

Head, Clara and Maria Townships
HCM Recreation Committee
Minutes for March 16, 2016
6 p.m. HCM Municipal Hall

1. Roll Call

Committee Members: Paul Sarrazin, Gayle Watters, Marlene Gibson, Betty Condie, Linda Chartrand, Rosanne Boudreau, Noella LeBreton

Council reps: Councillors Dave Foote

Staff: Melinda Reith and Crystal Fischer

Absent: Councillor Chartrand

Guests:

2. Unfinished Business

Pool Table/Ping Pong table: Not a major priority right now.

Darts: waiting for delivery date, still needs to be painted.

Pickle Ball: scheduled for March 24th, 2016. It should be scheduled in advanced on a regular basis. We need to find out which days are best for our participants to avoid continuously postponing.

Floor Mats: have been ordered, not yet delivered.

DRDCF Grant: Application was submitted, we are just waiting to hear back.

Lending hub grant: We were successful in obtaining the grant for \$10,000 and the money has been transferred to HCM. We need to look at the best ways to organize the rec cargo container for optimal storage. Will there be children's equipment? Yes we quoted children's equipment in our application.

3. New business

Motion: to appoint members

Work Plan: was presented to and accepted by Council.

Planter Boxes: Quotes received are higher than expected. Will Recreation Committee donate towards the beautification of the grounds by putting money towards the planter boxes, if required? We are looking into other quotes for better lumber prices. Recreation committee will commit to \$500.00.

Who will maintain the flowers/boxes? Staff and volunteers. Planter boxes are easier to maintain than regular gardens.

Action: Gayle to submit recommendation to Council to use up to \$500.00 of Recreation Committee funds towards planter boxes.

Trail Side Café: final report shows profits of \$1800. (\$450/ day)

Very good profits, especially taking into consideration poor weather and other recreation events occurring outside of our community, which would have affected our overall participant numbers. It is a viable event that is worth repeating.

New 2016 budget: Not having an event for St. Patrick's Day will affect our budget numbers. Are there big tickets items that need to be fundraised for? We have met a lot of goals: New slide at OMP to be installed this spring; we are well on our way to a new structure for Township property; new benches were installed etc. We still need to fundraise for Homecoming 2017, Canada Day 2017, LaCroix Park, ball field, more benches (around hall or parks or ball field). Air conditioning was suggested by John Reith.

Action: Gayle and Crystal to bring air conditioning forward to be considered for 2017 budget.

Upcoming Events

50's/60's Dance: was well received last year, 120 tickets were made and we sold out - made good revenue in 2015. Could have a dinner before the dance as a lot of time and effort went into the food last year, and it did not sell as anticipated. Or simplify the menu entirely. Need to set a date and book the band. Would another band be considered to lower costs? Yes, we can take a look at other bands. Date has been tentatively been set for July 30th, 2016. \$1200 maximum budget has been set for the band. We will need volunteers leading up to event.

Action: Crystal to ask Joe Lance Band if they play 50's and 60's and what the cost would be.

Action: Noella to contact Heartbreakers (band from 2015) to see if they are available and what the cost would be.

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Wild Game Dinner – Terry is interested in doing another one. It needs to be advertised well in advance. Roseanne mentioned advertising in Mattawa.

Murder Mystery – we would need to get more details. September/October would be a good time. We can organize it ourselves, without having to hire someone.

Action: Gayle and Crystal to look into more details.

Stonefence Theatre- Would they be willing to travel to Community Centre and should we include a dinner?

Action: Gayle and Crystal to look into more details.

Canada Day – It was suggested that children's games could be available on a play per basis at the ball tournaments as a fundraising for Canada Day. It will be free on Canada Day. Children can play for prizes and volunteers can be trained on how to run the games in future for Canada Day. We would need to find volunteers. We will try it out at next ball tournament.

Ball Tournament – Date is set for May 14th. Bar to be open Friday night and Saturday. Roseanne is available to bartend if needed. One person will be okay to bartend for ball tournament.

People need to be made aware that they cannot drink on Township property; it is a major liability for us.

Need to advertise that there will be a breakfast, lunch and bar open – especially with team registrations. Breakfast will be breakfast sandwiches, to keep it simple. Lunch will be hotdogs with bacon and/or cheese and nachos with cheese.

**Note: MLSC Bowtie Auction bar was too busy for one bartender. It is noted that there needs to be two shifts with two bartenders on each shift for next year's Bowtie Auction.

Discussed doing a fundraiser with deck of cards similar to the chainsaw at the Bowtie Classic, where people buy a card to win a prize (bat or glove).

Action: Paul to spend up to \$250 to buy a bat and up to \$75 to buy a glove.

Action: Noella to add Paul to account at Canadian Tire in efforts to get a better price on a bat and glove.

Action: Paul to organize teams and registration.

Will there be Open Mic during the day? We can see if anyone is interested.

Action: Gayle/Crystal to contact Kurt Penney, Paula, Patricia etc. to see if they are interested in Open Mic.

"Wing Night" dinner same day as ball tournament, ending at 6 pm.

Action: Gayle to create poster for ball tournament and advertise.

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Are we going to borrow a pitcher guard? Yes, we will borrow one before committing to a purchase.

4. Events

Reps –

MLSC Appreciation Dinner - April 16th, 2016: Paul Sarrazin and Melinda Reith

Roseanne volunteers to bartend. Need to find a partner.

Ball Tournament – May 14th, 2016: Melinda Reith

June Jazaar- June 4th, 2016: Marlene Gibson

Lairs Tournament – June 25th, 2016.

Canada Day – July 1st, 2016: Melinda Reith

50's/60's Dance – July 30th, 2016: Noella LeBreton

Wild Game Dinner- Date TBD: Gayle Watters

5. Questions and Answers-

6. Adjournment- Next meeting –April 20, 2016, 6 p.m. Community Hall