



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 17, 2022  
5:30 pm**

**Present:** Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Vicky Belliveau, Ted Saulnier, Yvette LeBlanc, Matt O'Connell, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

**Regrets:** Darryl LeBlanc, Phil Cottreau, Aldéric Boudreau, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Mariette d'Entremont, Céline Cottreau, Edith d'Entremont

**1.0 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 5:35 pm.

**2.0 Welcome:** Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

**3.0 Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration:** On motion by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Vicky Belliveau that the agenda is approved as circulated.  
*Motion Carried*

**4.0 Approval of May 19, 2022 minutes:**

On motion by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Yvette LeBlanc that the minutes are approved with amendments. *Motion Carried*

**5.0 Business arising from the minutes:**

**5.1 Mapping Project** – It has been noted that it would be good to tell visitors where some of the recreational infrastructure was. Alix has agreed to look into this project and now has the time to start working on it.

**5.2 Hike badge trail head signs** – The hike badge signs are now up in 4 locations: Pubnico Point Trail Roche à St. Pierre, Rocco Point and the Wedgeport Nature Trail.

**6.0 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*

**7.0 Old Business:**

**7.1 Can Bike Training** – Jonathan Young has taken level 5 training and will now be able to offer biking sessions for us.

- 7.2 **Glenwood Park projects - update** – We have received new quotes for the accessible pathway and the volleyball court. The work may happen in the spring of 2023. We received funding for a conceptual plan through a Planning Assistance grant (\$4600) from CCTH. Chris Collins of Viridis Design Studio Ltd. Will be doing the work. The conceptual plan will be for the swim area and a natural play space. We will also ask permission to place one of our trackers at Glenwood Park next summer to get data on how many people use the park
- 7.3 **Active Transportation Plan - update** – Council has approved the AT plan. The leadership team is looking at speed posts to gather info in Plymouth, Tusket, Pubnico and Argyle. These track data that can be used to analyze the findings. Council to prioritize.
- 7.4 **Soccer** – The Argyle Minor Soccer Club had a good season with 304 participants playing in the divisions from Active Start to U13/15.
- 7.5 **Baseball** – There were 5 children in the Ball School program and only one team that played this year. Next year we may do a drop-in instead of going through Baseball NS.

## **8.0 New Business:**

- 8.1 Summer Program evaluations** - Surveys were sent to the parents of participants in the day camp and teen programs. A similar survey was also posted online for anyone from the public to comment on the programs. The data will be collected and analyzed. We also received evaluations from the summer staff. We will be having discussions with the “Jardin des petits” to see if we can work something out to bridge the camp for the children that are between the ages of 4-5 that have not attended grade primary yet.
- 8.2 Make Your Move at Work policy draft** – At every meeting hosted by municipal staff or council, an item on the agenda following the “Call the meeting to order” will be an invitation to “Stand and move during the meeting”. This is to be said at each meeting encouraging people to stand up during the meeting instead of sitting for the entire length of the meeting if they choose to do so.
- 8.3 Senior programming** – A senior take out meal (Ham) will take place on Monday December 5 at the Club Acadien in SAR. There will also be Christmas stockings to give away to seniors 65+.
- 8.4 Playboxes** – Three play boxes were purchased through the ACF initiative. They will be filled with physical activity equipment and placed at the Wedgeport Parc des Jeunes, East Pubnico Bike Park, and the Kemptville Ball field.
- 8.5 Equipment loan** – We have a number of pieces of equipment that can be loaned out through the recreation department: Trekking skis, bird guides and binoculars, hippocampe, Fat Bikes, snow shoes, bikes, kayaks, Stand up paddleboards, Pétanque equipment.
- 8.6 Tennis court repairs and improvements** – The Pubnico tennis court is in need of major repairs as the surface is cracked in many areas. The Wedgeport tennis court also has cracks but not as bad and will need to be resurfaced and repainted.

- 8.7 Tree Lighting** – The tree lighting ceremony will take place on Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Tusket Archives. The Moonlight Swing band will be playing. We will be service hot chocolate, apple cider, cookie decorating kits for children, and cookies for adults.
- 8.8 Memory Café** – We will be taking part in the NS memory café for people living with dementia. There will be art work, music, coffee, tea and dessert. This will take place at the Wild Roots restaurant on Tuesday December 6 from 2:30-3:30pm. We will have Sally Kenny and Eddy Madden playing music. This event is free. We only have one couple registered to date.
- 8.9 Accessibility and Inclusion Policy draft** – This policy is bigger than just recreation, to include the municipality as well. The leadership team has seen it and we are looking for feedback and comments from them. This policy will be sent to the Accessibility Committee for feedback. We need to make sure it's inclusive.
- 8.10 Evening Programs** – Pickleball and dodgeball have started up again. Pickleball is being offered in Pubnico on Tuesdays and in Plymouth on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm. Dodgeball is being offered in Belleville on Tuesdays (grades 3-6) and in Pubnico on Wednesdays (grades 3-4) and Thursdays (grades 5-6) from 6-7:30pm.
- 8.11 Boat Launch in Plymouth** – Ted Saulnier discussed the possibility of having a boat launch in Plymouth. The municipality owns property in Plymouth where a potential boat launch could be. It would take very little work and money for a non-motorized launch to be set up, however, if it is to be looked at for a motorized launch area, then much more would need to be looked at from the high water mark going down.

## **10.0 Area Reports:**

**Nicole Albright** – Chase the Ace takes place on Wednesdays at the Club Acadien in SAR. On November 19, there will be a supper at the Club Acadien in SAR from 4-6pm. The Quinan tree lighting will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Vicky Belliveau** – The second sign is now up in East Pubnico. The community garden went well this past summer. The pumpkin patch, however, didn't work very well. Next year they will plan potatoes instead. There was a kaeroke night at the East Side Community Centre in October. The pumpkin people in East Pubnico was not as popular as last year. There will be a shopping party at the ESCC on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Kathy Bourque** – There was a rubber duck fundraiser for a child in the community. 500 ducks were donated by Wilson's Home Hardware. All 3 prizes were given back to the fundraiser. They raised \$5000. They had a free BBQ with hot dogs and treats for those in attendance.

**Natalie d'Entremont reporting for Edith d'Entremont** – The West Pubnico Ladies Golf Association will be applying for a grant which is 100% funded by CPRA.

**Yvette LeBlanc** – On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Island Memories at le Club Social des Iles. Food and stories of the fishermen of days gone by.

**11.0 Next Meeting: ARC meeting January 19, 2023 @ 5:30 pm (Virtual if inclement weather)**

**12.0 Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Vicky Belliveau