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February 2, 2012

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON February 2, 2012
AT 5:15 PM

PRESENT: Councilor Rick Popadynetz
Councilor Randy Sparks
Luke Wijna
Danielle Hansen
Tim O'Donnell

ABSENT: Councilor Don Johnson

ALSO PRESENT:
Aline Holmen, Leisure Services Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Taber Times

CALL TO ORDER

Tim O'Donnell called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:15 pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 01/2012 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay

Yvonne Dreddy and Murray Gardner were present to answer any questions the Recreation Board had for the event.

The activities are planned for Feb 18 and 20, 2012. Aline Holmen explained the schedule of events. Lolly Turner will be the final medal barrier and all the entertainment is local youth.

The Delegates extended a formal invitation to all the Recreation Board members and explained that the event is a tribute to all volunteers like themselves who make a difference in their community.

Some members expressed disappointment that Rick Hansen was unable to attend, however commended the committee for all their hard work.

The Delegates were thanked for attending. Tim O'Donnell and Luke Wijna offered their services to the committee.

RES. 02/2012 MOVED by L. Wijna that the Recreation Board accepts the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay update as presented
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular meeting – December 1, 2011

RES. 03/2012 MOVED by L. Wijna that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on December 1, 2011 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) 2012 Operating and Capital Budget

A. Holmen explained that historically the town does not bring back the Final Budget to the Recreation Board, but management felt it's important to share this information.

It was mentioned that maybe a free night sponsored at the pool might increase usage of the pool and drive up revenue. Some believed it might negatively impact revenue as users might wait for the free nights. A. Holmen responded that the town is waiting for the Partnership Group report prior to making any agreements with organizations.

The Recreation Board discussed the impact of the 3% increase on the Pool user fees and felt it was not a significant increase over the one year however compounded with the increase year after year the rates are starting to creep up on the high end of rates. A. Holmen reported that the pool staff has not been hearing a lot of complaints.

There was a question as to what the plan is for the washrooms at the sportsfields since all three locations were not approved. A. Holmen commented that there were funds allocated to the project but did not designate how many washrooms or which would be funded or approved in the 2013 budget.

PVC liner at the Aquafun Centre is getting replaced with tile this year and Tenders are being prepared. It will be similar tile that was used in the leisure pool.

RES. 04/2012 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board accepts the update regarding the 2012 Operating and Capital budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Southern Alberta Summer Games

SARA has requested host bids for the 2013 and 2014 games.

The Recreation Board discussed the participation numbers in past games and felt Taber is always successful because of its central location. They did also acknowledge that it is a stress to get volunteers right now and many boards have vacancies right now.

Some members of the board felt maybe it was best to hold off and give other communities, who have not hosted for awhile, the opportunity to step up first.

RES. 05/2012 MOVED by L. Wijna that the Recreation Board accepts Southern Alberta Recreation Association Summer Games bid request as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

I. Reports

A. Holmen responded to a question regarding budget cuts for labor at the pool and the rationale for hiring more staff.

It was asked if the Off Leash Dog Park could have directional signage on the highway. Some members of the Recreation Board also felt it would be nice to supply bags to the users (for the dog park and walking path) so as to encourage self cleanup. A. Holmen will follow up with J. Heglund on the request.

It was requested that signage be placed at the facilities if programs are being canceled. A. Holmen was unaware of any cancellations and assured signage is usually posted and would look into the mentioned incident.

It was reported that the MD of Taber has donated land by the motorcross track to the Taber Shooting Club. They are planning for a multi-use facility for the various types of shooting activities including archery. The club is waiting for approval to proceed. A. Holmen spoke with a representative of the club and has provided information regarding grant applications. They have been directed to go to Town Council if they have a funding request and have been invited to present to the Recreation Board at a later date to help spread awareness of what they plan to offer.

D. Hansen mentioned that there are rumors of a Waterpark Committee forming in town; however the Town of Taber has not yet been approached.

RES. 06/2012 MOVED by Councilor R. Popadynetz that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Holmen noted that the Partnership Groups Q&A presentation notes were included in the package. All information requested by Partnership Group has been provided and they are currently working on their analysis and report.

Mass Registration Event will be Mar 1 and 3 in the meeting rooms.

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 07/2012 MOVED by D. Hansen that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:57 PM



CHAIRMAN