

Belmore Arena Board Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022

Those in attendance; Jeremy Underwood, Lindsay Underwood, Mark Goetz, Jim Nelemans, Eldon Bowman, Nigel Van Dyk, Jenn Van Dyk, Dave Eadie, Randy Scott, Wanda Inglis, Kim Harris, Darlene Loos.

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 8: 01pm.

Motion to accept meeting agenda by Mark Goetz and seconded by Jim Nelemans.

Jeremy asked for any errors or omissions within the minutes from the January 17, 2022 meeting received via email prior to this meeting. None noted. Minutes accepted by Nigel Van Dyk, seconded by Kim Harris.

Business Arising From Last Meeting:

- Randy Scott spoke with Sue Thompson a few weeks ago, she wanted to discuss with her family as to what they wanted on the Janice (Chuck) Wilhelm memorial bench. Randy will follow up with Sue Thompson again this Saturday.

Correspondence:

- A resignation letter and final bill was received from Jane Harkness. Effective February 15, 2022, Jane is retiring from the cleaning position (after 16 years).
 - o The group expressed thanks and appreciation to Jane for her years of service within the complex.
- By looking back, it appears on average it would be 2 hours of cleaning per week.
- It was discussed that we could put out a tender for a cleaner.
 - o Randy Scott made the motion we put a tender out for a cleaner at \$20/hour. Second by Mark Goetz.
 - Kim will look after getting an ad into the Mildmay and Wingham papers and also send the ad out via mass email.

Treasurer Report:

- Nigel presented his report noting bills to be paid this month total \$6330.18. Noting this total includes Jane's final bill.
 - o Jim Nelemans made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Randy Scott. Carried.
- Treasurer's report attached to minutes.

COVID Update:

- Jenn Van Dyk provided an update on COVID protocols.
 - o January 31st Huron Perth Health Unit rescinded their letter to recreation facilities
 - o February 24th Huron Perth Health Unit rescinded their letter to all workplaces
 - Therefore as of March 1st, there are no local orders which apply to us.
 - Currently we will have to operate under the Ontario rules which means, masks are mandatory unless eating/drinking, must have a Safety Plan and follow any orders from local health officials.
 - o Jenn has updated our Safety Plan and it will be displayed in multiple areas of the complex
 - Renters can go above and beyond these measures if they wish.
 - Capacity is not affected by COVID Protocols. Fire Code guidelines will dictate capacity limits.

Belmore Catering:

- Randy Scott provided report in Maureen Scott's absence.
 - o Catering Committee has had 2 meetings – January 22nd & February 14th
 - At the first meeting committee was set up (aided by Chris Inglis and Kim Harris) and discussed the groups vision for moving forward.
 - Will have regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month.
 - Want to start with small functions (50 people) to cater to.
 - Want to look at different menus to provide variety.
 - Want to be aware of the cost of each event to ensure profitability.
 - Would like 1 more convenor and more volunteers, using the volunteer list.
 - All members who don't have safe food handling are being asked to take the course online.
 - Working on getting Liability Insurance Policy back in place as it was cancelled due to the pandemic.
 - First catering events scheduled for March and April.
 - Groups' focus is to work together on menus so they can be presented to the community.
 - Next meeting is on March 14, 2022

General Maintenance:

- Nothing

Parks Board

- Nothing.

Rentals:

- Men's Spiel and GayLea Bonspiels are going ahead
- Book Launch in April
- Interest in rentals seems to be ramping back up
 - o Kim has shown the hall a couple of times and has another showing this week
- Pepsi is to be doing a pop delivery this week
- Donation funds designated for bathroom/change room renovations are going to be utilized.
 - o Brian Dobbyn will be doing the reno work
 - Installing isolation valves so water can stay on in some areas of the complex while he works on renos.
 - New showers, drains, counter tops, toilets, touchless faucets
 - o Will likely be doing a "Donate to Paint" fundraiser to paint dressing rooms
- Kim thinks the Resilience Grant would include such things as:
 - o Automatic hand sanitizer units, touchless faucets, filtration system
 - o Lindsay also mention technology upgrades such as laptops for the different committees
 - o Deadlines are March 9th to April 6th
- Rural Economic Fund Application deadline is March 7th, not sure if we have time or resources to complete in that short timeline
 - o It offers 30% up to \$250,000 for renos to make facilities more energy efficient and able to remain open
 - Some of our project would include: energy efficient lighting, sandblasting beams
 - o Some discussion around whether we can afford to put 70% into these projects

Ice Rentals & Maintenance:

- Nothing.

Curling:

- Dave Eadie reported the Curling Club is excited to be able to have the Men's Spiel and the GayLea Bonspiel
- Junior Curling started again - Fridays 7pm. Cost is \$2/player. Ages 8 & up. Brooms & sliders available.
- Second half numbers are a little over 100 curlers

Belmore Figure Skating:

- Nothing

South Bruce:

- Mark Goetz reported that budget is looking like a 4.4% increase. Reserves are getting lower. Next year there will be an assessment done by MPAC. Inflation is affecting all areas.
- Mark asked other councillors if they are receiving request from other communities for support of their arenas. All indicated they have.
 - o Mark believes there is a misconception out in the public that because Belmore is asking for support, all communities are entitled to reach out for support.
 - Mark wants to reiterate Belmore is actually a part of their "South Bruce Community"

Turnberry:

- Jim Nelemans reported initial budget talks showed a tax increase of 12%. They will have further talks to try and bring that number down. There should be some money coming to Belmore but they are waiting on Howick's decision.

Howick:

- Eldon Bowman reported budget talks show a 2.6% increase. Labour costs are up 4.4%. Another budget meeting tomorrow night – COVID grant money disbursement will be discussed; hope to have more news to share with us soon.
- Project to install energy efficient lights still a possibility
- Randy Scott asked if Eldon thought there would be more COVID funds in the future. Eldon thinks there will be but it's not carved in stone.
- Darlene Loos inquired if Eldon had heard if Chief Edwards had received the Fire Plan she submitted via email on February 15th as no response was received. Eldon had heard it was received but will double check with Reeve Harding tomorrow night.

Communications:

- None to report

Chamber:

- Annual General Meeting date has been set for Friday May 6th.
 - o They will ask catering to do a meal (or could go with just appetizers)
 - If catering isn't comfortable with this bigger event, they will approach other caterers.
 - o Particulars will be decided at next month's meeting
- Chamber needs 2 new members
- Great turn out for their Family Fun Day
 - o Skating, campfires, great atmosphere of fun and community, snacks, drinks, etc

Other Business:

- Randy Scott thanked all 3 municipalities for their support of Belmore. It is very appreciated. The entire group offered up a round of applause as thanks to the municipalities.

Next meeting is March 21, 2022. Darlene advised she would be absent and Wanda Inglis agreed to look after distributing Agenda and taking minutes.

At 9:19pm, Jeremy called for motion to adjourn meeting; motion by Mark Goetz, seconded by Randy Scott.