

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

Present: Jean Britain Peter Turnbull George Manzer
 Shawna Curry Linda Gregory David MacNutt
 Cindy O’Neil Bob Powell

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 with the following additions; audit committee.**

PASSED

2. **MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by PG. Manzer to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015**

PASSED

3. Old Business:

- a. The Recreation Nova Scotia Conference was held October 13-16, 2015. DARC was well represented with Linda Gregory, Shawna Curry, Jean Brittain, George Manzer, Bob Powell and Danny Harvieux attending.
- b. The Host Committee met with Danny Lamoureux and Robyn Mattie from Curling Canada on October 2, 2015, this meeting was just to confirm some details and for the committee to meet the representatives from Curling Canada. Randy Ferbey will be doing a media tour to promote the Everest-Ferbey National Pro Am. Ferbey will be travelling to curling clubs across Canada from October 25-November 18 to promote the Pro AM. He will be stopping in Digby on November 10th; the only other stop in Nova Scotia is in Halifax the day before. We will send this information to all curling clubs in Annapolis Valley and South Shore.
- c. The ACAO grant is very close to the end, the remainder of the work well be done and completed after the 2016 Senior Curling event is over.
- d. The Special Premises License for the Digby Curling Centre under N.S. Alcohol & Gaming as been verbally approved.
- e. An Active Kids, Healthy Kids Fund application from Westport Recreation Hall Auxiliary was received last month. The Recreation Manager had further conversations with the applicant for some clarification on their request. The Recreation Manager recommended that the application be declined as it did not fit the criteria of the Active Kids, Healthy Kids Fund.

4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by S. Curry to approve the revised the October payables in the amount of \$116,921.58.**

PASSED

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

PASSED

6. **MOVED L. Gregory seconded by D. MacNutt to accept the Recreation Reports and updates as presented.**

PASSED

Updates:

- The Digby Curling Club held their AGM; Matt Ross is the President. Rick Olsen is stepping down as ice maker. The DARC Chair will send a letter to Rick thanking him for his years of service. Rick will be mentoring Glenn Adams and Keith Weagal to make ice.
- Engineering plans have been requested from ABC Playground and Water & Ice for a 45’x28’ splash pad. There is a group that will fundraise. ACOA had a grant that will help cover 50%.

7. New Business:

- a. The Christmas Staff & Board Dinner will be either December 12th or 19th. Please temporarily mark these dates and we will confirm in a few days.

MOVED by L. Gregory seconded by G. Manzer, that all fulltime employees receive a gift card in the amount of \$150.00 and the Citizen Reps receive a gift card in the amount of \$100.00.

PASSED

- b. The hockey banners hanging in Digby Arena were originally taken down for painting and they have not been put back up as some banners are old, worn and have mildew. And we simply ran out of room at the front of the arena so the banners were scattered around the building. The Board agreed that they would like to see them back up and that the staff attempt to accommodate as many as possible.
- c. National Volunteer Week is April 10-16, 2016. There has been some recent changes in who will be organizing the provincial ceremony; the government has turned over the responsibility to the Department of Community Services, Volunteerism and Non Profit Division and they have put it out to tender. Recreation Nova Scotia did bid on it but was declined. DARC will continue with the regular nomination process until we receive notice. The 2016 Digby & Arena Volunteer Recognition Ceremony & Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.
- d. Danny Lamoureux from Curling Canada brought to our attention that if we want to stay in the Sport Tourism game that we might want to consider attending the Sport Events Congress hosted by the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance. This year the event will be held in Ottawa, March 6-8, 2016. This may also be a great opportunity to see what other events may be out there.

MOVED by L. Gregory, Seconded by P. Turnbull, that DARC send Cindy O'Neil to the Sport Events Congress in Ottawa and to become an Active (Municipal) Member.
PASSED

8. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Audit Committee: The DARC Audit Committee met prior to the regular board meeting. The committee reviews what they currently do and the role that the audit committee needs to take. The Administrative Assistant will put the current procedures in places for the audit committee to review. Councillor George Manzer will be Chair of the Audit Committee

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the Digby Arena, 2nd Floor.

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

PASSED