

**Nepean Seniors Recreation Centre
Volunteer Management Board Meeting
January 17, 2024**

Present: Steve McIntyre (Chair), Verna Toy (Treasurer), Terry Mayne (Webmaster), Dorothy Latour (Volunteer Coordinator), Frank Carbonette (Communications Coordinator), Normajean Barry (Member at Large), Maureen Moynahan (Programme Coordinator), Janet Laframboise (Past Chair), Lise-Anne Robichaud (Guest, City Supervisor).

Approval of Agenda: Terry Mayne, seconded by Dorothy Latour.

Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2023: Frank Carbonette, seconded by Normajean Barry.

Reports:

Chair

Christmas Breakfast

It was felt that the breakfast was a complete success.

Other than the cold sausage rolls, and not enough coffee, the purchased amounts were excellent. In 2022, we had purchased way too much, this time the amounts were just about right, with hardly any left.

There were lots of prizes, the gifts were very well done, the table decorations were beautiful, all thanks to Verna Toy.

Discussion then moved on to the Songsters. Verna felt they were not good value for the money we paid, they sang only 30 minutes, and there were nearly 30 for breakfast. Added to which we paid the choir director \$100. For the next breakfast in 2024, most of the board want to look elsewhere for entertainment. Maureen reminded the Board that some of these groups are booked a year in advance, and that if we are not going with the Songsters we should start looking soon.

Treasurer

Verna Toy presented the latest Financial Report. She would like the February meeting to have on the agenda a more detailed discussion of the report. The members agreed to do that.

Verna would also like to discuss at the next meeting, the GIC and whether it should be automatically renewed or not.

Verna had looked at a stove that might be suitable for our needs. Maureen stated certain restrictions need to be met regarding a stove hood. Maureen is waiting for the specs from the city as to what is suitable, so the purchase has been put off for now.

Verna stated that the real cost for the Breakfast was \$1,263.49. The cost for the room was born by the City.

Webmaster

Terry stated that there have been multiple complaints about the eHub. He and Maureen went through the lists of the subscribers and found many duplications of names. He also stated that they also removed email addresses of obvious fakes from Russia, China and elsewhere. Some

of the Board members said despite the fact they had signed up for the eHub they had never received it, and Terry remarked he does not receive it either.

Discussions regarding on how we run our affairs, as opposed to how the other Senior Centres are run, as we are somewhat under the umbrella of the City and being independent.

We were assured this was not the case, by Lise-Anne but there was still quite a bit of skepticism and heated discussion.

It was decided to move on, and Terry announced that most of the archiving has been done for 2023.

Volunteer Coordinator

Dorothy reported 3,552.5 hours. Members have until January 31, 2024, to submit the rest of the hours and then it is cutoff for 2023.

Communication Coordinator

Frank stated that he contacted 14 senior sites and had only heard back from 2. He also asked if we can communicate with the other senior centres. Verna said she had met with the Kanata Council president, and it had been a productive and enlightening meeting.

Special Events

The February Blahs Bash is to be held on February 23, 2024. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for members to indicate what activities they would like to participate in and their choice of sandwich. Normajean will contact Franks to find out what the cost will be for the food and report back. Short Mat activity will be held in Hall A or B due to the length of the mat.

Program Coordinator

Maureen discussed Military Whist and the February 3rd bridge tournament. As these are Board events, there will be a fee. A rental contract will be drawn up at the approximate rate of \$9 an hour. The Board was not very happy with this turn of events, as in the past there was no charge. Questions were asked about the grants the centre receives and where that money is applied. The Board was told \$40,000 per year was received. If the understanding was correct the money is applied to the rental of the center at a rate of \$30 per hour, so the rate of \$9 for Military Whist and the Bridge Tournament was in fact extraordinarily reasonable.

The amalgamation of the four senior centres has taken place and the roll out of the membership cards with a photo will begin on February 1st.

Members will be issued with a card with their photo, and they will run their card through a card reader when they arrive for their activities. One of the reasons for this new system is that a great number of members have not paid their membership.

Adjournment: Verna Toy, seconded by Dorothy Latour.

Next Meeting: February 14th at 10:00 am.