

APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 3, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Office, Lockhart Ryan Park

The Regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee was held at the Recreation Office at Lockhart Ryan Park on July 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded (6:00 p.m.) by a Social Time/BBQ for Committee members and spouses.

In Attendance: Chair Dale Pineo
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Citizen Member Les Sequeria
Recreation Director Vince Forrestall
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pineo called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, July 3, 2007

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeira that the Agenda for the July 3, 2007 RAC Regular monthly meeting be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, June 12, 2007

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that the minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting of the RAC held on June 12, 2007 be approved as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Summer Programs Update and (b) Summer Events Update

V. Forrestall presented a schedule outlining the summer programs and events with dates, locations, and number of participants (attached to original minutes). All programs are in full force and the participation is impressive, and the events which have taken place were

Successes. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming events such as the Bowl Jam, Night Sessions, Bike Competition, Seniors' Day, Celebration Days, etc., etc. Vince stated that this year a Manual For Parents for those parents of children attending Day Camp was produced, with special thanks going to Julia Schofield who was instrumental in developing this valuable tool for parents. Also, the staff developed a Summer Staff Training Manual.

(c) June is Recreation Month, Live it Every Day – Events

V. Forrestall reported that the Village conducted three events for ***June is Recreation Month*** – a Field Day at NMES, Volleyball Classic at NMES (marking days), and a Basketball Clinic at NMES (marking days).

DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

V. Forrestall presented his monthly report for June (attached to original minutes). He highlighted the following items as well as other items:

- Promotion programs
- 1st Annual Summer Active Challenge
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Summer Staff Training
- Tattoo Trip
- Celebration Days Draft line up
- Little Dribblers
- Municipal Seminar at Old Orchard Inn
- Princess Dinner

It was moved by L. Sequeria, seconded by M. Stevens to accept the Director's Monthly Report as submitted. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) 2007 Recreation Nova Scotia "Pathways for People" Conference – V. Forrestall presented the members with a brochure showing the 2007 Recreation Nova Scotia "Pathways for People" Conference to be held in Digby October 17 – 20. Discussion took place with regard to the number of participants in this and other Conferences. The Director and one other Committee member will attend this Conference.
- (b) Dwight MacLeod, Executive Director of VDRA – The Committee members viewed an email to Greg Messom from Mr. Dwight MacLeod. Mr. MacLeod commended the Village on the great shape of the soccer fields and equipment. M. Stevens stated he hears many positive comments while watching soccer games.

Chair Pineo stated that the fields have improved over the years, and he has also heard many positive comments about the parking lot extension.

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Annapolis Valley Active Living Facilitator (Municipal Leadership Grant) – V. Forrestall stated that there is a new AVALF Leadership Grant available, and Kings County has contacted the Village to be a player of sorts in this program. Vince told the Committee about a similar initiative in Annapolis County and showed them a booklet produced by their facilitator hired under this grant. Vince stated that although Villages are not invited to take part in the initiative as a partner, Kings County are asking the Village of New Minas to support the initiative in principle, and Vince stated there is an opportunity for New Minas to support the project with in-kind donations.

It was moved by M. Stevens, seconded by L. Sequeria, that it be recommended to the Village Commission to forward a letter of support, in principle, for the Annapolis Valley Active Living Facilitator, under a Municipal Leadership Grant being applied for by towns and municipalities in the Valley region. MOTION CARRIED

- (b) 9th Annual RNS James Bayer Bursary Golf Tournament (Ken-Wo) – V. Forrestall advised that New Minas is entering a team in the James Bayer Bursary Golf Tournament at Ken-Wo on September 13th, which includes Vince, Bob Horne, and Dave and Bev Harris.
- (c) Certificates of Appreciation – NMES and EMS - Vince stated that he presented New Minas Elementary School and Evangeline Middle School each with Certificates of Appreciation “*In recognition of contributing and supporting an increase in the physical activity levels of New Minas residents through community use access to ... facility and partnering ...*” Vince stated he will be doing similar Certificates of Appreciation for the New Minas Fire Department and the New Minas Lions Club.
- (d) Fall Programs and Events 2007 – V. Forrestall cited Volleyball, Badminton, Basketball Academies, Festival of Lights, Halloween at the Fire Hall, Indoor Golf, Mother/Baby Class Aerobics, After the Bell, True Sport Young of Heart, Little Dribblers, etc., etc., are some of the programs and events coming to New Minas for Fall 2007.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROFILE – Resident, Dan Boulder

Vince advised everyone that the next Village Voice will be presenting Mr. Dan Boulder as the first recipient of the Healthy Lifestyles Profile. The Committee sends along congratulations to Mr. Boulder.

OTHER

- (a) Any Child can Participate – Vince stated he has received a lot of feedback and recommendations for the “*Any Child can Participate*” program offered by the Village.
- (b) Next Meeting – The next meeting of the NMRAC will be held on September 4th.
- (c) Bravo for Recreation New Minas! – The Committee members expressed thanks and appreciation to the Rec Director for making New Minas the envy of the Valley for recreation programs and events. Vince stated that the programs and events would not be possible without the support of Senior staff, public works staff, summer directors, leaders and other staff, as well as co-operation from community groups like the school officials.

ADJOURNMENT

In Motion of M. Stevens, the meeting adjourned.

Dale Pineo, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer