

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 25th, 2010
6:30 pm
MUNICIPAL OFFICE – 217 HARPER RD.

PRESENT: **Chair:** Susan Freeman
 Committee Members: Linda MacDonald, Jan Rawling
 Admin. Assist. – Joanne Gallagher
Regrets: Gwen England, Cliff Proud, Connie Willows

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:25.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation Meeting of May 11th, 2009 were approved as presented.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

The Chair invited Lisa Lemieux-Beaudoin however she was unable to attend.

7. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS/UPDATES

a) Hockey Update

Things are progressing well in all divisions; the older league in particular. Discussion took place about the possibility of adding a Seniors age group (14-16) as there is the possibility of obtaining another hour of ice time on Sunday mornings. Jan is to confirm this with Terry Donaldson at Lanark Highlands. Suggestions for age group splits were as follows:

- 6-7 years of age (Sunday morning)
- 8-9 (Sunday morning)
- 10-11 and 11-13 Thursday evening
- 12,13, 14 or 13-16 or 14-16 were suggested splits for the older age groups
- To be discussed with Coaches and additional hour to be confirmed by Jan

Discussion took place regarding ways to keep the program cost effective without making the program more accessible and to continue with policy of residents receiving first priority. There is a need to purchase additional pucks.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Budget Considerations

Current fees were reviewed and decision was reached to increase fees for the coming season for Baseball, Soccer and Hockey due to time demands placed on Township (lining of fields, equipment setup etc.) as follows:

- Baseball from \$18 to \$25
- Hockey from \$145 to \$150
- Soccer increase from \$25 to \$30
- Choir – unknown at this time but likely to increase
- Late fee of \$10 to remain in place but emphasis to be placed on positive “early-bird” fee rather than noting a late fee.

b) Parks & Recreation Ontario Conference

- Fees may need to increase to cover cost of attendance (possibly two this year, two next)
- Cost for two people \$1,200
- S. Freeman updated members on last year’s conference
- Decision that Connie, Linda and Jan to attend this year
- J. Gallagher to obtain information on-line on this years’ conference and provide to others
- Registration to be handled by Township staff (J. Gallagher) and booking/pre-payment of hotel, Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls (2 falls view rooms) – April 06th – 08th
- S. Freeman to bring to Council for approval

c) Township Website

A presentation was given by Rob Tremblay, Clerk in order to obtain members feedback on both current website and ideas/suggestions for the proposed re-design project. These included:

- Registration/Payment On-line (ability to register for programs on-line priority issue)
- Removal of links to separate websites (i.e. Choir website has typos, etc.)
- More room instead for program content/information
- Need to post weather related cancellations after Township business hours (cancellations not posted until 5:00 pm) posed a problem in the past therefore, a portal/password or other means of accessing website by select non-Township volunteers/recreation committee members is required.

d) 2010 Recreation Newsletter

- Jan to revise calendar of events after consultation with Cliff and Connie and send to J. Gallagher for updating and printing
- Promotion/Advertising of equipment exchange needed, suggestions included – handouts for each sport, include in Maberly column and Township bi-weekly EMC ad. As well need for baseball co-ordinators for Maberly and Burgess. S. Freeman to prepare a piece regarding responsibilities of Baseball Co-ordinators (shirt collection/co-ordination/distribution/ordering, grouping of teams, finding/co-ordinating coaches, end of season parties, medial ordering, etc.) Deadline Feb. 05th for input.
- Family Fun Day not being held this year
- S. Freeman to contact Murphys Point Provincial Park to obtain information on the Anniversary they are celebrating this year

e) Bowes Rink

Principal Fournier to be contacted to see if there is perhaps a parent that would be willing to volunteer for flooding/maintenance of rink and if need for volunteer could be placed in the school's February newsletter. Volunteer last year was unwilling to continue as he felt his efforts were not recognized by the Township. Suggestion made that initial preparations could be handled by Township staff and volunteers would then perform upkeep. Susan to bring this idea to Council.

f) Youth Volunteer Recognition Awards

No names were put forward for the award and the deadline is past.

g) Township Office Relocation

Discussion took place as to the timeframe for the move back to 217 Harper Rd. (and the impact this may have if not ready on schedule on recreation meetings/events.

h) Criminal Record Checks

Reminders to be sent out Fall 2010 of need to provide to Township. Discussion re changing policy from yearly renewal to say every five years for returning volunteers.

9. IN CAMERA

N/A

10. NEXT MEETING

At the call of the Chair.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Chair

Secretary