

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
6:30PM - Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

Present: Jean Brittain, Linda Gregory, Peter Turnbull, Matt Ross, Justin Oliver, Margaret Morgan, Bob Powell, Cindy O'Neil

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Chair, Jean Brittain.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Matt Ross moved and it was seconded by Peter Turnbull to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
3. Acceptance of May 15, 2019 Minutes
Matt Ross moved and it was seconded by Margaret Morgan to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2019, board meeting as circulated. Motion carried.
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a. Active Digby Fund. The Recreation Manager is waiting for approval from the Town of Digby Deputy C.A.O. that the Town will accept donations and issue income tax receipts on behalf of the Active Digby Fund. The program has been launched and the first deadline, July 1st, has three applications.
 - b. Digby Area Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The ceremony was held on Saturday June 1st at the DRHS Community Theatre. Attendance was good, all nominees were emotional and pleased.
5. Approval of Accounts Payable
Peter Turnbull moved and it was seconded by Matt Ross, that DARC approve the June payables in the amount of \$41,223.80. Motion carried.
Matt Ross moved and it was seconded by Peter Turnbull, that DARC approve the amended July payables in the amount of \$52,236.88. Motion carried
6. Acceptance of Financial Reports:
Matt Ross moved and it was seconded by Margaret Morgan to accept the income statement as circulated. Motion carried.
7. Recreation Reports:
Matt Ross moved and it was seconded by Peter Turnbull to accept the recreation reports as circulated. Motion carried.
Updates to Recreation Reports:
 - In conjunction with Wharf Rat Rally, Prostate Cancer will be renting Digby Arena for a Spare Parts Swap Meet.
 - The Order of the Eastern Star prepares the volunteer lunches during the Wharf Rat Rally and will be using the curling centre for this.
 - Three swim instructors were trained by Autism Nova Scotia on how to teach to persons on the autism spectrum. To date we have not had any interest in this, however we know that there is a need and time for this program to grow is required.

- Brain Murray is fixing the fence at the Vaughn VanTassell Memorial Playground and says he can fix the outdoor fitness equipment located there. Hopefully this will be done next week.

8. New Business:

- a) Tattoo Bus Trip. The bus trip to the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo on Friday, July 5th was a success. We were sold out with 57 people and there was a small waiting list. Some have expressed interest to go again next year as well as other bus trips. Cindy will look at some options for a fall bus trip.

9. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Vender By Law. The Town of Digby put in place a Vender By Law. DARC's first attempt at this process was the Gun Show for September. It would have cost this group over \$700.00 to go through the process. To reduce some of the financial burden this event will go under DARC insurance. The Recreation Director asked is there is any way DARC can be exempt from this. The Chair, Jean Brittain, recommended that the Recreation Director come to a council meeting and speak with the CAO.
- b. Bob Powell, Recreation Director, gave the board a letter that indicated his intention to retire as of November 15, 2019.
- c. With the Recreation Director retiring, the Hiring Committee will need to start advertising for the position. The committee will meet following the board meeting to develop a hiring plan.
- d. Addie Hersey is running for Digby Scallop Days Queen. Digby Area Recreation Commission will be sponsoring Addie.

10. Next Meeting: August 22nd, 6:30PM at the Digby Arena, 2nd Floor.

**11. Peter Turnbull moved and it was seconded by Matt Ross to adjourn the meeting. 7:30PM.
Motion carried.**