

Belmore Arena Board Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2022

Those in attendance; Jeremy Underwood, Warren Weber, Nigel Van Dyk, Lindsay Underwood, Sharon Hofman, Mark Goetz, Kim Harris, Ian Inglis, Chris Inglis, Kyra Wright, Darlene Loos.

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 8:18pm.

Motion to accept meeting agenda made by Mark Goetz, seconded by Lindsay Underwood.

Jeremy asked for any errors or omissions within the minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting received via email prior to this meeting. None noted. Minutes accepted by Nigel Van Dyk, seconded by Ian Inglis.

Business Arising From Last Meeting:

- Jeremy reported sandblasting is “finished”
 - o A few issues/conflicts occurred with J-K Sandblasting
 - One definite concern, many places didn’t get sandblasted and lack of paint coverage (old paint colour coming through).
 - Would this pass inspection? If others would like to take a look and give opinion.
 - o J-K started on Thursday. On Friday, Jeremy came back and they were already starting to paint. Jeremy expressed concerns that painting shouldn’t be starting as not enough sandblasting was completed. One of employees was yelling at Jeremy. Discussion got a bit heated. Jeremy suggested the employee go up on in the lift with him to look at the sandblasting work, employee declined.
 - o Jeff (the owner) came over to Belmore and went up in the lift with Jeremy. Jeff agreed, more sandblasting was required and not ready for paint.
 - o The final coat of paint has been put on and the overspray is bad!
 - Overspray on – black mats going to ice surface, carpet and door in the curling club.
- Some Board Members had heard Mildmay had the same issues with J-K and had to have them return to redo some work. Apparently some payment was held back until the work was done correctly.
- There will be a cost to clean-up the overspray.
- When J-K agreed to keep price quote from 2021, part of that was - we had to provide volunteers to help clean up – sweeping, dusting, etc
- We are going to Howick Twp to ask them to come out and give us an opinion on the work J-K did.
 - o Call Carol at the Twp office and request someone to come out to have a look.
- Best to hold back ½ of the amount owing until they come back to complete the work satisfactorily.
 - o Motion to pay \$20,000.00 and hold the rest back made by Nigel, seconded by Chris. Carried.
- Reopening event – Sunday, November 6th
 - o Mass email to go out, Facebook advertising and possibility of ad in local papers
 - o Popcorn machine and supplies to be sourced out
 - o Figure Skating to have the booth stocked for that day, Jenn will find someone to run the booth.

Treasurer Report:

- Nigel presented his report, bills to be paid this month total \$9189.97 + the \$20,000.
 - o Noting Sparlings completed work on the new furnaces and water heaters.
 - o Mark Goetz made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Lindsay Underwood. Carried.
- Edwards Fuels still has to return to remove the oil they put in our tank after being advised we wouldn’t be refilling. They have been called about this and also visited in person. Said, they’d be back.
- Treasurer’s report attached to minutes.

COVID Update: None

Grants:

- Kyra was successful in receiving a grant of \$2,500.00 from South Bruce. This is to go toward the curling scoreboards, curling bench structure, lobby bench-top upgrades.
 - o Some of this will not happen until next year, but noted grant guidelines stipulate all must be purchased prior to end of Dec 2022
 - Nov 18th Wing proceeds to cover the remaining cost
 - Gord Harris to provide an invoice for curling bench structure
- Accessibility Grant through Howick – not successful, many other applications received by Howick.
 - o We aren't in a position to pay the excess cost for those upgrades, defer applying for time being.
- Hensall Grant – unsuccessful. Grant was given to Stratford Hospital.

Belmore Catering:

- o January 8th – Church service catering
- o Application to Flannigan Wholesale Foods is in process

General Maintenance:

- Lighting project starts on Tuesday & Wednesday.
 - o \$4,300.00 rebate from Ideal Supply with proof of recycling of old lights.
- Ice Plant starting next week
 - o Ice Surface floor needs to be scrubbed before ice plant is started.
- Need a new exhaust fan for dressing room #4
- Need a 2nd receptacle beside water heater in front furnace room.
- Kim & Janice have been painting in dressing rooms 1 & 2.
 - o Rooms 3 & 4 will have to wait until spring as rentals are busy right away.
- Hallway also needs to be painted
 - o Warren will call Dave Huber to see if he is willing to prime & paint all hallway walls and ceiling and lobby in the spring

Parks Board: Nothing

Rentals:

- Dave Wagner, Wingham to check defibrillators
- AC in hall is still working, Kim will label switch
- 2 sided sign has been refreshed with new paint. Available to use for event signage.
- 2 more rentals coming up.
 - o One of them, is for the Saturday after Wing Night. They have rented the Lounge & Kitchen. Therefore the kitchen will need to be cleaned after Wing Night.
- Smart Serve
 - o Need bartenders for the Detzler wedding on Oct 29th – 8:30pm to close shift.
 - Jeremy & Lindsay Underwood can help out
 - o Any Smart Serve cards issued prior to June 2018 will expire
 - Mass email to go out – notifying everyone of this.
 - Will also ask who has valid Smart serve
 - Inquire as to whether there is interest in a Smart Serve Course if held in Belmore.
 - o Once we know amount of interest, will decide if we will host a course.
 - Belmore will cover the cost of course if they will bartend in Belmore.
 - If prefer to take course online at home, we will reimburse their course cost if they will bartend in Belmore.

Ice Rentals & Installation:

- Lots of rentals happening
 - o Wingham Minor Hockey has booked a lot of ice-time
- Any sponsorships for public skating can be directed to Rose Weber
- Need volunteers to flood ice.
- Figure Skating cleans the washrooms and sweeps dressing room floors.
 - o They will clean the toilets the week before the “Re-Opening Event” on Nov 6th.

Curling:

- Having their first meeting next week. More info will follow.

Belmore Figure Skating:

- Kelsey is completed her coaching course, David from Howick will be coaching 1 night per week.
- Figure Skating will start on November 7th, with 43 skaters registered
- Booth
 - o Any requests as to what to stock in the booth?
 - The regular – candy bags, chocolate bars, chips
 - Paper cups, etc will be needed
 - o Figure Skating will look after purchasing booth inventory. Figure Skating keeps profits of booth.
- Lindsay Underwood is looking after getting 2 vending machines (snack/cold drinks) so something available for rentals when booth isn't open.

South Bruce:

- Mark Goetz reported NWMO announced last of funding under the near term investment
 - o \$500,000.00 to Mildmay Arena renovations
- Mark encouraged Board to continue with the “Municipal Night”
 - o Keeps municipalities in the loop of what is happening in Belmore
 - o Also keeps Belmore front of mind
- Mark shared this will be his last meeting.
 - o He enjoyed his past 8 years with this group.
 - He appreciates and supports what Belmore accomplishes as a volunteer run community.
 - If successful in his bid for Mayor of South Bruce his contact with us will be in a different capacity and not through his usual meeting attendance.
- The entire group thanked Mark for all of the leadership, support, advice and encouragement throughout the 8 years he attended our Arena Board Meetings. His presence will be missed in our meetings.
 - o Thanks Mark!

Turnberry: Nothing

Howick: Nothing

Communications: Nothing

Chamber:

- 30 Day GICs reinvested
- November 18th Wing Night – could reach out to NWMO for some sponsorship
- Prices are going up!
 - o Have heard pop prices are going up by 20% in January

Next meeting is November 21, 2022.

At 10:05pm, Jeremy called for motion to adjourn meeting; motion by Sharon Hofman.