

Peterborough Recreation Committee, (PRC), Meeting
Roland "Beaver" Jutras Recreation Building
Minutes of May 5, 2010, 7:00 PM
(Approved)

Attendees: Tina Kriebel, Chair; Doug Thompson, Vice-Chair; Andrew Dunbar; Jeffrey M. King, Recreation Director; Robert Lambert, PRD/Budget Committee Liaison, Barbara Miller, Select person; and Lisa A. Betz, Program Coordinator/Minute Taker. Representing the Peterborough Wave Swim Team (PWSC); Dick Cuddihee, Beverly Patten, Kirsten Barwood, Chris Jacobson, and Lori Cawthern. Ann Lessard and Jill Blakeman; representing Friends of the Community Center.

- I) Meeting called to order: at 7:00 PM by Tina.

- II) Approval of Minutes: Due to the lack of a quorum, the Minutes of March 3rd and April 7th were tabled until next month.

- III) Action Item List – Old Business: A recap was given regarding the PRD/PRC's stance on trying to equalize financial requirements of Non-PRD organizations who utilize PRD facilities. The two organizations that this applies to right now is Cal Ripken and the Peterborough Wave Swim Club (PWSC). Cal Ripken was addressed several months ago and the PWSC's negotiations occurred in April and tonight. A contingent of parents came back for this meeting to find out what the resolution was.
 - A) Tina spoke first addressing last month's request to come up with an hourly cost of operating the pool. After writing down operational costs, she came up with \$15/hr (not including staff or the painting of the pool). Tina estimated the number of hours the PWSC uses in the summer and she came up with 140 hours. $140 \times \$15 = \$2,100$. She felt this was too much to charge the PWSC and a middle ground needed to be found.
 - B) Doug again explained the reasoning behind trying to define equitability between similar situations as well as honor the tax payers of Peterborough.
 - C) Dick Cuddihee countered that they have been paying a fee.
 - D) Jeff mentioned that when he looked back in the records, the PWSC paid:
 - 1. \$620 in 2003
 - 2. \$500 in 2004
 - 3. ??? in 2005

4. \$680 in 2006
 5. ??? in 2007
 6. ??? in 2008 and
 7. \$450 in 2009.
- E) Tina asked how many swimmers were from out of town...19 or 20? Dick agreed.
- F) Andy mentioned that the PWSC was a good program, but did they need that time – between 4:30 and 5:30pm – for their swimmers? He feels that this is prime time taken away from the residents using the pool. What is the price of allowing residents not to use the pool?
- G) Andy also asked if the PWSC have gone to the kid’s towns and ask if they would financially support swimming for their own residents? It was mentioned that many towns budget money for baseball, for Cal Ripken, even though they are a private organization.
- H) Thirdly, Andy re-iterated the importance of protecting the Peterborough tax payer for he saw no reason why the Peterborough residents should be paying for kids, from other towns, to utilize Peterborough’s facilities.
- I) Selectperson Miller asked what the new, non resident fees were for the use of the pool.
1. On a daily basis, kids and seniors are charged \$4/day. Adults are charged \$6.
 2. On a seasonal basis, kids and seniors are \$30/season and adults are charged \$55.
 3. There is non-resident family pass that is available for \$110.
- J) Bob interjected that there is some concern about the Dover pool even opening this year due to the expense of operating a pool. It sounds like there has been a community rally to keep it open. No definite outcome determined yet.
- K) Mr. Jacobson asked if a set fee would mitigate a non-resident fee?
- L) Tina said that the non-resident fee would be included in the total, whether the PWSC wants to break it out as such or have one fee in general, that would be up to them.
- M) Discussion ensued as to how to price the “rental-of-the-pool” by the PWSC would be determined.
- N) Doug submitted a motion that the PRD charges \$15/head which would include a season’s pass for the non-resident PWSC swimmers. Tina seconded. Discussion ensued.
1. Andy wanted to see a fee of \$20/head as well as have the fee structure visited annually.
 2. Andy wondered if limiting the number of lanes would be a possibility so Peterborough taxpayers could swim between 4:30 and 5:30pm instead of having the pool totally closed off to others. Dick said that this would not be possible on a continual – daily –basis.
 3. Bob felt that the PWSC should pay the same fee as Cal Ripken, per head. Discussion continued and the Board did not agree.
 4. Doug did amend his motion that there should be the same financial cap that Cal Ripken. Andy seconded.

5. The motion stated above, along with the amendment was unanimously approved.

- O) The Board inquired as to what towns were represented at this meeting for the PWSC. The answer was Hancock, Francestown, Sharon and Dublin. There was not a PWSC Peterborough representative present.
- P) Dick asked that a copy of this month's agenda minutes be sent to him. Jeff and Tina said that they would make sure he would receive a copy.
- Q) The meeting resumed at 7:40pm, after a brief recess.

