

**Township of McKellar
RECREATION COMMITTEE
December 18, 2014**

PRESENT: Georgina Arnott, Morley Haskim, Joyce Hopkins, Lindsay Moffat

REGRETS: Wendy Debruge, Linda Filion, Elaine McMahon

VISITORS: Wave Weir

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

ACCEPT MINUTES: Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Lindsay Moffat that the minutes of the November 27, 2014 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried. (14-42)

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

VISITOR REPORTS: Wave Weir stated the success of the Strawhouse Gallery over the years in regards to offering talented musicians and bands. As a spin-off of this success, Wave presented an idea to host a Contra Dance (a type of partnered folk dance) at the McKellar Community Centre. The idea was well received and the Committee has requested Wave provide further details, including the costs associated with the band and the caller. A possible date of mid-May was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Brief discussion took place regarding the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities fund. Although not in a position to apply this year, the Committee will research proposal formats and prepare to apply for this funding if it is offered next year.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS: Joyce circulated a listing of 'Township of McKellar Recreation Programs' which outlines the programs currently offered, along with items that have been discussed as future possibilities. The arm wrestling table has been purchased and installed. The participants in this program meet in the Youth Room on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Badminton is now on a break for the holiday season and will resume January 5th. Joyce reported that there have been upwards of 22 people in attendance. The newly approved Yoga program will begin January 6th and will run for eight weeks. Yoga will take place on Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Youth Room workshops: ongoing
- Skating program: Linda will provide an update at next meeting
- Rink sound system: Linda will use the portable sound system that was recently purchased for the 2014/2015 skating program and report her findings to the Committee. The Committee will continue to investigate the acquisition of a wired-in sound system.
- Golf tournament: Due to poor weather the number of interested golfers was too low to host a tourney this year. The Committee will try again next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Electronic sign: Sherri Ridsdale is to provide an approximate cost of an electronic sign to replace the readerboard at the entrance to the community centre. If it is determined that Committees should pay for this sign, the Recreation Committee would like to ensure the costs are split with the other Committees. Discussion deferred until the next meeting.
- Valentine's Day dance: The Committee reviewed draft plans to host a Valentine's Day Dance at the community centre on Saturday, February 14, 2015. The doors will open at 8:00 p.m. with a live band beginning at 8:30 p.m. The dance is an LCBO event. Two live bands will play alternating sets (two sets each) to keep the music going all night. The Committee discussed having 150 tickets printed and available for sale at a cost of \$10 per person. Morley will contact Bill Church from the Dunchurch Legion to see if they would be interested/available to run the food and alcohol sales. Raffle tickets will be sold on a Valentine's basket of local wares (soaps, candles, etc).

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Lindsay Moffat that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee sponsor a Valentine's Day dance at the McKellar Community Centre on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Motion Carried. (14-43)

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Lindsay Moffat the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee authorize Morley Haskim to proceed with the organization of a Valentine's Day dance at the McKellar Community Centre as outlined. Motion Carried. (14-44)

- Family skating party: the Committee would like to offer a family skating party complete with music and hot chocolate to the community this winter.
- Balsam Trail: Ken Webb has agreed to walk the Balsam Trail and create a listing of points of interest (different types of trees, rock formations, etc.). Joyce will follow-up with Rick Snider to see if he is interested/available for this project. The intent is that these points will be made into signage for users of the trail. The Committee discussed hosting planned group hikes in the new year. Possibilities discussed were nature, photography, and kids/family hikes.
- Police checks: The Recreation Committee is the only Township of McKellar committee whose members are required to get police checks. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Lindsay Moffat and Seconded by Joyce Hopkins that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion Carried. (14-45)