



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, September 17, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Nicole Albright, Josh Greene, Lorelei Atkinson, Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc, Mariette d'Entremont, Vicky Belliveau, Scott Surette, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Maurice Babin, Justine White, Aldéric Boudreau, Malcolm Madden, Kathy Bourque, Roderick Murphy Jr.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:01 pm.

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Lorelie Atkinson that the agenda is approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Approval of June 18, 2020 minutes:

On motion by Lorelei Atkinson and seconded by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes:

- **Ball fields** – The Tusket ball field is being used by the Old Timers and the Wedgeport ball field is being used by a Slow Pitch Men's group. Softball Nova Scotia allowed tournaments to happen as of September 4, 2020 and the group using the Wedgeport ball field might be having a tournament.

Scott Surette commented on that the Tusket ball field is in very good shape and that the Maintenance crew are doing a great job of maintaining the facility.

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont 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 Scott Surette 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 Lorelei Atkinson to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- **Facility Maintenance Update** – The Pubnico multi-purpose court now has a Basketball net. The structure (goose neck/back board) was given to us by École secondaire de Par-en-Bas as they had removed it from the back of the school and wouldn't be using it again. This was a large cost savings for us.

We have also purchased a Goose Deterrent for the PEB soccer field to try to keep the geese off the field. Due to the size of the field, two units were required to be effective.

New Business:

- **Glenwood Park** – There has been a request to expand the water entrance at the at the beach/swimming area of the park. Another request was to remove the rocks from the swimming area as they have moved, becoming a hazard. The discussion continued to the possibility of a small launch area for kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. It was also recommended that a small natural playground would be good to have as well as the beach volleyball that was already discussed a few years ago.

Staff will begin the process of contacting the proper departments (Natural resources, Dept of Environment) to see if any of these things are possible. A plan and the costs associated with this project will need to be completed before it is brought to council for approval.

It is moved by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc and seconded by Josh Green to have the recreation staff look into the possibility of expanding the entrance to the swimming area of Glenwood Park to make it accessible, to also include the Beach volleyball court and a launching pad for kayaks and canoes as well as a Natural playground. *Motion Carried.*

- **Fall Programming** –
 - We offered Stand Up Paddle for women on September 2nd and Kayaking on Randals Lake on September 15th.
 - We will have a Bike Trail Trivia on the Trails from Pubnico Head to East Pubnico from October 2-9th.
 - We are planning a Pumpkin decorating event for children in October.
 - We are in the process of planning a trip to the Tobiotic with Nancy Lakusta of East Coast Paddle Company, however, the details are not finalized yet.

- We will be putting together Activity Bags for seniors focusing on exercise, crafts, brain teasers and possibly knitting.
 - Instead of the Christmas party we normally have for the seniors we will offer a take out meal of rappie, roll and sweet. Seniors will have to register similar to attending the Christmas party.
 - Yarmouth County Athletic Awards ceremony cannot go on as before and it was recommended that we highlight the special award winners only similar to how we will be showcasing our volunteers. We could have a virtual ceremony and the special award winners would be able to give us a speech after receiving their award.
- **Volunteer Appreciation 2020** – Due to Covid, we were not able to have a sit down meal with the volunteers so we decided to showcase them on Facebook with a photo and bio and also give them a framed certificate as well as a small gift as a token of appreciation for what they do as volunteers for their communities and the Municipality.

Area Reports:

- **Nicole Albright:** Chase the Ace is ongoing at the Club Acadien in SAR on Wednesdays.
- **Vicky Belliveau:** The East Side Community Centre will be planning a take out supper, the date to be determined.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting November 19, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Adjournment – It was moved by Vicky Belliveau to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm.