

**Bouchie Lake Rec Commission
Meeting Minute
Bouchie Lake Hall**

April 13/16, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Present: Jerry Bruce (Area B Director), Ron Terlesky (Alternate Area B Rep), Wendy Donald (Rec Commissioner), Tracy Parker (Rec Commissioner), David Law (Rec Commissioner), Steven Loos (Rec Commissioner), Angela Mezzatesta (Facility Agent), Deborah Loos (guest)
Regrets: Jan Rivers (Rec Commissioner)

Chair: Ron Terlesky – meeting called to order 7:03 pm
Scribe: Angela Mezzatesta

1) Review of previous meeting minutes – Motion to adopt Tracy Parker, 2nd Wendy Donald - AIF, carried.

2) Adoption of Agenda – with the addition of CRD Board meeting on the Road, motion to adopt Wendy Donald, 2nd Steven Loos - AIF, carried.

Guests: Kelsey & Heather Lefebvre unable to attend in person each sent a letter outlining their requests. Content from letters shared with all in attendance.

Kelsey advised she will be hosting a fundraising event for the Children's Hospital on May 28th and has requested fees – rent, janitorial, insurance costs be waived (rent - \$420.00, insurance - \$150, janitorial – up to \$80) for event so full proceeds are donated to Children's Hospital. David Law motioned all costed by waived for this worthwhile event, BLRC to cover insurance/janitorial costs, 2nd Steven Loos – AIF, carried. ACTION: Facility Agent to notify Kelsey that her request was approved & set up a time to complete agreement.

Heather / Maria Dawson – on behalf of BL Elementary PAC, submitted a letter requesting support from the BLRC to access funding to assist with building a shelter to house an outdoor garden/classroom, which will enhance opportunities for students and benefit the community at large. Tracy Parker motioned the letter be referred to BL Community Association, as they are the organization who can apply for grants/have funding to support community initiatives. 2nd Steven, AIF, carried. ACTION: Facility Agent to advise Heather / Maria to request they be added to the next BLCA meeting to present their request.

Further discussion occurred about the need for the Recreation Commission to have a more clearly defined policy (existing one is vague) about which events – community member /Community Association/User group driven & how many per year the Rec Commission will approve with fees being fully or partially waived.

Old Business

1. Director Update – Busy month...
Lakes Improvement mtg attended by 24 people. Tone positive. Presentation by three (3) homeowners, options to use additives, aeration or dredge to improve lake quality presented. Info on timelines, costs available were shared, it was determined a follow up meeting will occur, ALL property owners listed will be invited to attend this important meeting

Director Bruce was requested to begin process to determine how to cover cost via taxation, would a Referendum need to happen/who – land owner base would be included in cost etc. and report back to residents at next meeting, date to be determined.

Board is begin to work on long term planning process, 5 – 10 year and Recreation opportunities / needs, all over Region will be part of the discussion.

CRD/City news release – Apr. 13/16 – announced figures for costs of repairs to assets (including Roof #1 at hall) in the Region over a 5 year period.

Arena project – Bob Simpson (Mayor), Director Bruce co-chair the monitoring of the project - will keep on top of costs and report concerns / overages to NCJPC.

Management agreement with Quesnel Leisure Services (QLS) deemed complicated, it was determined it comes at a cost to community, removing any benefit. A decision has been made by Director Bruce and Ron Terlesky - BL Recreation Commission Chair to revise the plan and have the Commission stay on in its current capacity. Use of QLS expertise to assist with asset maintenance and long term financial planning will continue.

Director Bruce feels the budget provided to BLRC from NCJPC for management/operations of facility / grounds is a fair, good deal to tax payers. Taxation exercise assisted all involved to be clear what funds are received, how the funds are allocated. Ways to augment them are areas to focus on so facilities are maintained/improved for safe use by area residents/community members.

CRD on the Road - Board meetings are being held outside the board room, a request to book one at the hall will be rec'd – June 9/10 proposed dates. These are working meeting, they provide area residents with a chance to attend - learn what Representatives do and what matters/issues/concerns are included as they govern.

BLCA request for update re: Management agreement with QLS – Ron Terlesky (Chair) will attend BLCA meeting – May 4/16 to provide an update to members.

2. Financial Report – current balance to date \$45,297.79, funds for Front Entrance included. Motion to receive report Wendy Donald, 2nd David Law – AIF, carried.
3. Facility Agent report / recommendations – see report, Volunteer Garden has two (2) volunteers!
4. Bouchie Lake Recreation Ball Diamond – Ron Terlesky (Chair) spoke with Jeff Lefebvre (BLVFD Chief) to officially make them aware that the use of the ball diamond/hall for tournaments & activities hosted by Department will be at no charge as per Policy 3E 5. I - Ball Ground Fees & Reservations.
5. Partners for Healthy Communities (P4HC) initiative – Information was shared that the Grant was approved. BLRC was asked to partner on the grant application however declined. Other support, i.e. waiver of rental/janitorial/insurance is a potential request, will be reviewed if request is made & received in writing.
6. Hwy sign – see FA report

New Business

7. Lakes/Park improvement meeting – David not in attendance, info covered above in Director Bruce's report.
8. Claymine Trail – Lynn's Contracting completed site visit. One (1) hazardous tree removed, test holes were done on forty-five (45) others trees of concern. Lynn will provide one (1) quote to drag the trails to clean up debris/branches/willows to prep accessible trail for upcoming season. Will also provide a second quote to remove / buck up other hazardous trees. Lynn was made aware Herons are nesting on site, was requests to ensure work required will not disrupt them.
9. Other – Fundraising opportunity for Community group, CRD Board meeting (June 9). Board is looking for a group wishing to host a BBQ for their members/community residents. Action – Facility Agent to create a notice & send it out to groups/clubs to determine interest and forward info to CRD contact.

Meeting adjourned: 9:09pm. Motion Stephen Loos, 2nd David Law – AIF, Carried

Next meeting: May 11/16 @ 7:00pm

Scribe/Chair

Date