

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 23, 2015
6:30PM – Digby Curling Centre

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

Regrets: Shawna Curry
Linda Gregory

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain

1. **MOVED by G. Manzer, seconded by P. Turnbull, to approve the agenda as presented.**
PASSED
2. **MOVED by P. Turnbull seconded by D. MacNutt to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015**
PASSED
3. Old Business:
 - a. The Provincial ceremony was held in Halifax at the Westin Tuesday, April 7th. The Lieutenant Governor and Premier were both able to attend. Clare Digby MLA Gordon Wilson was also in attendance. Both Provincial representatives, Neil Pothier and Stacey Doucette were highly appreciative of the award and DARC’s support. The 2015 Digby Area Volunteer Recognition Ceremony & Dinner was Wednesday, April 15th. Approximately 80 people were in attendance, which was smaller than past years.
 - b. Bob Powell, Cindy O’Neil and Danny Harview went in to the Men’s Worlds Curling Championships and met with Danny Lamoureux of Curl Canada and Kathy Siddall from Nova Scotia Curling Association to discuss the 2016 Canadian Seniors Curling Championships. It was a very productive meeting, items discussed included; the contract, schedule, curling rocks, ice maker, accommodations, title sponsor, logos, timers, etc. Everest Funeral Planning and Concierge Services is the title sponsor. A conference call has been held with the Public Relation Department out of Toronto, Ontario, and they are planning a site visit in June. A meeting was also held with some accommodations businesses.
 - c. The ACOA proposal under the ICF Program has been filed and is working its way through the evaluation process.
4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by George Manzer to approve the amended March payables in the amount of \$50,847.22.**
PASSED
MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by George Manzer to approve the amended April payables in the amount of \$30,560.42.
PASSED
5. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by D. MacNutt to accept the Financial Reports as circulated.**
PASSED
6. **MOVED P. Turnbull, seconded by GD.MacNutt to accept the Recreation Reports and updates as presented.**
PASSED
7. New Business:

- a. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by D. MacNutt to accept the proposal for the “Request for Proposal for Naming Rights”**
PASSED
- b. The Recreation Manager noted in his February report that CAO Ossinger, Matthew Raymond and the Recreation Manager met to discuss switching the Scotiabank loan to Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC). The Borrowing Resolution has been prepared, signed and sent to the Minister for his approval and signature.
- c. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to accept the DARC 2015/2016 Budget as presented.**
PASSED
- d. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by D. MacNutt that the request from Danny Harvieux, Bob Powell, and Justin Wood to carry their vacation days into the new fiscal year be approved.**
PASSED
- e. An application has also been submitted to the Department of Health and Wellness under the Recreation Facility Development (RFD) program under the ICF program is now complete and has been submitted. With the ACOA application and the RFD application, DARC is responsible to make up the difference of 17% which is in the budget. In the Provincial budget the RFD program has been cancelled. The Recreation Manager called Halifax and was told the program is gone. Letters are going to be prepared and sent out to all applicants. When a letter was not received the Recreation Manager called again and it was noted that the letters were on hold. The Recreation Manager feels that the MLA’s really did not realize what they were cutting when they cut the RFD program from the budget. So we are waiting to hear. The Recreation Manager then asked Brianne LeBlanc from ACOA to go to her manager and ask for an additional \$50,000.00 as not receiving the RFD grant could jeopardize the ACOA proposal
- f. The Recreation Manager will be presenting the DARC 2015/2016 budget at a joint Council meeting on April 30, 2015. The Recreation Manager will be asking 6 members of the community to give a brief presentation, 2-3 minutes, on what DARC has done for them or their organization. This will be done in hopes that Councillors will realize what DARC does and that DARC is more than facilities.
- g. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Department of Health and Wellness MPAL Program requires the Chair signature. Once done, it will be sent in.
- h. To date DARC has received 4 positions under the 2015 Students Career Skills Development Program; 2 lifeguard and 2 Day Camp Councillors. The Digby Area Sports Wall of Fame has received a Sport and Event Coordinator position. The Maritime NHL’ers for Kids event also received a student which will be housed in Digby and DARC will supervise this student on their behalf.
- i. The solar panels for the Digby Pool need to be replaced. Chutes Carpentry has already removed the old one and we are waiting for a quote from Larry Brooks to put in a new system made from PV piping.
- j. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to decline the AKHK application submitted by Digby Area Lacrosse Association as this fund does not fund general operation. PASSED**

8. Next meeting; Wednesday, May 21, 2015, at the Digby Arena, 2nd Floor.

9. **MOVED by G. Manzer, seconded by D. MacNutt, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

PASSED

Jean Brittain, Chair