

**Township of McKellar**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE – DRAFT MINUTES**  
**April 30, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Morley Haskim, Joyce Hopkins, Elaine McMahon, Lindsay Moffat

**REGRETS:** Georgina Arnott, Wendy Debruge, Linda Filion

**VISITORS:** Al Last, Sherri Ridsdale, Mackenzie Taylor

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**ACCEPT MINUTES:** Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Morley Haskim that the minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting be approved as presented. Motion Carried. (15-24)

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**VISITOR REPORTS:** Al Last presented information regarding the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) tackle-share program. The committee was informed that the fishing equipment currently available for borrow from the McKellar Library was provided by tackle-share. Al will contact the OFAH in an effort to obtain additional fishing equipment through this program. Al will also determine the OFAH criteria for hosting a kid's event to see if it is feasible to work towards having one held in McKellar. Al informed the committee that Steve Bradley is willing to repair any of the current fishing equipment. Al left the meeting after a brief discussion of the proposed Movie Night. (7:16 p.m.).

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A review of the Balsam Trail as posted on tripadvisor.ca was shared with the Committee. The review was very well written and a positive reflection of both the trail and McKellar. Morley shared a letter received from Roy Savage, Mike Corson, and Al Last. In their letter, these executive members of the former McKellar Conservation Association (MCA) provided a donation of \$471.90 to the Recreation Committee to be used towards youth-targeted events. Mackenzie will send thank-you notes for this donation.

**REPORTS OF MEMBERS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Kids Fishing and Fun Day – Summer: A summer kids fishing and fun day will be held at Minerva Park on Saturday, July 11 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This date coincides with the Ontario Family Fishing week that runs July 4 to 12, 2015. Mackenzie will contact both Jane Saville and Harvest Share to coordinate the Harvest Share hot dog cart for this day.
- Swim Instructor: The swim instructor has been hired for the month of July, but will not be able to confirm her availability for August until mid-May. The Committee will review this at the May meeting.
- McKellar Art Tour: The McKellar Art Tour is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Six artists have been confirmed to date, and the Hurdville Hall has been booked for those individuals that do not have a home studio. Joyce will be working with a sub-committee of the Recreation Committee to finalize the details of this tour.

- Balsam Trail Hike: Rick Snider is not available to host the hike. Joyce will be contacting Steve Munroe and/or Ken Weber to determine if either of them would be interested in hosting a guided hike of the Balsam Trail this fall. A tentative date of October 3 was noted.
- Contra Dance: The Committee is awaiting further information from Wave Weir.
- Parry Sound Singers: The Parry Sound Singers are interested in performing at the Community Centre, but have stated that to do so the piano must be moved off of the stage and onto the floor. In turn for allowing them to use our facilities, the singers will provide a free tuning of our piano. The committee agreed their request to move the piano is not unreasonable, and will move forward with trying to book them for a Christmas show.
- Recreation Committee Budget: The Recreation Committee budget will be reviewed at the upcoming council meeting on Monday, May 4.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- T-Ball/Baseball/Soccer: Approximately 40 children have been registered for the ball program, which will run on Wednesday nights this year. There are around 10 kids registered for the soccer program, which will be operating on Sunday afternoons. It is hoped that the field will dry up in the next couple of weeks so that ball and soccer can start. Discussion took place regarding recruiting high school students who need volunteer hours to assist with these sports.

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Lindsay Moffat that Wendy Debruge be authorized to spend up to \$400.00 on supplies and equipment for youth ball and soccer. Motion Carried. (15-25)

- Movie Night: Discussion took place regarding hosting regular movie nights at the Community Centre starting in the fall. The idea is to project a movie from the digital projector onto a fabric 'screen' that would measure approximately 16' x 20'. Patrons would be admitted for a donation and would be required to bring their own chairs. Mackenzie will investigate the legalities surrounding the type of movies shown. Al had reported that the material for a screen would be around \$140.00 from Parry Sound Sewing Centre. The Committee will host the first two Movie Nights on Friday, November 13 and Friday, November 27.

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Morley Haskim that the Recreation Committee authorize up to \$200.00 to be used to purchase material for a movie screen. Motion Carried. (15-26)

- Dinner/Comedy Night: The committee discussed hosting a dinner and comedy night on either August 22 or 29. Mackenzie will source out information on comedians for this event. One suggestion was to contact local Carling resident Mark Crocker, a world renowned ventriloquist.
- Recreation Committee Website: Joyce will compile a list of all Recreation Committee events and activities so that Mackenzie can update the website. Mackenzie reported that the mckellarrec.ca web site is going to expire in the next couple of days.

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Morley Haskim that the Recreation Committee authorize up to \$20.00 to be spent on the renewal of this website. Motion Carried. (15-27)

- Golf Tournament: Joyce will follow-up with The Ridge to see if something could be organized for early October. The Committee felt that a 9-hole event was most appropriate.
- Mike Lynch Concert/Dance: Musician Mike Lynch will be performing at the Community Centre on Friday, July 3 pending council approval. The concert/dance is to follow the same format of the Valentine's Dance with the Dunchurch Legion taking care of bar service and the Lion's providing food. Mackenzie will design tickets for this event and circulate them to the committee for review. It was agreed that the tickets should be sold at a cost of \$10.00 each.
- Use of Photos: Joyce presented information regarding the use of photos taken at a public event. Although it is legal to take photos on anyone/anything at a publicly held event, it was agreed that photos of children would not be used unless explicit permission was obtained from the child's family.
- McKellar Active Living Fair: Mackenzie reported that the McKellar Active Living Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 25. In an effort to bring more children and families to this event, the Recreation Committee has been asked to host children's events at the Active Living Fair. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 28 2015 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Lindsay Moffat that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion Carried. (15-28)