

## Belmore Arena Board Meeting – Monday, November 15, 2021

Those in attendance; Jeremy Underwood, Lindsay Underwood, Ian Inglis, Chris Inglis, Jane Harkness, Linda Walker, Jenn Van Dyk, Nigel Van Dyk, Eldon Bowman, Jim Nelemans, Mark Goetz, Randy Scott, Warren Weber, Dave Eadie, Kim Harris, Darlene Loos.

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 8:10pm.

Motion to accept meeting agenda by Jim Nelemans and seconded by Dave Eadie.

Jeremy asked for any errors or omissions within the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting received via email prior to this meeting. None noted. Minutes accepted by Warren Weber, seconded by Jenn Van Dyk.

### Business Arising From Last Meeting:

- Policy & Procedures Document – no questions from members after reading.
- Donations for Janice Wilhelm
  - o Randy will stop by bench fabricator to see if Sue Thompson has reached out.
  - o Placement of bench – tabled until more known about construction of bench.
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- Donations for Bill Mulvey
  - o Family should be consulted for their input.
    - Chris and Ian will discuss with Nancy.

### Correspondence:

- None to report

### COVID Funding:

- As per request from the Howick Municipal Office, #'s were tallied to show 2021 losses due to COVID
  - o Kim - hall rentals, lost revenue in 2021: \$67,075.00
  - o Sonya - curling, lost revenue in 2021: \$21,700.00
  - o Rose - ice rentals, lost revenue in 2021: \$42,887.50
  - o All COVID expenses and continued costs include: heat, hydro, grass cutting, sanitizer sprayer, extra cleaning costs.
- Eldon shared his interpretation: Howick is all for paying heat, hydro, expenses to keep building ready to use; not so much lost income.
- Randy asked the question about all the money municipalities have received from the Government – Where are the funds?
- Some concerns regarding the number of grant applications being completed versus how many grants are approved
  - o Howick Twp 2020 SLED Grant – wifi in Belmore hall (\$74,00.00 grant to municipality)
  - o Strategic Profiling Grant – LED Lighting – not approved
  - o Trillium Grant – ask of over \$500,000.00
    - Turnberry is under the misconception - Belmore needs \$500,000.00 or arena will be closed.
      - That is our total ask amount, not how much is needed to keep the arena open.
  - o Howick Grant money – they have sent emails out to all community organizations and Howick Township is also a user group.
  - o Belmore has not asked for support before.
  - o Howick, Turnberry and South Bruce pay ½ of Liability Insurance (\$2600 per municipality).

- Howick received money and now trying to determine how to disperse.
- It was suggested a contingency from the Arena Board approach the municipalities as in-person meetings carry more weight. Have a sit-down with the three municipalities and find out what part Belmore plays in each municipality,
  - Sending a letter requesting a meeting with CAO, Mayor and 3 reps from the Arena Board

#### Treasurer Report:

- Nigel presented his report noting bills to be paid this month total \$710.00. Jane made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Kim. Carried.
- Treasurer's report attached to minutes.

#### COVID Update:

- Jenn advised capacity limits:
  - If proof of vaccines, max capacity allowed unless there is a dance or food/drink
    - If dance, food/drink then only 25% capacity
  - In regards to Church Service:
    - No proof – 2 metre distancing (143 for large hall)
    - Proof – full capacity for Church & meal.

#### Belmore Catering:

- Linda Walker advised she called Chris Dickson for the volunteer list, Chris indicated it was best to speak with Carla and she would pass message onto Carla.
  - To date, Linda has not heard back from Carla. At a standstill until she can get the volunteer list.
- At the town meeting, suggestion/discussion was had whether Catering could do small events (under 50 people) and not do big events at this time.
  - Linda will talk to the Committee to see if doing catering for small numbers was an option.

#### General Maintenance:

- Jane put locks on warm room for Gun Club and heat has been turned on.

#### Parks Board

- Nothing.

#### Rentals:

- New rental rates are now on the website.
- Kim, Chris & Rose met to make purchases with donations received and earmarked for the lounge.
  - 8 round tables, 48 folding chairs, cart for chairs, cart for table - \$4450.20 + HST
  - HDTV - TV for lounge - \$1095.65
  - On back order .... 4 pub tables - \$680.00
- Carpet in lounge needs to be replaced.

#### Ice Rentals & Maintenance:

- Nothing.

#### Curling:

- Dave Eadie reported the lights in the curling club go on Monday night.
  - Transition of plant to run curling ice only went well
  - They have 90 member for the 1<sup>st</sup> half
    - No push back on increased fees.

- \$220/year (15 nights)
- \$110/half year, students and spares
  - 13 teams – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
- Bonspiels not usually held until the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

Belmore Figure Skating:

- Nothing

South Bruce:

- Mark reported the South Bruce budget process will start in the next few weeks.
- Mark also clarified that the NWMO monies are actually South Bruce's money for signing up to be part of the NWMO project. South Bruce Council is to divvy funds out into the community for betterment.

Turnberry:

- Nothing.

Howick:

- Eldon reported Howick's budget process is starting. Will likely see increases.

Communications:

- If any changes required to website, please let Lindsay know.

Chamber:

- Chris advised, the Chamber did not have an AGM in 2021. Will do one in February 2022.
  - 2021 fiscal year will be covered.
  - Committee heads will get requests to get financials ready.
  - No meal, only snacks & bar (social type event)
  - Will firm up date and get the word out.

Next meeting is December 20, 2021. It will be held in person as long as COVID guidelines still allow.

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