

THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – July 15, 2009

There was a meeting of the Recreation Committee held at the Horton Township Municipal Chambers on July 15, 2009. Present were: Chair Bob Kingsbury, Mayor Robert A. Johnston Councillor Dave Bennett (left after his Maintenance Report), Sharon Bennett, Barb and Arnold Dickson, Tim McDonald, Leona Warren, Valerie Miller, Gladys & Ralph Miller, Program Manager Julie Hawley and Guest Presenter Bonnie Keith.

1. Call to Order

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of pecuniary interest

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes of June 10, 2009 Recreation Committee meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the June 10, 2009 Recreation Committee meeting.

4. Business Arising:

Julie Hawley was asked to call Kirby Punt from the Ministry of Natural Resources to view the beach with Mayor Johnston and Chair Kingsbury.

5. Bonnie Keith, Guitar Heaven (Talent Show Presentation)

Bonnie presented her idea to have a talent show (for participants ranging from 10 – 80 years old), with auditions one Saturday (or two Saturdays, depending on how many entries there are) and a Talent Show the following Saturday. There would be four judges, three trophies presented, and it would not be limited to Horton residents. The Kitchen and Bar might be opened up for this event, depending on the time of day of the event. The winner may be offered to open up for an upcoming Horton dance (with band). Bonnie and Jim Keith would organize the event, with an application process available through Guitar Heaven. The Registration fee would be put towards Bonnie's expenses, and the Talent Show itself would generate admission revenue for the Community Centre. This event is expected to run in October, with advertising to be co-ordinated soon.

Moved by Arnold Dickson; seconded by Sharon Bennett

That the Recreation Committee supports the endeavours of Bonnie and Jim Keith to put together a talent show for the Horton Community Centre.

Carried.

6. Julie Hawley – Program Manager's Report

The Program Manager gave a report on maintenance and housekeeping issues, including the leaks in the roof at the Community Centre, the request to change the meeting date of the Rec Committee from the 3rd week to the 2nd week (to accommodate the new Committee-as-a-Whole meeting), and the possibility of meeting with the municipality's auditor to provide an efficient system for the handling of money. Currently, we have many different volunteers handling money for a variety of events, and we need to provide a system that deals with these challenges.

It was also reported that the OPP did respond to our request for a drive by of a Community Centre event (on June 6, 2009). Sgt Terry McIntyre confirmed that the officers on duty drove through the parking lot, assessed the situation to be under control and left.

7. Sub-Committee Reports:

Sports Sub-Committee

- Unpaid 2008 Recreation User Fees

There are three unpaid user fees, down one from last month. They will be sent another reminder.

- Township Beach

Julie Hawley will arrange a meeting with Kirby Punt from Ministry of Natural Resources, Mayor Johnston and Chair Kingsbury to view the beach area. We will come prepared with our general objectives and a safety plan. Mr. Punt will assess our objectives in conjunction with the impact to the existing shoreline.

- Beach Volleyball Plan

It was confirmed that Jeff Schruder is planning on constructing the beach volleyball courts before mid week of the first week in August (Please see Maintenance report for full details).

- Grant approved by Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) Program in Ontario and Ontario Recreation (Ontario REC)

Two options were mentioned to cover the rink, one being a fabric Cover All building, the other a Mega Dome cover. Arnold Dickson asked if the fabric building could stand up to puck damage, and he was reassured that it would. Mega Dome will not guarantee their product unless there are ends installed with the structure. Councillor Dave Bennett will get a contact for Cover All in Toronto. The Program Manager has also made contact with a Cover All representative at MnR Feeds in Arnprior, who could provide us with a quote if we provide a general layout of our plan, including entrances, end details and the relation to other buildings.

Maintenance Sub-Committee

David Bennett, Chair

Councillor Dave Bennett gave a report on the leaky roof to the effect that Garnett Headrick is aware of the issue, has inspected the roof and reported that the flashing and the rain cap need to be replaced. Garnett will soon be doing the siding on the changeroom building, and will start the above mentioned work on the Community Centre.

New hardware will be purchased for the existing door to the men's washroom. We may need to purchase the door itself to get the hardware. Rilla will be asked to look at the soap dispenser in this washroom, to try and clean it out.

