



Spruce View & District Agricultural Society Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9, 2021 @ 7 pm

Attendees: Brent Ramsay, Lindsay Stoyburg, Beth Huising, Tom Vanderlinde, Whitney Quartly, Kinsey Brown, Janine Seymour, Mitch Hetu, Carmen Aragon, Jeff Vickers, Sarah Hetu

1. Motion to adopt agenda by Brent
2. Motion to approve November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Beth, 2nd by Janine.
3. COVID Update
 - Discussions around how the board will handle any warnings issued by AHS in the event of Covid protocols being breached. There have been no warnings issued to our Ag Society, however another local Ag Society received a warning from AHS and responded by suspending a minor hockey team for a week.
 - Brent plans to meet with Caroline Ag Society so that in the event that any warnings are issued, both Ag Societies take similar action
 - Men's hockey teams are running with REP program in place.
 - Concession is able to run with REP if they would like. Jeff is considering it, they would need a designated eating area that they would be responsible for (proposing to use the upstairs ice viewing area, meeting room would remain exempt from REP program). Concession would be wholly responsible for enforcing the REP program allowing patrons to eat inside.
4. President's Report
 - Brent sent out prior to the meeting in an email.
 - SV Ag Society to meet with Caroline Ag Society to align some practices.
 - Brent spoke with 4-H, they plan to resume meetings at the arena in the new year.
 - Trees have been removed by Logan as discussed last meeting - there will be maintenance done in that area in the spring.
5. Financial Report - Lindsay
 - General Account \$108,661.47
 - Casino Account \$5.00
 - Last month the Lion's club donated \$5,000, Hanson Hut donated \$158
 - Insurance paid: \$9,036
 - Brent - Capital grant for ODR has been approved. Funds will be disbursed through Ag Society account.
 - Motion to accept report by Mitch, 2nd by Beth
6. Director Reports
 - Facility Rentals - Beth
 - November

● Figure Skating	22.5 hours
● Minor hockey	51.25 hours

- Private Rentals/ Community Skates 127.75 hours
 - December 28th - the Miller family usually rents the arena for their family Christmas. Approval to proceed with the rental to the Millers by the board.
 - Arena will be closed December 24th - January 1st.
 - 10 Team Midget Tournament Dec 10-11: Minor Hockey to pay an additional fee of \$500. Beth to invoice. Funds to go to Carmen so that she can hire an extra person to help her. Minor Hockey would also like to run the REP program during the tournament.
 - Motion to allow the U18 committee to run REP upstairs at the arena, parents are responsible to run and enforce REP. All in favour.
 - December 31st Community New Years Event to move forward. REP program will have to be in place, masks worn. Whitney to make a FB post with an RSVP so we know how many people are coming. There is an option to cancel the event if restrictions change/ lack of interest.
 - Communication - Whitney
 - Actively posting on Facebook, Website, and in the arena. No changes.
- 7. Facility Report - Carmen
 - new puck board installed
 - line fixed.
 - Square tubing along the boards was damaged due to the door being left open, Carmen has a welder coming in and will have him look at this as well.
- 8. User Groups
 - Minor Hockey
 - Sarah Hetu
 - Minor Hockey is finding it difficult to keep up with restrictions, they have a hard time enforcing the rules to other teams. There have been concerns about the concession being open and people ignoring that the Dickson Arena is not under REP so patrons cannot eat inside.
 - Ag Society wants to work with minor hockey and other user groups. Getting security is an option, other boards have hired security.
 - Gymkhana
 - Brent has communicated a later start date for the 2022 season as a result of the Ag Society renting the facility to the Grads, therefore postponing when the dirt can be put in.
 - Figure Skating
 - No updates
- 9. Unfinished Business
 - AED - Carmen/ Whitecap
 - Still in process. No updates
 - Sign at Firehall
 - County has advised Brent that no funding has been awarded to other non-profits for signage. Brent to continue to follow up with local contractors.

- Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant
 - Kinsey to work on application. Brent to email Kinsey the information.
- Outdoor Rink in Spruce View
 - Funding has been approved.
 - Pam is coordinating volunteers to build all of the panels on December 18th and 19th.
 - Ag Society to potentially take old hockey nets to the ODR once it is functional.
- Casino - Janine
 - Casino date was moved up last minute to December 15th and 16th.
 - All volunteer slots have been filled with backup volunteers available.
- Grad
 - Grad is covered under our insurance.
 - Brent to follow up with Grad Committee to remind them of the Covid restrictions and the REP (or whatever restrictions exist at the time of grad) will have to be followed.
- Sponsored wi-fi
 - Lindsay hasn't heard back, will follow up.
- Scholarship
 - Whitney to finalize and post on the website.
- Rec and Culture Grant for Public Skate -Whitney
 - Ag Society was approved for \$3,000 to cover the costs of public skate.
- AAAS Conference
 - Logan and Kinsey to attend.

10. New Business

- Kitchen Lease
 - Board has agreed to set a lease rate/ agreement in January.
- Heifer Raffle - Tom
 - Tom has been in touch with Dennis Jones at FCC regarding the heifer raffle and grant opportunities.
 - They have a surplus of funds available due to Covid halting operations of non-profit programs in 2020.
 - Tom to being putting a proposal together for the heifer raffle, the Ag Society also has the opportunity to put 2 additional proposals together for projects.
 - Board will choose projects to request funding for in January.
- Capital Grants
 - Brent has confirmed that the Ag Society can submit projects they want to get done each year and is able to get 100% funding on approved projects
- Rental Rates
 - Ag Society will not set new rental rates until we are able to meet with Caroline Ag Society.
- Membership Rates



- Brent would like to review the membership fee structure. Board has determined that this is an intensive topic and a subcommittee is to be formed to review this matter.

11. Meeting Adjourned 9:02 pm

12. Next Meeting January 13, 2022 @ 7 PM