

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
6:30PM - Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

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

Regrets: Matt Ross

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Chair, Jean Brittain.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Margaret Morgan moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Peter Turnbull. Motion carried.
3. Acceptance of September 18, 2019 Minutes
Margaret Morgan moved to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2019, board meeting as circulated. Seconded by Linda Gregory .Motion carried.
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a. Telescope: The Municipality of the District of Digby received a grant in the amount of \$11,600.00 from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to build a structure to house the telescope at the municipal airport. The structure must be completed by the end of January 2020. Bob Powell and Jeff Sunderland have had conversations and it was agreed that the municipality would contract the structure and DARC will likely be responsible for the programming
 - b. Hiring Committee Update: Twenty five applications had been received and short listed to four. Interviews will be held on October 30th. Due to Margaret Morgan having a conflict of interest, the DARC Chair, Jean Brittain was asked to fill the position and Jean has accepted.
5. Approval of Accounts Payable
Peter Turnbull moved that DARC approve the amended payables, including the prepaid, in the amount of \$48,971.62. Seconded by Margaret Morgan. Motion carried.
6. Acceptance of Financial Reports:
Peter Turnbull moved to accept the income statement as circulated. Seconded by Margaret Morgan. Motion carried.
7. Recreation Reports:
Margaret Morgan moved and to accept the recreation reports as circulated. Seconded by Peter Turnbull . Motion carried.
8. New Business:
 - a. Audited Financial Statements: **Peter Turnbull moved to accept the audited financial statement prepared by Grant Thornton LLP. Seconded by Justin Oliver . Motion carried.**
 - b. Digby Area Community Gardens: On September 13th Bob and Cindy meet with a group interested in revitalizing the Digby Area Community Gardens. With the leadership of the Green Team at St. Patrick's Church and the support of the Digby Area Recreation

Commission, a group of 15 people turned out to the fall clean up on Saturday, September 28th. Unused beds were cleaned up and prepared for spring planting. Some people chose their plots and prepared them, others came just to help out. The new group plans to hold seminars over the winter on how to garden the easy way (no-till, no weeding), companion planting, growing flowers, house plants and other topics that participants may suggest. In the spring they will hold a planting party with refreshments and "weeding" get-togethers throughout the summer.

- c. Recreation Director's Retirement Party: There will be an Open House on Friday November 15th, 1-4pm, to send best wishes for Bob Powell's retirement. This is open to the public and invitations have gone out. There will also be a supper on November 20th for the current and past board members at Wok By the Bay (Bob's favorite). Linda Gregory is taking the lead on this with the assistance of Cara and Cindy.
- d. Staff & Board Christmas Dinner: With the retirement of Bob Powell it was decided that DARC will have the staff and board Christmas dinner post Christmas.

9. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Infrastructure. The Department of Community, Culture and Heritage's Recreation Facility Development Grant Program is heavily subscribed and there is never enough money. Valley Recreation has sent a letter to Minister Leo Glavine requesting a meeting to discuss the deficit in funding for recreation infrastructure.
- b. In Camera. **Linda Gregory moved to move the meeting in camera at 7:28PM. Seconded by Margaret Morgan. Motion Carried.**
Linda Gregory moved to move the meeting out of camera. Seconded by Margaret Morgan. Motion Carried

10. Next Meeting: December 11, 2019, 6:30PM at the Digby Arena, 2nd Floor.

11. Peter Turnbull moved to adjourn the meeting. 7:40PM. Seconded by Linda Gregory. Motion carried.