Marshall's machinery will be available for Jeff Schruder to complete the parking lot addition, to spread the gravel pile behind the Community Centre, and to complete machinery work for the volleyball courts. These jobs must be completed before mid week, the first week in August because Marshall's machinery will not be available after that date.

The Plowing Match volunteers who helped direct our Canada Day traffic have requested our help to direct parking at the Plowing Match. Councillor Bennett, and others volunteered for this request.

Bar Sub-Committee

Ralph Miller, Chair

Ralph Miller requested that we make appropriate signs for our Bar to bring us up to the standards that Mark Lambert (Liquor License Inspector) talked about concerning the importance of serving limitations (not serving intoxicated individuals).

After discussion, the following was recognized; the importance of documenting any and all observations both in relation to the intoxication of individuals and communication with the police; volunteers are responsible for Community Centre patrons until they are sober; volunteers are not allowed to serve intoxicated

individuals; all volunteers are required to have SmartServe training; if volunteers feel the need, they must call the police because volunteers do not have to deal with situations escalating (or the reasonable risk of escalating) beyond their comfort level.

Julie Hawley will be in touch with Jim McBain to arrange a special meeting with Mr. McBain and our bar and security volunteers.

Tim McDonald requested the SmartServe package. Julie Hawley will check with Mackie McLaren to ensure that we have the required SmartServe cards and pins to keep at the Bar. Supplies will be re ordered if necessary.

Entertainment/Fundraising Sub-Committee Tim McDonald, Chair

Tim McDonald reported a \$100.00 profit from 5 tables booked on the July 11th Yard & Craft Sale. Julie Hawley received this money with the \$20 float.

Friday, September 18th, Brysonnaires are booked in for the Community Centre dance.

Saturday, September 26th, there will be a Yard Sale event, possibly with a Farmer's Market. Val Miller will advertise at the Church Yard Sale just prior to our event. Leona took information and will advertise accordingly. Tim McDonald will co ordinate with Julie Hawley to have some sign made up. There was mention of a Christmas Craft Sale.

Scott Humphries' first film review of July 9th, was attended by 11 people. The next film review will be July 23rd, Maltese Falcon. Sharon Bennett suggested that we let people know if the film is suitable for family viewing. Scott is pleased to have become a volunteer on the Entertainment/Fundraising Committee.

Little Caesar PizzaKit fundraiser program was introduced to the Committee. Due to shortage of time, it was agreed to take the package home and re visit the issue next meeting.

After discussion, it was decided that a Harvest Supper would be more profitable than a Bingo event.

Special Events Sub-Committee Chair Robert Kingsbury

Canada Day

Sharon Bennett will ask Bill and Clara to submit receipts to the office.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, Chair Kingsbury thanked Dave and Sharon Bennett for all the work and services that Marshall's has volunteered for Canada Day over the past years. These inkind services have undoubtedly helped to create and establish the success of this event.

Public Relations Sub-Committee Leona Warren, Chair

Leona Warren submitted a thank you list for Sharon Bennett to verify. Leona will advertise for the Sept 18th dance and the Sept 26th Yard Sale

Rentals & Kitchen Sub-Committee Sharon Bennett, Chair

Sharon Bennett informed the Committee that Doug Campbell has offered to donate catering supplies to the Community Centre. It was agreed that Julie Hawley will arrange to look at the supplies, report back to Sharon Bennett and Chair Kingsbury, and upon approval, Public Works will arrange pick up of these supplies.

There will be a meeting to organize the kitchen on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30pm.

8. Other Business

Mayor Johnston reported that the gates we were hoping to get for the Boat Launch are not available. Julie Hawley will visit the Boat Launch and check the box for money.

Both the Rental Agreement and the Recreation Newsletter were not reviewed, due to time constraints.

- Revenue and Expenditures

The Committee reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures Report.

9. Next Meeting Date

The Recreation Committee meetings will resume in September, a date has not been chosen.

10. Confirmation Resolution

Moved by Sharon Bennett; Seconded by Arnold Dickson

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or decisions given during the open portion of this Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law of resolution.

Carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Ralph Miller; Seconded by Val Miller

That the Recreation Committee meeting adjourns at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY