

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, February 18, 2014
6:30PM - Digby Municipal Building

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 6:45 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain

1. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry, to approve the agenda with the following amendment; AVESTA Awards, Atlantic Recreation Conference, 2014/2015 Budget, Christmas Dinner, Staff Vacation, and March Meeting Change.**

PASSED

2. **MOVED by G. Manzer, seconded by P. Turnbull to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014.**

PASSED

3. Old Business:

- a. The Town of Digby Committee of the Whole discussed the DARC youth member on February 16, 2014. It was passed to take to Town Council in March 2014. The Municipality of the District of Digby passed the request. It is noted that L. Gregory feels that we are limiting youth and putting them out if we do not allow youth members to join the DARC Board.
- b. Seven volunteer nominations were received by the February 17th deadline. The DARC Volunteer Committee will review them following the meeting and select a representative for the Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby to attend the Provincial Volunteer Ceremony in Halifax on April 7th.
- c. The Recreation Manager looked into the camping during Wharf Rat Rally, which took some time to find who was responsible and get the application. It is \$180.00 for a permit and there are some regulations. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by L. Gregory that DARC go ahead with the Wharf Rat Rally camping and to apply for the permit.**

PASSED

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to approve the amended February 2014 payables in the amount of \$25,157.27.**

PASSED

5. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**

PASSED

6. **MOVED G. Manzer, seconded by S. Curry to accept the February recreation reports as presented.**

PASSED

Updates:

- There will be a public meeting regarding community gardens on Thursday, March 6, 2014. The Town of Digby has approved a site located on the east side of the Don Brown Memorial Ball Field. The Recreation Manager is looking for funding to erect a washroom and a shed.
- John Roswell of Digby/Clare Mental Health is applying for a grant to assist people with mental illness to participate in recreation programs..

7. **New Business:** No new business.

8. **Additions:**

- a. **AVESTA Awards:** The 2013 CJHL Top Prospects Game was nominated and is in the final three under the Sports Events of the Year category. The awards luncheon is Friday, February 28 at the Old Orchard Inn. Please confirm your attendance with the Recreation Manager.
- b. **Atlantic Recreation Conference:** Need confirmation of your attendance to the Atlantic Recreation Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick as soon as possible. The provincial recreation conference will be held in Halifax October 22-24, 2014
- c. **2014/2015 Budget:** Work is starting on the budget. If any member has budget priorities please submit them to the Recreation Manager as soon as possible.
- d. **Christmas Dinner:** A letter was received from the Town of Digby's Event Committee to see if there would be interest in a combined Christmas Dinner with all three groups, Town, Municipality and DARC. The Municipality do their own inviting the airport, etc. It was agreed now that we, DARC, invite for their fitness instructors and after school program coordinators that we may continue to have our own.
- e. **Staff Vacation:** If any employee wants to carry over vacation into the next year, the Recreation Manager can approve up to a week. Any days above the 5 days needs to be approved by the board. There are three employees requesting to carry over vacation days.
MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by P. Turnbull to approve the vacation days to be carried over into the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

PASSED

- f. **March Meeting Change:** Due to the Administrative Assistant going on vacation, the Valley/South Shore Recreation Directors meeting on the South Shore, and a workshop in Berwick on the same day, the March meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 25th at the Digby Municipal Building.

9. **Next meeting;** Tuesday, March 25 2014, at the Digby Municipal Building.

10. **MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by G. Manzer, the meeting to adjourn, 7:45pm.**

PASSED