

MINUTES OF THE NORMANBY RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

for November 28, 2018

PRESENT: Mary Lou Pfeffer, Jessica Farquharson, Carol Leibold, Joyce Nuhn, Dave Foerster, Janice Norley, Aaron Culliton, Carol Lawrence (Council Rep), Tom Culliton, (staff rep)

REGRETS: Sherry Pfeffer

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** was made by Aaron Culliton at 7:35 p.m.
2. **No pecuniary interests declared.**
3. The minutes of the pervious month's meeting (October) were read by the members. Carol Leibold motioned "**that the October minutes be adopted as presented**".
Seconded by Janice Norley. Carried.
4. There were no delegations present.
5. **A) AYTON TOWN SIGNS UP-DATE**

After a brief discussion, a suggestion was made that next spring more stones (from Kraemer) could be added to the 3 entrance sign flower beds for a more dramatic effect. Further discussion will take place in the spring. We will be given an example of the proposed look. Randy McNab from Durham will install (on a trial basis) a solar light above one entrance sign to investigate the feasibility of adding solar lights to all signs for an extra punch of illumination at night. 2 LIGHTS on each sign would cost about \$200 per sign. This will be investigated after the trial period.

B) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Everyone agreed that our new lights look great. One half of the old lights were used in Neustadt to expand that display. Joyce has completed the sponsor letter (asking for donations from our local businesses to help with the cost of the new lights) but has not distributed them to date. Tom with assist her.

C) FESTIVE ELVIS TRIBUTE

Janice reported that ticket sales are sluggish. She asked Tom to come in on Friday, Dec. 8 to begin to decorate for that performance. Janice is using the same format as last year. Tom will secure a \$500 float for the door. A sign-up sheet for people to work at the door was passed around. Only people who are committee members or sub-committee members are able to sit at the door. Granny's will deliver the alcohol. Janice has secured a piece of metal art, donated by Klassy Art, for one of the door prizes. She asked for any other suggestions where she could advertise. Wightman Television and Community Events were suggested. Jim Meyer, Dennis and Denise Fischer received complimentary tickets to this event for their donations for time and voluntary work completed by them for the committee and Canada 150 activities.

D) NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Sherry was unable to be present but did send her report with Joyce Nuhn. Her report included the cost of renting a backdrop and ceiling drop for \$250 + \$275 from Bride's Dream. Also, the cost of a bus from Hanover (\$432.00 - includes \$250 deposit) will travel from Hanover to Ayton with a possible stop at Neustadt. Ellen Schmaltz from Mildmay will provide a taco bar for \$6 per person. Tom has 1 bartender to date- Joe Hawkins.

On a motion by Janice Norley and seconded by Jess Farquharson, "that we secure the bus, backdrop and ceiling drop (from Bride's Dream). Carried.

Joyce was given a budget of \$1000 for decorating and advertising. We will learn more about the bus at the next meeting on December 20. A suggestion was made that perhaps we can put out a donation jar for the use of the bus. Perhaps a plaque, hung at the arena, to acknowledge those businesses who donate toward out new lights and to place a thankyou in the businesses' windows (similar to homecoming). A lady in Durham will be contacted concerning the use of a photo booth during the dance.

E) ONTARIO FARMERS 150 CELEBRATORY SIGN AND LETTER

No news to date.

F) LIGHTING OF THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE UPDATE

Mary Lou distributed an update of the Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. It also included some new ideas for next year's activity with such things as changing the date to a Saturday and involving all interested community groups to help and to move the activities back to the main street at the firehall. She suggested that all interest parties get together in February to plan the activities. The Lioness' have moved the craft sale to November 17 for 2018. Here is list of activities and costs associated with this activity November 19:

1. Free Horse drawn rides set at the Lutheran Church from 1 – 3 p.m. -reports that more people were there for rides – Cost - \$200.00 to pay for his insurance (John Mighton)
2. Free Family Skate at arena – 2 – 4:30 p.m. Cost -\$211.00 Includes hockey game
3. Chili Cook-off including 7 pots of chili- Trixie's Saloon, Lioness (2 pots), Optimist (winner), Mary Lou Pfeiffer (vegetarian), Recreation (Jes F.), Ayton Automotive, Almost all of the chili was consumed. Cost – buns, bowls, spoons - Jes Farquharson \$? Apple juice, cups and desserts – donated by Mary Lou. The chili was served from the kitchen in the arena by the Lioness.
4. Lighting of the tree at the library – cost of renting the fire hall \$?, -cookies, hot chocolate donated by AC/DC, -Carol brought in her large coffee maker for hot water (cups used from Chili cook-off) - Sharon Machina and her Holstein Belles – donation \$30? (at 5 p.m. to about 6 p.m.)
5. Anything that I forgot?

