



DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING
Neustadt Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Neustadt Community Centre

Present: Scott Foerster (Chair), Tom Culliton (staff), Geoffrey Shea (Councillor),
Michael Dinkel, Gerry Lynch, Rheo Machina, Brian Zettler

Regrets: Nelson Granger, Audrey Filsinger

Action by:

1. Scott called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and stated that this will be an unofficial meeting because the agenda was not posted on the municipality's website sufficiently in advance of the meeting. Any topics on the agenda for which a motion must be voted on by the Committee will not be discussed.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Not discussed.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2020 Meeting

Not discussed.

4. Roller Skating Update

(a) After a long break due to Covid 19 restrictions, roller skating will resume on Friday, June 10. Attendance will be limited to a maximum of 100 people.

(b) Mike White has been hired as the cruiser. Two West Grey staff members will be present. One will collect admission fees and count attendance and the other will look after the skate rentals. It would be helpful if one volunteer from the Committee was also there to help collect admission fees and count attendance. This person would stay until the maximum attendance is reached. Scott will set up a schedule for the volunteers.

Scott

5. Pickleball Report

Brian reported as follows.

(a) Pickleball play in the arena ended for this season on May 18, 2022. Due to the especially warm weather in early and mid-May, attendance dropped sharply after the first week in May. Most outside courts were open and the warmer weather permitted many other outside activities. It was agreed at the meeting that we would cancel play for May 19 and 21 which are the last two scheduled play dates. In the past two years there

was no play in May due to the Covid 19 pandemic and this year there was no play for 4 weeks in January.

- (b) In the month of May, \$209.00 was collected from May 2nd to May 18th inclusive. This will be turned over to West Grey staff (Tom).
- (c) We finished the season with 111 members and averaged approximately 22 players per session.
- (d) In mid-May a local school rented the arena for part of the afternoon to teach their Grades 6 to 8 students how to play pickleball. Some of our members volunteered to assist their teachers in giving demonstrations and instructions on the game. The students picked up the basic plays of the sport quickly and had fun learning the game and experiencing a different kind of exercise. It was a great way to end our spring session.

Brian

6. Soccer Report

Rheo reported as follows.

- (a) Reviving soccer after two seasons without it due to Covid 19 has been a struggle. Most soccer executive members moved on to another level with their kids. The Treasurer remained so that there is an "arm's length" person other than Rheo. Also, registration fees are via e-transfer so that direct deposit is in effect.
- (b) A Risk Assessment needed to be completed, followed by a Return to Play program. Once these two hurdles were passed, approval was required to play out of SWRSA (Southwest Regional Soccer Association) as the league we've been playing in for 25+ years is in EMSA (Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association). We sent the Play Out form to the address on the top right corner of the form via Purolator. Two weeks later it was returned as it was sent to the physical address and not the mailing address. On the same day we received it, the form was sent via Purolator to the mailing address. Two weeks later, it was returned again. Purolator had covered over our mailing address label with a label for the physical address. In the meantime, we emailed the Play Out form to the SWRSA office with the money coming with Purolator documents. The form was found in the SWRSA's junk mail two weeks later. Once our Play Out form was approved, we sent an application to Play In EMSA. Their administrator thought we were already part of EMSA so they did not process our application. After not having received approval and the start of the season getting closer, we inquired about the status of our application. We are not sure why EMSA did not realize we were part of SWRSA especially when the SWRSA Play Out (approval) form was attached to the EMSA Play In form. We have been approved to play in the EMSA Saugeen Mixed Soccer League.
- (c) During March and April we reached out to potential Neustadt soccer players via Normanby Community School messenger. Forty-five players registered for the three teams

available (U6, U8 and U10). People volunteered for the three coaching positions.

- (d) The season starts May 24 for the U10's who will play every Tuesday night until mid-August. The U8's season starts May 26 and will play every Thursday through mid-August. In the past, Monday nights have been our practice nights for all three age groups so families only have to drive once for practice.
- (e) All the Neustadt soccer equipment is in the soccer shed that the Rec committee paid for. Some soccer equipment arrived from coaches' personal sheds with piles of acorns (that some furry friends worked hard for).
- (f) Grass cutting and portable washrooms were discussed. Tom mentioned that the washrooms at the pavilion will be open soon. Tom has ordered netting for the soccer goal posts.
- (g) A year-end banquet is scheduled for August 15. Members of the Neustadt Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee are invited to attend.

7. Fall Craft Show

- (a) Scott reported that he has been told by Kodey Hewlett that the fall craft show will probably be held this year. Scott will meet with Kodey as soon as possible to discuss the details.

Scott

8. Community Park Facilities

- (a) Responsibility for the Trail of Dreams will be taken over by the Trails Committee.
- (b) Two new benches may be required this year.

9. Town-wide Yard Sale

This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 4th.

10. Possible Uses of Fundraising Revenue

Not discussed.

11. New Business

Anyone who knows someone who is interested in volunteering for the Committee should bring their name forward at a future meeting.

- 12. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Neustadt Community Centre.

- 13. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gerry Lynch with notes from Brian Zettler and Rheo Machina