

**Township of McKellar**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE – DRAFT MINUTES**  
**January 22, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Wendy Debruge, Linda Filion, Morley Haskim, Joyce Hopkins, Elaine McMahon, Lindsay Moffat

**REGRETS:** Georgina Arnott

**VISITORS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ACCEPT MINUTES:** Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Linda Filion that the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried. (15-01)

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**VISITOR REPORTS:** There were no visitors to this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Committee reviewed the Recreation Committee content for the 2015/16 McKellar Business Booklet. It was agreed to keep the same entry as last year. Elaine will follow-up with the Township office to confirm.

**REPORTS OF MEMBERS:** Joyce reported that the badminton program is very well attended with an average of 7-10 people coming out to play each of the two nights a week the program runs. Joyce noted that Betty Brandt has been a key contributor to the ongoing success of the badminton program. Fern Harris will be taking over responsibility for opening and closing the hall on Monday and Wednesday nights for badminton when both Joyce and Betty are out of town. There are many people in attendance at the walking program, most of which stay for the exercise program. The Tuesday night yoga has 18 registered participants. Arm wrestling and Pilates continue to be successful community programs. The committee discussed the possibility of advertising to find an interested volunteer to run the youth baseball and soccer programs this spring/summer. Parents from last year may be contacted to determine their interest in this activity.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Valentine's Day Dance: The Valentine's Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2015. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. The Dunchurch Legion will be operating the cash bar, while the Parry Sound Lions Club will be selling food from 8:30 to 11:30. The hall has been reserved for the preceding Friday night for decorating and band set up. The Dun-Ahmic Snowriders have donated three sets of toques (six in all) to be used as prizes for spot dances. Joyce will contact Wave Weir regarding the Valentine's basket of local wares to be raffled. Elaine will contact MOOSE FM for advertising of the event in 'Community Events'. There have been 150 tickets (plus 20) printed and are available at the Township office. Committee members interested in selling tickets need to contact Morley. Depending on the level of sales, tickets may be available at the door.

Moved by Lindsay Moffat and Seconded by Linda Filion that Joyce Hopkins be reimbursed \$115.64 for the Valentine's Dance decorations. Motion Carried. (15-02)

- Youth Room: Lindsay presented the name of a community member interested in becoming a member of the Recreation Committee (as a public school teacher she is interested in children/youth programming). This person is currently out of the country, but will be contacting the office for an application upon her return. Morley will ensure the Youth Room is supplied with a garbage can and coat hangers. The committee noted that the maximum capacity for the Youth Room is 20 persons.

Moved by Joyce Hopkins and Seconded by Linda Filion that Lindsay Moffat be authorized to spend up to \$100 on the purchase of a blue ray player for the Youth Room. Motion Carried. (15-03)

- Skating Program: There are 14 kids registered for skating this year. The Committee discussed the need for the rink hours to be posted on a bigger poster.
- Rink Sound System: As outlined in motion 14-40 (November 27, 2014), Linda is authorized to spend up to \$300 for the 2014/2015 skating program. Linda will be purchasing a CD/MP3 player that is compatible with the amplifier purchased earlier in the year. The committee would like to reinvestigate the possibility of a rink sound system to be connected to the existing wiring in the pavilion. This sound system could be used for skating lessons, the McKellar Fall Fair, the McKellar Active Living Fair, an outdoor dance, or any number of other activities. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Swim Instructor: The committee discussed the need to organize and advertise the McKellar swimming program earlier in the year. Lindsay will contact the swimming instructor from last year to see if she is interested and available to return as McKellar's instructor for 2015. If she is not, the committee will need to start advertising for her replacement. The committee briefly discussed the possibility of raising rates for this season.
- Electronic Sign: The committee was informed that the Reeve will be pursuing the sign replacement as council initiative. No further action required.
- Family Skating Party: A Family Skating Party will take place at the McKellar rink on Sunday, February 22 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cider, hot chocolate, and donuts/timbits will be available free of charge.

Moved by Lindsay Moffat and Seconded by Wendy Debruge that Recreation Committee authorizes up to \$100 to be spent on the Family Skating Party. Motion Carried. (15-04)

- Police Checks for Recreation Committee members: The Recreation Committee is the only remaining committee that requires its members to have police checks. It is the opinion of the committee that this requirement is selective and restrictive to membership. The committee agrees that Vulnerable Sector checks are required for those running a youth-oriented program, but police checks should not be required to sit in the monthly meetings and present ideas. The Recreation Committee recommends that council reconsider its decision to require members of the Recreation Committee to have police checks to attend committee meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- McKellar Art Tour: Joyce presented an idea to host a McKellar Art Tour this summer. The tour would be a one afternoon event to promote our many local artists. The preliminary discussions were positive and the committee will be moving forward with this event.
- Budget: In anticipation of the Township's budget request, Lindsay will contact Sherri Ridsdale to obtain an updated financial statement for the Recreation Committee and a copy of last year's actuals. These items will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Intern: The Township will be once again hiring an intern. The committee will keep this in mind in regard to activities the intern could complete.
- Recreation Ideas: Several ideas were discussed for events in McKellar – an afternoon Easter event that follows the McDougall School Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Nights (similar to the Rosseau and Parry Sound Public Library events), an indoor yard sale, and a dinner and comedy night. These ideas have been noted and may or may not be implemented.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Linda Filion and Seconded by Wendy Debruge that the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion Carried. (15-05)