MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON April 3, 2014 AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Luke Wijna

Councilor Andrew Prokop

Danielle Hansen

Councilor Randy Sparks
Councilor Merrill Harris

Darcy Firth

ALSO PRESENT:

Aline Holmen, Recreation Manager Marty Planger, Recording Secretary

Greg Price, Taber Times

ABSENT: Garrett Simmons (Excused)

CALL TO ORDER

Luke Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 22/2014 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris to adopt the agenda as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Taber Christian Reformed Church

Simon Bekkering was present to explain the Watato tour and to answer any questions the Recreation Board may have regarding the Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Application which is submitted for their April 22nd auditorium/meeting room concert. All proceeds go directly to the orphanage. There will be 33 children/adults will be staying at host families for the evening.

The Recreation Board thanked the delegate for his presentation and wished his event well.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – March 6, 2014

RES. 23/2014 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on March 6, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Sponsorship

The Recreation Board discussed the Sponsorship Program with the Sponsorship Connections Inc. Managing Director, Dave Higgins via speaker phone. D. Higgins reported to the board that due to the Steven Furzes unexpected departure from the company and the recent fundraising for the Taber Spray Park it was recommended by Administration that a six month hiatus occur. This break does not mean that the program is coming to a stop and until a new account manager is hired, D. Higgins himself is meeting with companies and trying to get the momentum started once again.

The Recreation Board stressed the importance for the success of this program and their disappointment in the results to date. They also felt there was a need for a greater personal presence in the community rather than impersonal cold calls. Board members also discussed previous contacts provided to Stephen and whether those were being followed up on or were still on the list.

D. Higgins reported that the Town of Taber remains to be an important client and he is working on a couple of proposals which will be delivered to next week. He also mentioned that he is continuously having general discovery meetings with companies and trying to make Taber a fit for their sponsorship needs.

The Recreation Board thanked D. Higgins for his time and he stated he will continue to keep the administration aware of any developments.

RES. 24/2014 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the information update provided by Sponsorship connections Inc. as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Taber Christian Reformed Church – Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver Application

RES. 25/2014MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board recommends the Taber Christian Reformed Church – Recreation Facility Rental Fee Waiver request be submitted to Council for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

A) Reports

The Recreation Board discussed the challenges of not having enough lessons to meet the demand of the community. A. Holmen reported that many factors come into play when scheduling lessons including availability of instructors, available pool time, existing programs and pool space. A. Holmen reported that although there have been suggestions for on-line registration the town is not setup for online registration and in the end that process would not address the problem of demand. She is currently looking into the process and one change maybe to move registration to a Saturday. One suggestion made was to consider early morning lessons prior to people going to work.

A. Holmen reported that the 4on4 tournament was very successful with very few reported concerns. Those that arose were dealt with immediately. There was no reports of disrespect, property damage or alcohol concerns. All the parties involved have met to evaluate the tournament and a few minor suggestions have been made for next year.

RES. 26/2014 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOGNITION AWARDS

A) Recognition Awards

RES. 27/2014 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board recommends that the following team/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

- 1. Gold Barnwell Trojans Tier 1 Girls 2014 2J Zone Basketball Championships
- 2. Bronze W.R. Myers Rebel Boys 2014 3A Provincial Basketball Championships

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 28/2014 MOVED by D. Hansen that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:50 PM

CHAIRMAN