

# Riverdale Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2021

Meeting Start Time: 7:02pm

In Attendance: Ron C., Dennis V., Grant G., Alastair M., Kenzie M., Everett Smith., Jamie M.,

Regrets: Richard B.,

Facilitator: Laura G

## 1. Approval of Minutes

March's minutes were presented and read. Motion: to approve the March meeting minutes as presented. Made by: Alastair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis V., → carried

## 2. Approval of Finances

Riverdale Recreation Commission's Financial statement was presented and reviewed. Motion to accept the financial statement as presented and approve April's (to date) payables: Made by: Grant G., 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron C., → carried

Riverdale Community Centre's General Ledger was reviewed by the Board.

## 3. Reports

Facilities Report

Programming Report

Both reports were reviewed, due to the proximity in meeting dates from March to April, little discussion was had.

## 4. Old Business

### 4a) Acres of RCC

- Laura will contact Dennis to let him know when it needed to be sprayed. The seed is being put in by Redfern Family Farm.
- Laura will look into sponsorship
- Alastair mentioned that it is a good thing to put on our social media pages with acknowledgement to those helping/sponsoring

### 4b) Recovering Lost Costs

- The cost of our MTS account is high. This is an area we could potentially look at reducing costs by purchasing a router and decommissioning our land line. Laura will work with Jamie to determine what a good quality of router would be.

## 5. New Business

### 2021-2022 Rates

- The board was given an excel sheet to review that had multiple scenarios with different budget numbers to try and determine what the best course of action was going forward with the rates for the upcoming season.
- Laura to determine how much hydro has increased to see if the dance room rental increase is justified (they pay their own cleaners, maintain the space)
- Options included: flat rate increase, out of town users paying a premium, or setting a flat rate at the start of the season. The most favourable option was a flat rate increase.

- Out of Town users paying a premium discussion: CONS – (1)those families that don't have an organization to play out of in their own community are mandated through Hockey Manitoba to play in the nearest rink from their doorstep, they don't have a choice. (2)we would have to have the organizations themselves add this amount to the fees, and then have the organizations write a cheque to RCC (3)sometimes we need those players to make up a team for the group. PRO Ultimately, it is our ratepayers that fund this rink, it is not fair that the out-of-town users get to use the rink, and don't have to pay for the ongoing costs.
- Flat rate at the start of season: This could get confusing in the booking calendar. If we allocated "X" amount to different groups, then if they don't use they would be responsible for filling and it could create confusion for staff and groups involved.
- Comment was made about the canteen and if it would be operational this year. Issue from RMH is that if the rates keep rising, people will not work the canteen. Prices are based off not having an operational canteen this year
- Jamie (Lesley) is looking into if Rivers Collegiate is having a rage team next year. The numbers presented to board were based off 0.00 income from High School
- Rivers High School Hockey Academy budget was reallocated, however, that does not mean that the hockey academy is never coming back to the school.
- Rates Presented (see excel sheet: Variables for Rink, tab 4 Option 1 – flat increase) were agreed by board, however no formal motion was approved. Final discussion (if any) and motion will be made at May meeting

#### Canada Day Celebration

- Table

#### MB Bridge Grant/Money

- Discussion was had around what we could do with the remainder of the money that would have a sustainable impact in our community. Ideas included: resurfacing our tennis courts (adding pickleball lines), add a beach volleyball court at old Rivers Ag Society. Laura will look into costs of both of these options.

#### Red River Mutual Grant

- This grant is available until May 31, 2021. Grant is given to those looking to "Spruce up their Community"
- They like to see an affiliation with a Red River agent/broker

#### Refunds for Skate Passes

- A community member inquired about refunding skate passes for this past season. Instead of pro-rating each account ALL skate pass purchasers from 2020-2021 season will receive a ½ off credit towards their 2021-2022 season pass.

## 6. Open Issues

n/a

Adjournment: 8.20pm (Motion made by Kenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis)

Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2021