

Digby Area Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:30PM – Digby Arena, 2nd Floor

Present: Jean Britain Peter Turnbull
Shawna Curry George Manzer
Cindy O'Neil Bob Powell

Regrets: Linda Gregory
Absent: David McNutt

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

1. **MOVED by P. Turnbull seconded by S. Curry, to approve the agenda with the following additions; High Cliff Cove Trail.**

PASSED
2. **MOVED by G. Manzer seconded by S. Curry to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 minutes.**

PASSED
3. Old Business:
 - a. The 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championships was a success. We are wrapping the event up. The Host Committee will be having their final meeting on May 16th. There will be a volunteer reception soon. Financially we are positive of a break even, possibly a small profit.
 - b. We have heard back from the Student Summer Skill Incentive program (provincial). DARC has received 2 Day Camp Counsellors and 1 Water Safety instructor/Lifeguard. Under the Canada Summer Jobs program DARC received 1 Leadership Development Coordinator for 8 weeks. Digby Area Soccer Association received funding under the Student Summer Skill Incentive program for a Summer Soccer Program Coordinator; Nick Foote has been hired by DASA for this position. Digby Area Sports Wall of Fame Society received a Sport & Event Coordinator under the Student Summer Skill Incentive program.
 - c. The Recreation Manager received the approval agreement from AOCA for the pool upgrades & repairs. ACOA's contribution is \$35,000.00
 - d. The Hike Nova Scotia Summit was very successful with 170 delegates. Hikes lead by the Fundy Erratics included; Acacia Valley Trail, VanTassel Trail, Point Prim, Althouse Trail and Balancing Rock Trail. Arlene Drew catered the event and did a fantastic job, especially with all the dietary restrictions. Larry Goodwin and the Fundy Erratics were recognized.
 - e. Both Town and Municipal Councils have the DARC budget. Both Councils are in budget deliberations. Councillor Brittain brought it to our attention that during the Town budget meeting she asked the Council if they have any concerns in regards to recreation to bring them forward. She was looking for a sense if the Councillors feel that recreation needs to do more, slow down, or what we should be moving towards. It was also mentioned that soon DARC will need to do something with the exterior of the building. Councillor Turnbull reminded us that a few months ago the Facility Supervisor compiled a list of items that will soon need attention and we should constantly be aware of these items. i.e. zamboni
 - f. The 2016 Digby County Seniors Zone Games begin May 24th. Numbers are low.
 - g. Thirty three volunteers participated in the Volunteer Food Handlers that DARC hosted on May 11th.
4. **MOVED by P. Turnbull, seconded by G. Manzer to approve the payables in the amount of \$62,081.47; prepaid in the amount of \$14,696.44 and outstanding payables in the amount of \$47,385.03.**

PASSED

Notes: The DARC Audit Committee asked Cindy to pull all deposits January 11-15, 2016. Cindy explained the process from taking the money to the bank deposit.

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 Recreation Reports as presented.**
PASSED

Recreation Reports Updates:

- *The Recreation manager is completing a questionnaire for the insurance carrier., The Town has recommended that DARC carry its own policy*
- *Robert from Water & Ice North America was on site today. This is for the pool repairs and upgrades. Work on the pool has started in cooperation with the town of Digby Public Works. One leak have already been found.*
- *The Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa are not opening their tennis courts this year as they feel they are unsafe. The Active Living Coordinator is looking around for other tennis courts in the area.*
- *The Board took a tour of the pool area so the work that needs to be done could be explained.*

7. New Business:

- a. The DARC Staff /Board Meet & Greet will take place before the June meeting; June 15th, 5:30pm at the Digby Curling Centre. This is a chance for the board and full time staff to meet all summer staff.

8. Additions to agenda:

- a. At the DATA (Digby Area Tourism Association) meeting Greg Turner mentioned there is an easement with Charles Haliburton for the High Cliff Cove Trail for 15 years, started in 2007/2008. There was mention that DARC of the Municipality of the District of Digby takes this over.
- b. DARC has once again sponsored the High C's retreat. It is held at the Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa this weekend. They have 190 registered.

9. Next meeting; Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at the Digby Arena, ^{2nd} Floor..

10. **MOVED by L. Gregory, seconded by G. Manzer, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**
PASSED

Jean Brittian, DARC Chair