

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH NORMANBY RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the board room at the Normanby Arena in Ayton.

**PRESENT:** Aaron Culliton, Mary Lou Pfeffer, Alex Pfeffer, Janice Norley, Carol Leibold, Carol Lawrence (Council Rep) and Tom Culliton (staff)

**ABSENT:** WAYNE PFEFFER, DAVE FORESTER, JOYCE NUNN

**GUEST:** Sherry Pfeffer  
REBECCA HERGERT

**PECUNIARY INTEREST:** Mary Lou Pfeffer

The minutes were adopted on a motion by Carol Leibold and seconded by Alex P. Carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Snow Volleyball Report

It was noted that the receipts for that day did not appear in the financial report due to the late sale of unused products. This will be addressed in the April Report.

#### 2017 Family Ball Tournament

Tom reminded the Ball Committee that planning for the ball tournament should begin in April. The first order of business is to get a resolution to council, the Health Board and the Liquor Board. These letters are on file and will be reassigned for this year's tournament. A committee was set-up previously to oversee this year's activities because Tom wishes to be relieved of this responsibility. He reminded the committee that the team invitations should be ready and sent out in May. The necessary steps will be recorded for future reference. It is hoped to present all participants with some item to mark Canada's 150 celebrations.

#### Children's Introduction to Baseball

The information necessary plus the waiver will be prepared shortly and sent through the Normanby School for children 6 – 10 years of age plus the local Catholic Schools in the area that have Normanby students. There appears to be much interest. The outline is included in the February minutes.

#### Normanby Recreation Accessible Customer Service Standards

Tom gave Janice N. this binder to read, sign and date and then to pass it to David F.

#### New Lights

The Lights Committee was unable to meet on the prescribed Saturday but must meet before the next meeting to present a recommended purchase for new Christmas lights for the village.

# NEW BUSINESS

## FCC GRANT APPLICATION

Tom presented the FCC Grant application to the group to see if they would be interested in applying for this grant. After some discussion, it was noted that the support of the West Grey Council was necessary for the application process. Mary Lou Pfeffer and Carol Leibold agreed to make a presentation to council on Monday, April 3 in the morning. Aaron has all of the plans drawn up for these flowerbeds. The deadline for the application is April 17. Aaron C. contacted Bob Scriven (lawyer) and he has agreed to help prepare this grant application. The group decided to apply for \$15,000, which will cover the cost of the three flower bed retaining walls which will be constructed around the three entrance signs into the village. Permission will be required for the two situated on Country road 3. Joyce N. will send the required information to the Grey Council Roads Department. Mary Lou and Bob will speak together to lay out the presentation to Council.

## SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

Carol Lawrence shared that the Mayor had inquiries about setting up a summer programme (just in the am) for children in Ayton during the summer. Questions arose about the viability of such a programme with such short notice. The group wondered about training leaders, buying supplies and the logistics of such a venture. A suggestion was made to run a week's session in connection with Vacation Bible School this summer as a trial run.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary Lou P. suggested to send a letter to the Parks Department to inquire about the proposed flower planting scheme for the village. Carol Lawrence advised us to attend a Parks Department meeting. Tricia Black is the chairperson. The group was informed that the Parks Department decide where to plant flowers in the village. It was decided to attend a meeting to ask about the proposed flower planting scheme for Ayton.

A motion by Mary Lou Pfeffer **"that Sherry Pfeffer be added to the sub committee of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee"** was seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.

Sherry presented a fundraising project for May 10 for a cookie decorating session "Cookie Capers" in the Centennial Hall, Ayton from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. For \$40 for adults and \$35 for kids, each will decorate 6 different cookies in various themes such as Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc. The demonstrator will provide the cookies, materials and decorating devices. Sherry was instructed to book the lady. The hall is already booked. She also suggested to hold two movie nights during the summer at the Centennial Hall on an outside screen. Food and pop corn could be sold. A check will be made into the A & W's screen for their outdoor movies. Perhaps June and July would be okay for this activity.

On a motion by Carol Leibold **"that Mary Becker become an honorary member of this committee's sub committee in recognition of her faithful service to the group"**. Seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.

Mary Lou presented an idea about a possible celebration in recognition of the over 40 years of hockey, (girls and boys), figure skating and curling in the Normanby Arena to be celebrated the same day, November 19, as the lighting of the village Christmas tree and unveiling of the new Christmas lights. The celebrations could simply be various hockey games of various teams with the chili cook-off in the main hallway. Later, those who wish could leave and go to the Christmas tree for the lighting and singing. She suggested that the arena board room could be renamed the "Eileen Phillips" room and the board room in the Centennial Hall could be renamed the "Tom Burns" room (as part of the Canada 150 celebrations in recognizing important people from the area). The group was reminded by Carol Lawrence that such changes will have to be brought before West Grey Council. The speakers' series will be moved to the fall. A notice about all of the year's activities for Canada 150 will be gathered and sent through the mail in May.

Mary Lou Pfeffer will check with knowledgeable people concerning the feasibility of building of a splashpad at the Centennial Hall and will present information at the next meeting.

The vouchers V26 – 2016 and VO2 and VO3 2017 were presented and accepted on a motion by Janice Norley and seconded by Carol Leibold. Carried.

The correspondence included the minutes of Neustadt meetings on Feb. 8, March 8 and Durham meetings on Feb. 23 and March 23.

Tom reported an increase in ice rentals receipts from last year. The ice is out now. Several hockey schools are lined up for the summer ice beginning in mid July. The work on re-insulating and residing of the arena will begin shortly. This will help save electricity during the summer months. The hall rentals were down slightly to date but anticipate more wedding and stag and does rentals in the spring and summer.

On a motion by Carol Leibold, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Aaron Celliton  