PROPOSED PLANS FOR LIGHTING OF THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR 2018

1. I propose that we change the date to Saturday, November 17 to coincide with the Lioness' Craft Sale from 10 – 5 p.m. where Santa makes an appearance.
2. We encourage the use of a Christmas Tree as a symbol of the day. We ask residents of Ayton to decorate any trees outside their homes or regular lights for that week.
3. We ask the Plowmen to gather many branches of evergreens for our committee to fashion into the planters etc.
4. We begin with the lighting of the tree with carol singing by Sharon's group. Of course hot chocolate and cookies for dessert in the fire hall. We move the chili bake-off back to the fire station with the Seniors overseeing this activity (following the lighting of the tree). I would like to find one of the old ceramic Christmas Trees as a trophy to be handed out for the winner. Perhaps placed on a piece of wood with the winners' name placed on it.
5. The horse drawn rides begin from John Geilen's large yard after the Christmas tree lighting and go around in the evening looking at the various lights. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
6. Hopefully, we can have some Christmas music playing from the firehall.
7. People can go skating at the arena from 7 – 8:30 p.m. with a hockey game to follow.
8. I would make a motion that we initiate a meeting with all the above mentioned local groups to plan, sometime in February, 2018. We could also include any 4-H club that is in operation at that time or any other group that would like to partner with us.
9. We also speak with the Parks Department to co-ordinate their activities with ours.

G) AYTON BALL PARK BLEACHERS' RESORATION

No activity to date.

H) COUNCIL MEETING NOVE. 21ST REC RATES

Carol reported that she presented our thoughts about the Recreation Committee paying a lower rental amount for our group when we hold fund raising activities in the facilities, for augmenting our fundraising events that in turn will be put back into the facilities.

We will receive a written response by our next meeting. Carol Lawrence reported that we are to receive 2 free dates, and following those 2 dates pay \$100.00 per rental in any given year. Tom said that he was unaware of that ruling. More will be discussed at our December meeting. This committee would not knowingly interfere with a possible outside rental for any particular date.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) Christmas Break Skating

To date, Tom has 5 dates for skating during the Christmas Holidays (\$83.62 per hour) for the following dates: December 23, 27, 29, 30 and January 3. January 5 and 6 are still open. We discussed the solar lights at the beginning of the meeting. Tom will include all 2018 dates at the bottom of each meeting's agenda.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary Lou reported that there was no wi-fi at the Centennial Hall. Tom will contact Wightman about this. It is assumed that there is wi-fi. No other reports were received.

8. VOUCHERS AND FUNDRAISING

Carol Leibold made a motion **“that the vouchers and fundraising accounts be approved”**. Seconded by Joyce Nuhn. Carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The October minutes for Durham and Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee were distributed.

10. MONTHLY RENTAL REPORTS FOR October 25 – November 29 2017

Tom distributed these with several questions and comments received.

11. RECREATION OFFICER’S REPORT

Tom reported that the Coke contract was not signed by West Grey Council. This means that any brand of pop can be used in these facilities by renters and are no longer restricted by Coke. Tom commented that some rules for Public Skating are not being followed such as no strollers on the ice or kids racing on the ice. The rules have been posted for easy review. A comment was made that we could make a walking track in the Arena hall for seniors who do not wish to walk in the snow. A request from a West Grey Mom was made concerning the possibility of holding a Summer Camp in the summer. A brief discussion followed about the place, materials and personnel required for such a venture. No decision was made.

The next meeting will be December 20, at Trixie’s Saloon for a Christmas gathering at 6:00 p.m.

Carol Leibold made a **motion to adjourn** at 9:20 p.m.



Arian Cellitan