

Belmore Arena Board Meeting – Monday, December 20, 2021

Those in attendance; Jeremy Underwood, Lindsay Underwood, Ian Inglis, Chris Inglis, Linda Walker, Jenn Van Dyk, Nigel Van Dyk, Eldon Bowman, Jim Nelemans, Mark Goetz, Randy Scott, Laurie Willits, Kim Harris, Darlene Loos.

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 8: 05pm.

Motion to accept meeting agenda by Jim Nelemans and seconded by Ian Inglis.

Jeremy asked for any errors or omissions within the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting received via email prior to this meeting. None noted. Minutes accepted by Mark Goetz, seconded by Nigel Van Dyk.

Business Arising From Last Meeting:

- Policy & Procedures Document – no questions from members after reading.
- Donations for Janice Wilhelm
 - o Randy will reach out to Sue Thompson re: bench
- Donations for Bill Mulvey
 - o TV and sound system purchased for lounge with donations. A plaque will be purchased.
- Eldon thought the meeting with municipalities was a good way to clear the air and give a better understanding of where things stand. He also noted, at tomorrow's council meeting, there will be a committee appointed to discuss funds received for COVID restart. Possible the Reeve is leaning to interim payout but not certain.
 - o Jim Nelemans asked if the Belmore Arena Board should be sending a constituent to the Council Meeting. Eldon replied that it's difficult to have constituents attending Council Meetings right now due to COVID protocols.
 - o Randy inquired if there is a copy of the COVID Grant application submitted on behalf of the Belmore Arena Board.
 - Chris suggested asking Brenda at the Municipal Office for that.
 - o Mark asked if Reeve Harding understands what the Arena Boards' ask is? South Bruce and Turnberry could not request COVID relief for Belmore as the arena is located in Howick.
 - The 2016 Agreement is totally different – it is for capital expenses – Hydro, Roof & Heat.
 - Chris will reach out to Leanne Martin and ask for a copy of that agreement.

Correspondence:

- None to report

Update computer for sign:

- Chris Inglis reported the computer used to update the sign has quit and a replacement is needed.
 - o Nigel indicated he has the laptop, purchased by Roger, at home and will bring it to Chris.
 - The laptop isn't any use to Nigel as no software was ever installed onto the laptop. Software should be added at some point.

Treasurer Report:

- Nigel presented his report noting bills to be paid this month total \$13,137.76.
 - o Current funds in account do not cover that amount.
 - o Nigel requested \$30,000 cheque from the Chamber.
 - o Chris made a motion to pay bills upon receipt of cheque from the Chamber, seconded by Kim. Carried.
- Treasurer's report attached to minutes.

COVID Update:

- Jenn explained how new COVID guidelines affect our facilities:
 - No vaccine passport exemptions for sports & recreation – 12 to 18 year olds
 - 50% capacity for indoor events
 - Maximum of 10 people per table unless from same family
 - No singing or dancing
 - Within sports & recreation facilities no food or drink can be served or sold to patrons

Belmore Catering:

- Linda Walker advised she received the volunteer list. The list is not current and needs to be updated.
- Catering hasn't been able to have a meeting yet. However, a meeting date has been set for Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 7:30pm.
 - o Through conversation, the committee has determined they could handle catering for a group of 50 people. They will need to adjust menu and pricing
- Ian Inglis made a motion "Due to the struggles Belmore Catering is having, the Belmore Arena Board needs to implement restructuring. The Arena Board will look into filling all key positions and from there the new Catering Executive will recruit all other positions. The Arena Board will get all correspondence pertaining to the operation of Catering from Linda Walker, to include minutes of meetings and volunteer list, as soon as possible. This change is to take effect January 1, 2022."
- The Board agreed getting convenors and volunteers seem to be a big obstacle. Motion was carried.
 - o As per the above motion, the Board requested all past correspondence & minutes from catering. Chris offered to pick up from Linda.
 - o The Board will meet on Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 7:30pm (prior to January 17th Board Meeting) to initiate a plan.
- Linda will advise the Committee of the motion made and therefore the Catering meeting on January 4th isn't needed at this time.

General Maintenance:

- Kore Mechanical bill was \$6500. Over \$3000. of that is for the water pump, electric motor and certification. This work had to be done regardless of the decision to switch over to curling ice only.
- The compressor is running well.

Parks Board

- Dave Eadie received cheque from younger Sting Team for ball diamond rentals.

Rentals:

- Kim reported Christmas rentals have been cancelled.
 - o One cancellation wants to make a donation to the Belmore Arena
- The next booking is January 22nd.
- One Bride is coming in next week to look at the facility
- The TV is to be installed in the lounge in January.

Ice Rentals & Maintenance:

- Nothing.

Curling:

- No representative present, but it was noted that curling seems to be going well.

Belmore Figure Skating:

- Nothing

South Bruce:

- Mark provided an NWMO update
 - o A motion was passed to continue on in the NWMO process and gather information. A referendum will then be held after the election.
 - o A 2nd motion was passed to give the committee the go ahead to negotiate a host agreement which is non-binding between the NWMO and the Municipality.
- Mark commented on the meeting held with the Arena Board contingent and the Municipality representatives
 - o Mayor Heffer's comment "have we reached a crossroads where we have too many centres?"
 - Mark feels it is bad business to close a center not costing the townships any money.
 - The Arena Board needs to paint the picture for the community and surrounding areas what it would look like without the Belmore facility.
 - Also good idea to calculate the volunteer hours so everyone sees the \$ savings.
 - This is an election year, use it to our benefit.
 - Leanne gave an update to South Bruce Council as a heads up that a request is coming from Belmore for more money from the NWMO Community Well-being Funds.
- The entire Belmore Arena Board expressed their thanks and appreciate to Mark for his support.

Turnberry:

- Jim Nelemans advised Turnberry is working on their budget.
- There is land in Belgrave to develop but surveyors are tough to get.

Howick:

- Eldon reported Howick is working on their budget.
- As mentioned, at Howick's meeting tomorrow, a committee will be formed to look at COVID re-start funds received. Eldon doesn't know if he will be part of that committee but will do his best to make sure Belmore isn't overlooked.

Communications:

- Lindsay spoke with the South Bruce Digital Service Squad Member, Brooke Hagan. Brooke will be a good resource when needed for website/social media advice/assistance.
- A bill was submitted for website host – "Go Daddy". It is a yearly hosting fee.
- Lindsay will reach out to Jenna to discuss how Facebook traffic can be increased.

Chamber:

- Nigel advised, the Chamber wants to get back to hosting events at the centre.
 - o It's almost 2 years since our younger generation has been part of the Belmore community camaraderie and volunteering experience. Don't want to lose that contact with the younger generation.
 - o One event suggestion was a family oriented Outdoor Winter Festival
 - Possibly Family Day weekend
 - Licensed bar, fryers – French fries, grills – burgers & hot dogs
 - Activities – baseball, outdoor rink for skating & curling, horse & wagon rides
- Not certain there will be an Annual Meeting but the financials will be done.

Next meeting is January 17, 2022. It will be held in person if COVID guidelines still allow.

At 9:30pm, Jeremy called for motion to adjourn meeting; motion by Mark, seconded by Randy.