



**ARGYLE MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Nicole Albright, Aldéric Boudreau, Kathy Bourque, Scott Surette, Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc, Vicky Belliveau, Malcolm Madden, Mariette d'Entremont, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Justine White, Maurice Babin, Chris Doucette, Josh Greene, Lorelei Atkinson

Absent: Roderick Murphy Jr.,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:37 pm.

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC as well our newest member Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Vicky Belliveau that the agenda is approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Approval of May 23, 2019 minutes:

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Vicky Belliveau that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes:

- **Trail Update** – Belleville – no movement, Hubert Pothier is working on an easement. Wedgeport – no movement, no one wants to take the lead on the trail project. Nakile – Natalie has not been able to make contact with Garnet McLaughlin, Trail Consultant, to obtain a quote for the cost of the trail so that they can then apply for funding.

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Scott Surette to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

Director of Programming and Active Living Report/Information Items:

Ginette went through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed.

It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont to approve the Director of Programming and Active Living Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Director of Recreation Services Report:

Natalie read through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Natalie d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- **Teen Program Evaluation** – Lucien d'Eon was in charge of the teen program, which meant he was out of the office 3 days of the week, breaking up the Recreation staff team for the planning of other programs. It is recommended that the program be spread out through July and August a few days a week. The days that were split up was more boring for the children and staff. The days with only one activity for the entire day with outside leadership worked better. It was felt that 4 staff are required so that there is never just one person with the teens. It was recommended that evaluations be sent to the parents/participants.
- **Strategic Plan** – Natalie went over the finalized ARC Strategic Plan that is combined with the Physical Activity Strategic Plan.

New Business:

1. **Day camps (4 year olds and staffing):** The summer day camp staff have expressed their concerns regarding 4 year old attending the camps in the summer. These children have not attended school yet and therefore are not accustomed to structure. The pre-primary programs they are attending are exploration based learning (play based). There are other issues faced by the staff such as children with special needs, requiring one on one at times, making things difficult and potentially causing safety concerns/liability issues. Perhaps we should be looking to hire a staff member for each camp that has training such as a Teaching Assistant to help with the children that have special needs. High 5 training focuses on the principles of healthy development for children ages 6-12, which stresses the reasoning behind not allowing the children that haven't attended school to be participating in our camps. We will look into the ratios of children to leader for the camps.
2. **Yarmouth County Athletic Awards Ceremony:** The ceremony will be held on Friday November 29th at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas.
3. **Principles of Healthy Aging Workshop:** The Healthy Aging workshop will be held on October 16th in Chester. Natalie Surette and Anna Sherwood will be facilitating the workshop. Ginette d'Entremont and other recreational professionals will be attending.
4. **Principles of Healthy Child Development Core Workshop:** This workshop will take place on October 21 in Truro. As a facilitator of High 5 training, Natalie Surette will be attending this workshop.
5. **Recreation Nova Scotia Conference:** The RNS Conference will be held in Truro from October 22-24th. Both Natalie and Ginette will be attending.
6. **After the Bell:** Argyle will be on their own this year and will not be joining Yarmouth Recreation with the ATB program. Ginette will meet with school (PEB) staff and decide what could work for the girls in Grades 7-9. Suggestions were: Yoga, painting, cooking, hiking etc. Ginette will update at next meeting with further details.

7. **Drop-in Programs:** Tuesdays at Belleville will be adult Pickle ball and Thursdays will be dodgeball for grades 3-6. Tuesdays at Pubnico will be Moms and Tots and Thursdays will be dodgeball for grades 3-4 and 5-6.

Area Reports:

- **Kathy Bourque:** Chase the Ace will begin on October 4th at the West Pubnico Fire Hall. Proceeds to go to the WPFH and the church (Église St. Pierre).
- **Nicole Albright:** Cribbage in Quinan will be done by September 27th. Trivia on September 27th at the Club Acadien in SAR as well as breakfast on September 28th, both events hosted by Les Amies de Ste. Anne. Nakile will be having an 80's dance at the Club Acadien on October 18th as a fundraiser. There will be an open house at Nakile on November 6th from 2-4pm celebrating their 30th Anniversary.
- **Vicky Belliveau:** On October 7th at the East Side Community Centre there will be a fish fry, hot chicken burgers, take-out and bingo. On November 8th they will have a shopping party. On November 17th there will be a Christmas Tea. On December 13 there will be a Kitchen Party with Christmas music.
- **Malcolm Madden:** Chase the Ace will start up on October 2nd at the Club Acadien in SAR.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting October 17, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Adjournment – It was moved by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.