



**ARGYLE MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Nicole Albright, Mariette d'Entremont, Lorelei Atkinson, Kathy Bourque, Malcolm Madden, Justine White, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Aldéric Boudreau, Scott Surette, Josh Greene, Chris Doucette

Absent: Roderick Murphy Jr., Maurice Babin, Vicky Belliveau

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 5:38 pm.

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC along with our newest member Justine White, representing District 8.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Lorelei Atkinson that the agenda is approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Approval of May 17, 2018 minutes:

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Malcolm Madden that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes: None

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

Director of Programming and Active Living Report/Information Items:

Ginette went through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont to approve the Director of Programming and Active Living Report. *Motion Carried*

Director of Recreation Services Report:

Natalie read through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Natalie d'Entremont and seconded by Justine White to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

1. **Kayak loan program:** We promoted the kayak loan program and to date there has not been any interest. The kayaks are meant for adults only with a \$30 refundable deposit upon return of the kayaks.
2. **Boat launch:** Kathy has mentioned that the East Pubnico Fire Department is also interested in using the boat launch as they own a Zodiac so that would be a good place for them to launch. At this time it is unsure who owns the road that goes to the launch, therefore more information is needed before we proceed with any plans.

New Business:

1. **Active Transportation meeting:** The next AT meeting is scheduled for October 18 to look at the priorities set out by the AT committee. We will look at the capital repairs funding available for shared use of the trails through The Great Trail funding program.
2. **Website update:** The Municipal website will be updated and the Recreation Department will be looking at what information needs to be removed, updated or added.
3. **South Shore/Valley Rec meeting:** Both Natalie and Ginette will be attending the South Shore/Valley meeting in Digby on September 27-28, 2018.
4. **RNS Conference:** Both Natalie and Ginette will be attending the RNS Conference in Oak Island on October 25-26, 2018.
5. **Children's Halloween Event:** The Recreation Department in partnership with the Argyle Archives will be having a Pumpkin Creations event to be held on Saturday October 13 at the Archives in Tusket. Children ages 12 and younger can attend and must register as space is limited. Two times are set for decorating, 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Pumpkins and decorations will be provided. The event is free for participants.
6. **Coaches week:** A professional development session will be held on September 27 at the Mariners Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Paul Tingley will be the guest speaker and will talk about inclusion in sport and breaking down the barriers to sport.

Area Reports:

- **Malcolm Madden:** Chase the Ace continues at the SAR club every Wednesday with only 15 cards remaining. The Village Friends are having a Halloween event for children on October 21, and are also in the process of planning an afternoon tea. The SAR Club has also been working on plans to fix the Eve Bourque wharf and received funding from the Grants to Organizations in the amount of \$2000. They decided to switch their efforts to the Chai à Bernard and received permission from the Municipality to use the money to fix the area for a boat launch. They will begin with fixing a parking area and are looking for extra funding to complete the project.
- **Kathy Bourque:** Chase the Ace is going on at the East Side Community Centre on Fridays and there are 50 cards remaining. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to the East Side Community Centre and the East Pubnico Fire Department. On October 14 they are organizing a Chicken Burger and Fish & Chips fundraiser.
- **Justine White:** Justine was approached by an individual interested in offering an after school program on Intro to Programming for Computers, 3D printers, Laser Cutters, etc. for grades 7-9.

- **Mariette d'Entremont:** The Pubnico Point trail has been repaired from the damage done by a winter storm. The Fire Hall has been designated a comfort area but they didn't have a generator. Through funding from the Municipality they were able to purchase a large generator.
- **Lorelei Atkinson:** Lorelei was wondering if the Glenwood Hall reached out to the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department used the hall this summer for a senior bingo during the Abuptic Festival and was not well attended with only 4 participants. They do have a music night and a senior supper once a month.

Strategic Planning:

1. **Update on Community Consultation:** A survey was sent out to 700 emails from the Active Net system and 300 responses have come in. The survey will be boosted to encourage others to respond. There will be focus groups with the senior clubs as they are not represented in the responses because registration for their events are not through the Active Net system. We will look further into the responses once we have more surveys coming in especially the section where the community gives feedback on improvements.
2. **Physical Activity Strategic Plan refresh:** A strategic plan is needed for the MPAL position as the Municipality receives \$25,000 for this position. Can the PA plan be a part of the ARC Strategic Plan? It makes sense to have one plan for the Recreation Department with a component for Physical Activity.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting November 15, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

Adjournment – It was moved by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.