IV) Director's Report: A couple topics were addressed.

- A) The need for the PRC members to get out and vote as well as attend Town Meeting could not be stressed enough.
- B) Tina and Jeff feel that Spring/Summer Programming was hurt due to the lack of the Spring's Peterborough Press's publication. This occurred for budgetary reasons. A rough estimate of the printing of the brochure is \$2,500 depending upon season.
 - 1. Jeff felt that the Peterborough Press was an ideal way of getting our program offerings out. It goes to many more folks, we get the extras to have in the office and distribute elsewhere.
 - 2. The way the publication is produced, it can then be placed on the Town's web site for many more to see.
- C) Personnel issues were addressed. Jeff is planning on hiring back 7 counselors for the Playground Program (which is a bit light due to budgeting) and hiring back the two Summer Teen Challenge leaders.
- D) The Union Street fence was addressed and quotes were provided. Due to the lack of money, the Board felt that spending \$600 to repair the fence was more prudent than spending \$3,400 to replace the fence (which needs to be done at some point soon).
- E) It was mentioned that the paint for the pool is incredibly toxic so special measures and equipment will have to be ordered to protect the painters when they are in the pool painting it.

V) New Business: Ann Lessard and Jill Blakeman came in to speak on behalf of the Senior Lunch Program, senior programming and the use of the Armory. They also came to the meeting to talk about the formation of the Friends of the Community Center.

- A) Ann first talked to some past history of having senior lunches at the PRD on Mondays with some programming sometimes involved prior to lunch. The number of attendees vary anywhere from 8 to 20 participants. She mentioned that St Joseph (the sponsor of the Senior Lunches) is anxious to expand in the Peterborough.
- B) For the summer, the Senior Lunch Program and associated programming will be moved to the Unitarian Church.
- C) Rumor has it that Sargent Camp meals for Seniors may be closing...but it is just a rumor at this point. It is something folks should be aware of if this were to happen.
- D) It was pointed out that the Monadnock Country Club has stuff like dishes to donate to the program.

- E) Jeff just bought 100 chairs to be used in the Armory.
- F) Tina interjected her concern about having an already strapped department – both budgetary and staffing wise –taking on any more right now. She felt there is just too much going on. She would like Jeff to make a minimum “tick” list....a list of the bare bone essential projects/accommodations and their related costs that would have to be made to open the Armory.
- G) Barbara kept re-iterating what a great opportunity the Armory was while, at the same time, Tina kept expressing her concern at over-burdening and already over-taxed department.
- H) Jeff mentioned that the very first step would be to get some architectural engineering drawings, by someone who is certified in commercial buildings.
- I) Fundraising needs to start now but there is a lot of concern over who will initiate the 501(c) (3) initiative to establish a non-profit organization for this purpose or if it can be done under the Town’s umbrella.
- J) Controversy ensued for some believe that certain grants will not be awarded to municipalities while Barbara felt that would not be an issue.
- K) Barbara felt the Goyette monies would be able to pay for such a study of the Armory. Folks opinions differed on the cost of such a project.
- L) Bob Lambert suggested calling Colleen Stone on getting the work started on establishing the 501(c)(3). Tina said that there would have to be 5 to 7 incorporators as part of the establishment of such a plan.
- M) There were a lot of mixed feelings....Ann and Barbara felt the Town could cover the requirements for fundraising (being the fundraising mechanism) yet Jeff, Tina and Bob felt a 501(c)(3) would have to be established. Right now, the PRD cannot do the preliminary work, so nothing was solved officially.
- N) It was determined at an appropriate engineer needs to be sought out to get their work done.
- O) Tina said that there should be a request for proposal (RFP).
- P) Barbara said that she would volunteer her time towards to the writing of grants for the Armory.
- Q) Andy said that he would be the contact person for the senior programming and Armory issues.
- R) If the food pantry occupies space in the Armory, they will be helping financially towards the operation of it.

VI) Revolving Fund: Doug had several questions on the report.

- A) Bobcat Basketball versus SVEV basketball, why the difference in revenues?
 - 1. Jeff explained that SVEV got new uniforms that will be used over many years.
 - 2. The PRD has made donations of mats, in the past, for the use of the courts. This has not happened in a couple of years.
- B) Ski program was brought up and CM gives us back 7% to cover chaperone fees,
- C) Soccer. Doug asked when our piece of soccer goes into field development. That

will be done soon. Also: Jeff is going to get PAYS to portion out their obligation into field development when they have their next meeting.

- D) Adult Volleyball prices will soon have to be addressed as far as going up (like softball's just did).

XII) Adjournment: Tina moved to adjourn at 8:38pm, Doug seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Betz, PRC Minute Taker 05-10-10.