

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Recreation Committee Meeting

Thursday October 10th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

There was a Meeting of the Recreation Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday October 10th, 2024. Present were Chair Doug Humphries, Councillor Glen Campbell, Public Advisory Members: Sharon Bennett, and Debby Johnston. Staff in attendance was Rachel Eden, Community Liaison Officer – Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory Member Claire Rouble and Terry Runtz sent their regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphries called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved by Debby Johnston

Seconded by Sharon Bennett

THAT the Recreation Committee approve the September 12th, 2024 Minutes.

Carried

4. OPEN ISSUES/REPORTS/UPDATES:

i. COUNTRY DANCE – Review & Forward Planning, 2024 and 2025

Rachel Eden gave a report of the Country Dance from Sept 29th. Attendance was lower than expected with roughly 44 attendees. Revenue from tickets and 50/50 \$612. This was our first “afternoon” dance so maybe took patrons by surprise. It was advertised in the Eganville Leader for 3 weeks, online and on online community boards. Volunteer team was strong. Moving forward, we’d like pre-sale tickets sold for \$10 and the tickets at the door sold for \$12. Increased advertising in the Seniors Home Support Newsletter. Our next dance is Sunday October 20th. We will review how this 2nd afternoon dance goes at our November meeting and make a plan forward for 2025. A suggestion from Debby to remove the light lunch and sell chips etc instead, or have a smaller food option – to save on dance expenses, which often mirror our revenue.

ii. NEW FEE PROPOSALS – Micro Evening Fee and Bar Usage Fee

Further discussion was had, with all positive comments to allow more booking options for the hall. The recreation committee was unanimous in a want for 3 additional rental fees to be added to our By-Law Schedule “F” when appropriate.

Micro Evening Rate \$125+HST: Sunday-Thursday 5pm-10pm

Hourly Rental Upper Conference Room: \$20/hour anytime

Bar Rental Fee: \$100

It was noted that future renters may not be happy about the Bar Rental Fee, however it was a good economical choice for the Township to be able to pay our bartenders.

iii. SHUFFLEBOARD

As requested by the committee, Rachel quoted that the cost for new “mini shuffleboards” would start at \$799+tax+shipping per board. The committee was unanimous in thinking that the cost would take too long to

recoup its value, as we currently have 3 full sized boards that could be made useful instead. The committee felt that investment value could be better spent on an entirely new recreational activity such as cornhole, or enhancements to our upper conference room. We would consider a shuffleboard drop-in night if a volunteer can be found to take lead. Suggestion was to continue as our past time slot on a weekday evening.

5. NEW BUSINESS

i. PROPOSED BOOK CLUB

All very positive comments from the committee and great pre-planning. With the help of the Renfrew Public Library to facilitate our book inventory, this club was unanimously moved forward. The club will plan to meet the 2nd Monday of each month between 10:30-11:30 in the upper conference room, in conjunction with the Horton Heritage Crafts. Lead volunteers will be Helen Golden and Barb Dickson. Planned to begin in the next few months. Will be advertised and shared by word of mouth.

ii. UPPER CONFERENCE ROOM ITEMS

The committee was unanimous in the decision to dispose of the foosball tables and air hockey tables by way of sale or donation. Rachel will arrange movement of items with Adam Knapp.

6. ADDITIONS

- i.** December Meeting will be rescheduled to Thurs Dec 5th, 2024
- ii.** Family Fall Event – reschedule towards Christmas season, due to CLO time commitments to the CSRIF Grant deadline
- iii.** Will include a list of “ongoing and upcoming” events in future agendas

7. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday November 14th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphries declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CHAIR Doug Humphries

CLO Rachel Eden