

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, June 26, 2014
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

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

Regrets: Hugh Sproule

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain

1. **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by S.Curry, to approve the agenda with the following the additions; Scallp Days Princiness Sponsorship. Correspondance, Islands Summer Day Camp, Year End Audit, Seniors Bus Tours and Bus Advertising.**

PASSED
2. **MOVED by H. Sproule, seconded by G. Manzer to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014.**

PASSED
3. Old Business:
 - a. A letter went out to Paul Carman on May 29, 2014. Nothing has been heard so the Recreation Manager sent an email. Paul phones on Tuesday indicating that he was rejecting the offer and was preparing for Small Claims Court. The Board agreed to wait and see what happens.
 - b. The Recreation Managers evaluation will be done over the summer. Vice Chair, Linda Gregory has the lead on this.
4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to approve the amended June 2014 payables in the amount of \$29,788.67.**

PASSED
5. **MOVED by G.Manzer, seconded by P. Turnbull to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**

PASSED
6. **MOVED L. Gregory, seconded by P. Turnbull to accept the June Recreation Reports as presented.**

PASSED

Updates:

- The Wharf Rat Rally committee is advertising a draft schedule which includes a precision drill team and Hub City Stunts; a total of 7 shows, in the arena parking lot. To date they have not asked to use. It will cost DARC if this happens as the lines will have to be repainted.

MOVED by L. Greogry, seconded by P. Turnbull, that if there is a direct cost for use of facilities to Digby Area Recreation Commission, they, Wharf

Rat Rally need to reimburse DARC. If not, they will not be able to use the facility for those events.

PASSED

- DARC received special mention for the Valley Seniors Games closing lunch.

7. New Business:

- a. The Recreation Manager and facility staff measured sites for camping during Wharf Rat Rally. Based on the number of sites, don't think it is worth it financially. The Board has agreed to accept the Recreation Managers recommendation and not continue to explore the possibility of having campsites located at Digby Arena during the 2014 Wharf Rat Rally festival.

8. Additions:

- a. Scallop Days Princess Sponsorship: **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by G. Manzer that Digby Area Recreation Commission sponsor Callista Weir for Digby Scallop Days Princess. PASSED**
- b. Correspondence: Thank you cards were received from Tri-County Women's Centre and the Fundy YMCA.
- c. Islands Summer Day Camp: It was brought up at the Municipality of the District of Digby's Council meeting to why there were no day camps on the Islands this year. The Recreation Manager explained that in 2008 Digby Area Recreation offered a Mobile Summer Day Camp which the Islands were included in the rotation. In the summer of 2011, DARC hired two students from the Islands and offered a 6/7 week summer day camp program, Monday to Friday, from the Islands Consolidated School and Freeport Community Hall. The first few weeks there was great support (dozen children or so) but by the end only 3 children were registered each week. Financially the camps were not feasible or sustainable. During March Break in March 2014, DARC offered a one day mini day camp; only two participants. Last summer (2013) the Active Living Coordinator did look at the possibility of providing a shuttle to youth on the Island who would like to attend the day camps in Digby, however, this too was not financially possible. This summer DARC is partnering with Schools Plus to do events during the community events; Westport Days and Freeport Days.
- d. Year End Audit: Nicholas Westcott of Grant Thornton will be starting the year-end audit in July.
- e. Senior Bus Tour: DARC is working in partnership with Clare Recreation Department to offer a Seniors Wine Tour in September. We will rent the Mariner Bus, travel to Gaspereau Vineyard, Luckett Vineyard, lunch in Wolfville, and a tour of Fox Hill Cheese Farm.
- f. Bus Advertising: There may be the opportunity to advertise on the Municipality of Digby's new bus (transit bus). The Recreation Manager will follow up with the Deputy CAO, Jeff Sunderland.

9. Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2014, at the Digby Curling Centre.

10. **MOVED by P. Turnbull seconded by L. Gregory, the meeting to adjourn, 7:35pm.**

PASSED