see if this is even a discussion worth having - they confirmed a pathway will not be allowed with the present planning bylaw**
 - This will be not be discussed any further
- m. Open discussion
 - i. Kevin Fix issues with cardboard in dumpsters: may look into a recycle bin
 - ii. Terry Whyte - AIRBnb's need a permit and property will be taxed commercially.
 - iii. Does our zoning for Powm accommodate commercial activity RM to check
 - iv. RM doing a revamp of zoning bylaws for the RM
 - v. Board to meet with fire chiefs via RM invite

9. Next year's AGM - May 2, 2026 @ Dexter Hall (Scott)

- i. Motion to accept __Kevin Fix _____
- ii. Seconded __Ron Gunther _____
- iii. Carried Yes/No __Yes_____

10. Adjournment: _11:59 AM