

OCTOBER

MINTUES OF THE NORMANBY RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE for OCTOBER 27TH MEETING

PRESENT: Carol Leibold, Aaron Culliton, Sherry Pfeffer, Jes Farquharson, Mary Lou Pfeffer, Janice Norley, Dave Foerster, Carol Lawrence (council rep), Tom Culliton (staff)

1. Welcome and Call to Order: The Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:32 p.m. in the arena board room, chaired by Aaron Culliton, chairperson. Carol Leibold chaired the meeting until Aaron arrived. Everyone was welcomed.
2. No pecuniary interests were declared.
3. On a motion by Janice Norley, seconded by Joyce Nuhn "**that the previous meeting's minutes be adopted as presented**". Carried.
4. There were no delegations.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING:**

-Ayton Town Signs

Joyce shared that she and Tom were not wowed by the 3 new flowerbeds at the 3 Ayton entrance signs now that they are done. They checked the drawings and the amount of the stones included was what the sketches had indicated. Joyce suggested that the south sign area should be all mowed to meet what Jeff Pfeffer mows. The three entrance signs areas will be included in next year's mowing tender. Tom reported that Kim Tone (Homecoming treasurer) has closed the account of \$15,568.30 and this amount has been forwarded to the Rec. account for payment toward those flowerbeds. A suggestion to plant bulbs has been deferred until next year. A suggestion to install solar lights at each sign was also deferred as well.

-New Christmas Lights

Joyce distributed a sample of the donation letter for distribution to local businesses asking for a \$300 donation toward the cost of the new Christmas lights. The actual cost is \$11,378.73 (\$10,000 from homecoming). AC/DC and the Recreation Board have already spoken for 2. 21 were actually ordered (the Fire Department ordered 1). Each donator will receive a sign as a thank you. The lights are being shipped here by October 31st. The Parks Department has been contacted about connecting the new lights on the poles with hopes of few problems.

-Ayton Ball Park Bleachers Restoration

No action has been taken to date. Aaron and tom will prepare some ideas and prices for us. One idea is to extend a top cement pad with supports beneath on another pad to offer protection from the rain.

-Flooring for the Arena Hall

Tom has made a few inquiries about the local arena hall floors. Mildmay has parquet floor which is not a good choice as it has to be refinished every two years. A suggestion was made to get several floorings businesses to come and view our hall and then make suggestions as to possible choices. This has been tabled till a later date.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Ontario Farmers 150 Celebratory Signs and Letter

Carol Leibold shared a letter that she composed to apply for an outdoor sign(s) marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation. This outdoor sign is to commemorate more than 150 years of farming history in Normanby and Ayton. In her letter, she lists the many businesses that have been or still are in business serving the farming community. This is being sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, food and rural Affairs. This application must be sent in by October 31.

-Elvis Tribute

Janice Norley reported that the tickets were printed. Joyce will get permission to sell tickets at West Grey Office. She distributed some tickets to Joyce, and Mary Lou to sell at the Old Curiosity Shoppe (craft show) Nov. 18. Tickets will also be sold at the Christmas Tree lighting November 19. Steve Lantz will again be selling food as he did last year.

On a motion by Carol Leibold, seconded by Dave Foerster **“that Janice spend up to \$500 for advertising and decorations”**. Carried.

Janice will ask Klassy Art for an item for the draw table. Janice hopes to get into the hall on Friday morning. The Liquor license (\$75) and (\$45.20) tickets have been purchased to date.

-New Year's Eve Dance

Joyce presented a rough draft of a letter asking local merchants to kindly donate either money or draw items for the dance. Both letters asking for a donation for the lights and for the dance will be sent together. She reported that she did not ask Faye Harrison for an estimation for the cost of a meal. Instead, she asked Ellen Shmaltz for a quote on a taco bar (could have a Canada Celebration theme) for midnight. Tickets and posters have been ordered through Amazon (\$80). Jeff (DJ) will send out trivia questions through people's phones with answers given the same way. There will be spot dances, hats and horns from Wm. Smith in Clifford. Sherry is looking for ceiling and a back-drop quotes. A suggestion was made to offer a bus to take party-goers home. This will be examined at the next meeting. Apparently one cannot advertise actual liquor but must say specialty drinks.

On a motion by Carol Leibold, seconded by Joyce Nuhn **“that Jess Farquharson be appointed as a Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee member”**. Carried.

Joyce Nuhn made a motion **“that the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee give Carol Leibold the authority to give our view at a West Grey Council Meeting on lower rental rates for facilities that are used specifically for fundraising events sponsored directly by this committee which will directly financially benefit these facilities”**. Seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.

-Create a list of meeting dates in 2018

There was a consensus to again compile a list of meeting dates for 2018 to ensure better attendance. This list should be ready for the next meeting. Another list for Recreation activities in 2018 could be considered as well.

The Christmas meeting will be held on December 20 at Trixie's at 6:00 p.m. for supper with the meeting to follow.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT:

Aaron proposed a Hallowe'en Party for younger children at the Centennial Hall next October 31. More discussion will follow. The firehall was also suggested as a possible location.

Sherry suggested that we encourage cooking skills for children, perhaps through the Optimist Club (Friend of Youth).

Joyce suggested advertising next year's activities on a smaller coloured card (called a rack) and place these in various stores or tourist areas including the three parks in the area.

Mary Lou asked if West Grey had a vision and mission statement for the Recreation Committees. If not, perhaps we can develop one with West Grey's approval. A vision and mission statement would better direct the groups efforts by issuing a single statement that states the goal of this committee and how it plans to achieve that goal. Mary Lou was asked what the mission statement of the Rec. Committee was by a newer resident. She had no answer. Plans are underway for November 19 with -horse and wagon rides booked, chili cook-off (contact people), hot chocolate and cookies at the fire hall after the tree lighting ceremony, Sharon Machina's group will sing after, free skating from 2 – 3 p.m. at the arena, followed by a skating demonstration and a hockey game (yet to be determined). The new Christmas Lights will be viewed as well. Evergreen arrangements will be make a few days before Nov. 19. Volunteers needed. Mary Lou suggested that we might be able to apply for some grants for certain items. Carol Lawrence told us that all grants must be applied through West Grey.

8. VOUCHERS AND FUNDRAISING REPORTS TO DATE:

Vouchers 18 and 19 were presented. Janice Norley motioned, seconded by Sherry Pfeffer "that the vouchers be approved as presented". Carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Neustadt Recreation minutes were distributed.

10. MONTHLY RENTAL REPORT -AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 27/17

Both the ice rentals and revenue from the Centennial Hall increased from this time last year.

11. RECREATION OFFICERS REPORT:

The exterior steel and the new sign have been completed. Tom informed us that there is a new employee, Joe Murphy. He seems to working out well. Tom reported that, during Budget deliberations, the renovation plan of the kitchen for the Centennial Hall has been moved to 2019.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Janice Norley at 9:38 p.m.



Aaron Celliton