

Township of McKellar
Recreation Committee
Thursday, January 31, 2013. 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Georgina Arnott, Judy Grant, Tamara Black, Elaine McMahon, Lindsay Moffat (Lindsay departed at 8:00 p.m.), Joyce Hopkins, Wendy Debruge
Regrets: Linda Filion

ACCEPT MINUTES: Moved by Elaine McMahon, Seconded by Joyce Hopkins, that the Minutes of the November 29, 2012 be approved. Carried (13-01)

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

VISITORS: Stephen Webb - Intern

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter from Betty Brant re: Badminton
- 2) Ontario Sport and Community Recreation Fund grant opportunity - The committee discussed the grant opportunity. The committee discussed the application deadline which does not allow for the time to put together a good application. This opportunity should be pursued if it is available next year. Stephen will follow up with one of the contacts for the funding to obtain more information for next year.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS:

Elaine McMahon discussed Tai Chi and Yoga programming. The committee discussed some ways in which various programs may be brought to the community centre.

Elaine reported that she has been unable to reach Peter Berg regarding the Shuffleboard program in Nobel, as he is away for the winter. Stephen will follow up with others who are knowledgeable about the program to try to obtain more information.

MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION:

Moved by Joyce Hopkins, Seconded by Judy Grant, that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee request that Council allow the use of the Community Centre and badminton equipment up to two weekday evenings per week from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. to facilitate a badminton program until summer. (13-02) Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trails Open Ontario - Joyce investigated having guided hikes on the Balsam Trail for the Trails Open Ontario event. Joyce has consulted with David Bywater and other members of the Nature Club, and is working to have a guide for a 10:30 nature hike, and at 1:30 for a photography hike.

Joyce would also like to have a kayak demonstration on the day of the Doors Open Ontario event. She will bring back more information about this.

Badminton Program - Joyce Hopkins checked into the municipal badminton equipment and reported back to the committee. The committee would need to purchase birdies. The other equipment appears to be in good shape. Joyce discussed structuring the program so that a small fee is charged to participants to cover the cost of birdies. Joyce feels that we should structure the format similar to the Parry Sound program. The committee will advertise for interested participants and begin to create a draft schedule to determine whether there is enough interest in the community to go forward with a program.

Youth Room - The committee discussed re-establishing the Youth Room with programming. There will be a request for volunteers in the Township newsletter which goes out in late February. Members of the committee will report back to the committee regarding some possible room supervisors and instructors. Ideas for programming were discussed and will be re-visited once the committee has secured some qualified supervisors for the room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intern - Stephen Webb was introduced to the committee. Stephen reported on his ideas for disseminating information. Stephen will begin working on a website for the committee, and will do a presentation to the committee at the next committee meeting on the use of social media to promote committee events and activities.

2013 Budget - The committee discussed some ideas for the 2013 budget. Tamara will put the ideas into a draft for the committee to further discuss at the next meeting.

Communications with members - Judy Grant and Linda Filion should be mailed the Minutes in advance of each meeting. Tamara will forward the Minutes to the Township Office to be mailed out.

Adjournment:

Moved by Wendy Debruge, Seconded by Judy Grant, that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee adjourn. Next meeting to be held February 28, 2013 at 6:30p.m. (13 -3) Carried.