

NEPEAN SENIORS RECREATION CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES, Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Welcome and Introductions.

Janet Laframboise, Chair Nepean Seniors Recreation Board (NSRC) welcomed all members and guests to the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and introduced the head table: Verna Toy – Treasurer; Normajeau Barry – Acting Secretary; Terry Mayne – Webmaster (Absent); Steve McIntyre – Member at Large; Dorothy Latour – Volunteer Coordinator; Frank Carbonette – Member at Large; Art McCready – Past Chair; Maureen Moynahan – Program Coordinator.

Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve by Linda Harding and seconded by Elizabeth Dent.

Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2022 AGM. Motion to approve by Sadie Adamson and seconded by Linda Harding.

Chair's Report.

The Centre has now been opened for just over a year and slowly trying to get back to pre-pandemic activities. Jennifer Stewart is now on maternity leave enjoying her new addition to her family, James John Stewart. Maureen Moynahan has now taken over the position of Program Coordinator and brings with her 10 years experience, previously with the Kanata Seniors Centre.

It was nice to see so many of our members returning, especially the dedicated Euchre group on Tuesday afternoon. Contract, Duplicate and Fun Bridge are slowly returning but still not up to the numbers pre-pandemic so come out have some fun. Cribbage, Sixty-Six, and 500 also are looking for players so don't be shy, come out and meet some of your fellow members for a great time.

Military Whist will now be held on the last Thursday of each month. The next date is October 26th and starts sharp at 7:00 pm so give yourself extra time to check in. Frank Carbonette and Verna Toy are co-leads for this event so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Frank or Verna.

We have introduced Bid Euchre this year and if you are looking to try something new, come out join in. It is lots of fun so don't be shy about joining the group. Don't know how to play, you will be taught the game and then you will be hooked.

We are slowly building up our various activities that we offer and hope everyone is checking out what is available in the calendar. There is nothing like meeting with fellow members and new members catching up with what is going on in their lives.

We had an excellent attendance at our Canada Day Social on July 5 and the Ice Cream Social on August 2 and hope to see more coming out to the Centre to meet new people and be introduced to different activities going on at the Centre.

Today is our General Meeting and Open House so you will once again find out what is happening at the Centre. Our next event is the Christmas Breakfast on December 5, starting at 9:30. You must sign up for this and can do this either at the front desk or online where all special events are listed. The cost for member is \$0 and for guests it is \$8.00. If you don't have access to the internet you can come to the front

desk at the centre and ask them to add your name and provide your credit/debit card for payment, just like when you sign up for exercise classes etc. The next event being planned is the February Blas Bash so watch out for further information on this event. It is a fun time where you can learn about other card games (except bridge), including Military Whist, which is lots of fun.

I will be stepping down from my position as Chair the end of December. I have been a Volunteer Board Member for seven years, three as Communications Coordinator and the last four as Chair. We are looking for new Board members to join our group so that we can continue to provide new activities, keep the others going and plan different social activities. It also helps you to meet many of your fellow members and keep you in the loop on what is going on at the Centre. If you are interest, contact any of your Board members to discuss any questions you may have.

The Volunteer Management Board coordinates the Christmas Breakfast, February Blahs Bash, Volunteer recognition awards, Canada Day, the Ice Cream Social, the HUB newsletter, the Website and other events.

Memberships, whenever purchased, run for one year from the date of purchase. There is a slight increase for memberships and can be purchased as of now for \$30.35. Check to see when your membership renewal date is to ensure you don't miss out some events that are discounted for members or for members only.

Treasurer's Report.

This financial report shows the current balances of the various accounts of the NSRC. Our financial position is solid with circa \$31,000 in cash balances. The breakdown of that is as follows:

Cash Balances

Checking Account:	\$10,854.11
GIC:	\$19,629.20
Petty Cash:	\$ 250.00
Crafters Petty Cash:	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$30,983.31</u>

In the past year the financial position has gone from \$30,525.72 to the amount stated above, indicating that we have expended about \$1000 less than earned.

We would like to express our appreciation to the crafters for their generosity in time and contributions to the board. It is largely because of them that activities like the February Blahs Bash, Ice Cream Social, Canada Day Celebrations, and the Christmas Breakfast can be provided at a nominal fee. That, of course, along with the continuous efforts of the board in providing their time in planning and executing these events and soliciting donations from corporate sponsors.

Last but by no means least, I'd like to thank our corporate sponsors: Redwoods Inn and Rivera for today's delicious pastries.

Looking Forward

In the coming year we hope to expand on board sponsored events with activities such as bridge tournaments, military whist, seasonal paper crafting workshops, and others as requested and supported by members and the public. We are hoping to raise funds at some of these events to help cover the cost of other more costly events that we want to provide at a nominal rate. If you'd like to see programs here
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that you feel could be supported, feel free to speak up about it. If you could please also mention the times for these events – day, evening, or weekend, that would be great.

Webmaster's Report.

The main function of the website is to keep our members and potential members up to date on everything that happens at the Nepean Seniors Centre. Our front-page changes periodically to reflect any new events that are happening. We are trying our best to keep you informed. This year I had the webpages reviewed for consistency by an outside person and, as a result, there have been a number of changes to the individual pages. I wish to remind the representatives of each activity that the pages are theirs and I will support any changes or rewrites they wish to make. It is up to you to tell me of changes or inaccuracies on your webpage.

My other task as webmaster is to maintain our Archives digitally on memory sticks. We have two USB sticks that have archived material back to 2013.

Please visit our site at www.nepeanseniorscentre.ca or search for nepean seniors centre. Tell us what you think. Any comments or suggestions will be welcomed by the Webmaster, who can be contacted through the front desk or in person.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report.

The volunteer hours that I have received to date are 1690 hrs. Please remember that the accumulated volunteer hours are reported to the province as part of the requirements for the grant money we receive. In other words, if we don't provide the volunteer hours to the province, we will not receive any grant to help us keep the Centre running.

Please be diligent in reporting your volunteer hours to me at dorothy.latour@sympatico.ca

Seniors Centre Coordinator's Report.

Maureen gave a big shout out to the Crafters. She pointed out at this time that for the past three years since Covid they have continued their excellent work and they have brought in the most revenue of all the activities.

She thanked the Board members for their continued support. Maureen Moynihan is filling in for Jennifer Stewart who is on maternity leave and, as she has only been at Nepean Centre for just under three months, she is currently thankful for the help of all the activity leads as well.

Maureen also gave a big thank you to Redwoods and Rivera for providing our snacks and drinks. It is much appreciated.

There were a number of tables with displays of our activities, which were manned by the activity leads. This was much appreciated and many of the guests either participated or signed up to indicate further interest.

Another request was made for people to consider running for Board Positions. It was suggested that if anyone was interested, they come along to a couple of meetings and observe and if still interested they submit their name for consideration.

A couple of gift cards and two bottles of honey were the door prizes.

Adjournment.

There being no new business, Maureen Moynahan adjourned the meeting.