

Belmore Arena Board Meeting – Monday, February 15, 2021

Those in attendance; Jeremy Underwood, Lindsay Underwood, Mark Goetz, Eldon Bowman, Christine Inglis, Ian Inglis, Jim Nelemans, Sharon Hofman, Jenn Van Dyk, Nigel Van Dyk, Randy Scott, Kim Harris, Warren Weber, Darlene Loos.

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

Motion to accept meeting agenda – accepted by Kim and seconded by Warren.

Darlene read the minutes for the January 18, 2020 meeting. They were accepted by Warren and seconded by Nigel.

Business arising from minutes:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Treasurer Report:

- Nigel reported he got into the bank, obtained a debit card and can now do online banking.
- Nigel presented his Treasurer's report – documents attached to minutes
 - o Making note of a few points
 - Affordable Waste resubmitted the unpaid August invoice for payment
 - An invoice and a statement received from Sparlings, Nigel will contact them to confirm what exactly is owing.
 - Account balance dictates money should be requested from the Chamber of Commerce; asking for member's input on amount to request. It was suggested amount should cover a few months of invoices.
 - o Motion made by Nigel to request \$10,000 from Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Randy.
 - o Motion made to hold Sparling invoices for confirmation of amount owing by Ian and seconded by Warren
- Kim received a call from Fitch's, advised them their cheque would be cashed soon; delay was due to change in Treasurers.
- Report accepted by Ian and seconded by Warren.

Belmore Catering:

- Jeremy reported the group is holding off on having meetings until things open up (re: COVID) and are willing to cater events once restrictions are lifted.

General Maintenance:

- Jeremy reported a conduit has been installed from Arena Lounge to Curling Club for Howick Township to upgrade Wi-Fi.

Rentals:

- Kim heard from Gun Club and they booked a class for Feb 26-28th. They are responsible for cleansing & safety surrounding COVID protocols. They have a plan in place.
 - o Jenn advised that Gun Club should print off and post their plan in the meeting room to conform with province requirements
 - Kim will advise Gun Club
- Stag & Doe booked for April 24th, deposit received
 - o If still within Orange restrictions, will likely be cancelled
 - Only 50 people allowed
 - Alcohol only allowed until 9pm
 - Hall emptied out by 10pm
- Cheque received for September wedding reception. Kim will get cheque to Nigel.

Ice Rentals & Maintenance:

- Nothing

Curling:

- Nothing

Belmore Figure Skating:

- Reimbursing some registration fees to members as season ended early due to COVID

South Bruce:

- Mark reported the budget process is starting this week.

Turnberry:

- Nothing

Howick:

- Eldon reported the budget process is taking place this week and next.
- "Modernization" funds available as well as "Save on Energy" grants
 - o Upgrading arena lights may be a project which falls under these grants.
 - o Eldon will approach township to see if our project is something they would support
- Howick Arena still has ice rental timeslots available if anyone is looking.

Communications:

- Lindsay reported still haven't received minutes from the Chamber of Commerce.
 - o Chris confirmed the Chamber's next meeting is Wednesday February 17th and minutes should be received after that.

Chamber of Commerce:

- Chris advised Bil Graham viewed the webinar regarding “Ontario Small Business Grant”
 - o It is a complex process that requires a chartered accountant
 - To apply – from April 2019-April 2020, there needed to be a decrease in revenue of \$10,000 min & \$20,000 max
 - Catering & curling could apply
 - o Energy Grant also available
 - o Increase in “Trillium Funding” – funds for infrastructure or renovations
 - We should look in to applying but it a very complex application process
 - Lobby and dressing rooms need upgrading
 - Eldon mentioned the township uses a “grant writing service”, perhaps they could complete the Trillium Grant Application on our behalf.
 - o Chris will talk to Brenda at the Township Office about this.

New Business:

- Chris mentioned the “Wing Night Group” is considering a Fish Fry Drive-Thru fundraiser in the fall
 - o Due to second year of no Maple Syrup Festival, fundraising initiatives need to be encouraged
- Randy wondered if the Belmore Hall could be offered to the Health Units as an immunization centre; especially due to the large Amish population in our area
 - o Jenn V advised that Grey Bruce Health Unit has a plan well underway.
 - Likely best to discuss with Huron Health Unit if we want to offer Belmore as space for immunization clinic
 - o Randy will speak to his neighbour (Amish Elder) to see if the Amish community is accepting of the immunization offerings.

The Board’s Monday, March 15th meeting will be held in person at the Belmore Community Centre unless Provincial Lockdown measures tighten backup. This will be confirm the week prior when the agenda is sent out to all Board Members.

At 9:05pm, Jeremy moved for the meeting to be adjourned; accepted by Nigel and seconded by Warren.