

Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission

Minutes

September 17, 2009

Present:	Emile Babin	Peter Hansen	Malcolm Madden
	Greg Pottier	Bruce Hubbard	Vernon Pothier
	Ginette d'Entremont	Adrian Cottreau	Scott Surette
	Lisa Landry-Shaw	Nicole Albright	
Regrets:	Amy Cottreau.		
Absent:	Kendrick d'Entremont	Maurice Babin	Roderick Jr. Murphy

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Emile Babin.
2. Emile Babin, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. There were no declarations.
4. Bruce Hubbard moved to accept the agenda. Malcolm Madden seconded.
Motion Carried.
5. Bruce Hubbard moved to accept the minutes of May 27, 2009. Scott Surette seconded. Motion Carried.
6. Ginette d'Entremont moved her treasurer's report. Vernon Pothier seconded.
Motion Carried.
7. Ginette d'Entremont moved her director's report. Bruce Hubbard seconded.
Motion Carried.
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - 8.1 The soccer season had 369 participants. The number was up again from last year. The Municipality sponsored 2 participants through Kidsport for soccer this year. The Kids First Fund and Kidsport are to be promoted further in our schools.
 - 8.2 Summer events went well overall. Some events will continue, others will not due to a lack of interest.
 - 8.3 Provincial 55+ Senior Games will be held in Yarmouth September 24-27, 2009.
 - 8.4 An evaluation committee from La Société de la Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie will be visiting the municipality on Sunday October 4, 2009. They will be visiting our schools, fields and facilities and will then return to the Municipal office for a power point presentation. We will be having a story in Le Courrier and the Vanguard. There will also be an interview with Aldric d'Entremont on the weekend. Les Jeux will bring in approximately 1800 athletes and coaches to our region plus their families and friends. The committee will be announcing the winning municipality for "La Finale" at a banquet in Saint John, NB on October 24th, 2009.
 - 8.5 No word yet on the Physical Activity Coordinator position.
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - 9.1 Fall upcoming events for the Recreation Department are as follows:
September 17 – South Shore Valley meeting

October 4 – Visit from “comité de la société des Jeux de l’Acadie
October 14-17 – RNS Conference, Oak Island Resort
October 24 – Banquet “Société des Jeux de l’Acadie”
October 30 – Haunted Courthouse
November 13 – Yarmouth County Athletics Awards Banquet
November 20 – Provincial Kidsport meeting in Halifax
November 29 – Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

9.2 There is still time to register for the RNS conference on October 14-17.

10. Correspondence is as follows: Thank you notes from Dora (Senior’s Kickin’ Country), Les Dames de Ste. Anne and from the Surette’s Island Celebration Committee for the grants they received from the Recreation Department.

11. Peter Hansen- As a member of the YMCA Board of Directors does not feel appreciated and is thinking about leaving the committee.
Cribbage in Wedgeport from October 9 until the last Friday in May.
Saturday’s Dog Jog was a success.

Malcom Madden-On November 20th, will be running 400m in the Torch Relay.

Scott Surette-Tusket Ballfield is in top shape and was a success during the Old Timers’ National Baseball tournament. Field still needs a bit of work.

Adrian Cottreau-Spoke with Bentley from the Red Knight who was a generous sponsor during the Nationals and was very pleased with the condition of the ballfields and with the tournament.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Scott Surette mentioned the “role” of the Commission and feels that he his not certain of what this may be. It was discussed among members if the Recreation Commission is an advisory group, are they here to give advice to the Recreation Director or to make decisions with the Director.

Scott Surette motioned to invite Alain Muise to the next meeting to explain the role of the commission. Greg Pottier seconded. Motion carried.

12.2 Emile Babin mentioned that he would like to know what other municipalities are offering in the winter. Barrington has a Winter Challenge Month and indoor drop-in activities. Clare has a challenge to encourage physical activity by tracking your distance with daily walks. Some ideas were discussed among the members for our winter activities. These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

12.3 The members of the Commission agreed to apply for the RInC grant to fix the Belleville soccer field only for “Les Jeux” rather than try to fix several different infrastructures.

13. The next meeting date is November 19, 2009

14. Bruce Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved by:

Chairperson

Recreation Director

Date