

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, July 16, 2014
6:30PM – Digby Municipal Building

Present: Jean Britain –Chair
Peter Turnbull
Shawna Curry
Linda Gregory
Hugh Sproule
Cindy O’Neil - Admin. Assistant/Secretary
Bob Powell - Recreation Manager

Regrets: George Manzer

Meeting called to order at 6:25 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain

1. **MOVED by H. Sproule, seconded by SP. Turnbull, to approve the agenda with the following the additions; Department of Tourism, Wharf Rat Rally, Thrive!, Correspondence and add Aquatic Director Report to the Recreation Reports.**
PASSED
2. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014.**
PASSED
3. Old Business:
 - a. Preliminary work has been started on the year-end audit. Nicholas Westcott from Grant Thornton is leaving the end of July to move back to the Valley. Ben Quek from the Halifax office will be coming down next week to work on the audit.
 - b. Letters will be sent out to selected colleagues of the Recreation Manager requesting to complete an evaluation. Other who will participate in the evaluation of the Recreation Manager area; Board Members, full time staff, Aquatic Director, CAO Of the Town and Municipality.
 - c. The Recreation Manager has not received any more information from Paul Carman.
 - d. The Recreation Manager followed up with Jeff Sunderland regarding advertising on the Kings Transit bus. Advertising space is available inside. However the Recreation Manager feels this may be used with special events such as the 2016 Canadian Curling Championships.
4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by H. Sproule to approve the July 2014 payables in the amount of \$49,864.27.**
PASSED
5. **MOVED by H. Sproule, seconded by S. Curry to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**
PASSED
6. **MOVED P. Turnbull, seconded by L. Greogry to accept the July Recreation Reports as presented.**
PASSED
7. New Business: No New Business at this time.

Additions:

- a. Thrive!: The Recreation Manager brought it to our attention that Mayors and Wardens were suppose to have received an invite to a Thrive! Summit scheduled for September 22-23, 2014, in Halifax. Notice indicates that one place has been set aside for each municipality. To the respective members' knowledge, this information has not been received by the Town of Municipality. They will follow up.
 - b. Department of Tourism: There is one inspector for the province that inspects all campgrounds. She was in the area today, so she, Alfred Doucette, and Andy Kerr came to the arena to look at the grounds. They are aware that DARC is not putting in temporary campsites during Wharf Rat Rally, but decided to come and check it anyways. She feels we would have a problem if we happened to not get good weather, as it is extremely wet out back due to the weather the past three days. She also noted that the sites would not have been feasible. The Recreation Manager also mentioned the 2016 Canadian Seniors Curling event.
 - c. Wharf Rat Rally: The Recreation Manager met with Andy Kerr. According to a letter sent in July 2013, DARC gave the Wharf Rat Rally committee first refusal on facility rental. We should know by August 1, 2014 if they will be using the facility. The only event in the arena parking lot is an obstacle course.
 - d. Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Board Member Hugh Sproule.
8. Next meeting; Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at the Digby Curling Centre.
 9. **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by S. Curry, the meeting to adjourn, 7:30pm.**
PASSED

Jean Brittain, Chair