

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 21, 2015
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

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 6:33 PM by Chair, Jean Brittain

1. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry, to approve the agenda with the following additions; RNS.**

PASSED

2. **MOVED by P. Turnbull seconded by D. MacNutt to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015**

PASSED

3. Old Business:

- a. The Recreation Manager, Administrative Assistant and Facility Supervisor will have a conference call on May 28th with REPUBLIC, a firm that represents Everest Funeral Planning and Concierge Service, who is the title sponsor for the 2106 Canadian Seniors. They are planning a site visit to Digby on June 23, 2015. If we have the opportunity, we will have a nice lunch with Nova Scotia flare with a presentation from the 2011 event.
- b. The Recreation Manager has not heard from ACOA regarding the status of DARC’s application to the ICF program. The Recreation Manager met with Guy Le Blanc yesterday and stated the application is moving through the channels. MP Greg Kerr is aware of the application.
- c. The Recreation manager did a budget presentation to both Councils during a joint Council meeting on April 30th. The Municipality of Digby has approved the budget however they are waiting to hear from the Town. The Town has no dealt with it to date.
- d. There are rumors that the RFD program has been reinstated at \$600,000.00. The Recreation Manager has not received any information regarding the status of DARC’s application.
- e. Morgan Dunn, Coordinator/Event Services for the Maritime NHL’ers for Kids Golf Tournament is helping DARC with some items. Currently Morgan is searching out companies that DARC may want to send the Naming Rights Proposal to.
- f. The paperwork is complete for N.S. Municipal Finance Corporation, just waiting for Purolator to pick them up and deliver them.

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry to approve the payables in the amount of \$49,390.36.**

PASSED

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

PASSED

6. **MOVED** L. Gregory, seconded by G. Manzer to accept the Recreation Reports and updates as presented.

PASSED

Updates:

- *The DARC budget presentation format was intended to show Council that DARC was more than just facilities and to give a perspective of DARC's outreach in the communities.*
- *DARC will have a Mobile Kayak Camp at the end of August at the Digby East Fish & Game Association.*
- *DARC's aquatic staff is down 5 employees. Cheri Kelly is going to assist DARC and help with some swim lessons as well as do a NLS course. The N.S. Department of Health & Wellness, Valley Region has committed to \$10,000.00 a year for two years to assist with aquatic leadership.*
- *A meeting was held with the Digby Area Community Gardens Association. They are ready to go and will be contacting everyone from last year to see if they will be purchasing any plots. DARC will advertise.*
- *The Open Space Committee (Municipality of Digby) met and guidelines for a trail grant program are being developed. Trail organizations will be able to apply to assist with operations and maintenance.*
- *A group presented to Town Council last evening regarding trail development around VanTassel Lake. Parking is the biggest barrier. The Town of Digby owns 538 acres and was bought to protect the Town well.*

7. New Business:

a. None at this time

8. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Recreation Nova Scotia: The 18th annual Recreation Nova Scotia Conference will take place October 13th-16th at the Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa. If any board members are interested in attending all or any sessions let the Recreation Manager know.
- b. The annual DARC Board & Staff Meet & Greet (with BBQ) will be prior to the meeting at 5:30pm. This gives everyone a great opportunity to meet and know who the DARC staff is this summer.

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the Digby Arena, ^{2nd} Floor.

10. **MOVED** by G. Manzer, seconded by D. MacNutt, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
PASSED