

LITTLE BEAR EAST COMMUNITY CENTER

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St. Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee

1/10/2024 @ 5:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

- Call to Order by B. Sorenson at 5:07 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - A. Ed Paquin X
 - B. Emily Fullerton X ZOOM
 - C. Connie Litzner X ZOOM
 - D. Tammy Shepard___
 - E. Carol Halberg____ Χ
 - F. Mandy Bowlby X
 - G. Austin Kimberling__ Χ
 - H. Quincy Ranville X
 - I. Kathleen Lee____
 - J. Bridgett Sorenson____
 - K. Scott Marshall X
 - L. Cathy Lamb X
- 4. Corrections, Deletions, or Additions to the Agenda (Board and Staff Only)
 - A. E. Paquin brought up the Recreation Plan that expired in 2023
- 5. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
 - A. A. Kimberling made a Motion to Approve Last Meetings Minutes and Q. Ranville seconded the Motion
- 6. Older Business
 - A. Arena Entry Door Replacement Doors have been ordered, and pending delivery. Will follow up with B. Fraser.
 - Order has been completed
- 7. New Business
 - A. 2023 Year in Review: *See Attached Documentation*
 - → LBE has gained access to HelperHelper Hub
 - → Employee overview at LBE
 - ightarrow B. Sorenson asked about the 2% Grant covering Drop-In so that it's free for the adults.
 - → C. Lamb can investigate it but wanted to start a Men's/Adult League which would not be a free sign up.
 - → E. Paquin brought up if a league is started next year people might gawk at it if we make dropin free...

B. Review of Fee Schedule

- Some discussion was had about Hockey Tournament Prices, since LBE is in a rebuilding phase with Tournaments it was agreed to keep our fee price lower. Tournament Fees for 24/25 Season will be \$1,000.
- Board agrees with fee changes made to Conference Room Rentals
- Board agrees with taking 15% Non-Profit Discount off Reservation Form.
- S. Marshall suggested to Board that they let C. Lamb be in charge and facilitate discounts. E. Paquin agrees and approved.
- C. Litzner gave some background to why the 15% Non-Profit Discount was offered in the past. However, agrees that it should not be offered.

C. Upcoming Tasks / Events

- Updating Contracts for Ad Boards / Dasher Boards Most businesses will be renewing and have several new businesses that will participate
 - → Ad Board Fees:
 - ♦ \$600 for First Year and New Full Board
 - ♦ \$350 for Second Year or Renewing Advertising Contract
- 2024 Fab Fridays Secure funding with Roundtable. Next Fab Friday is January 19th.
- Indoor Walking Program Road trip Renegades... Pick a destination, travel companion, create road stops (Goals), follow progress on a map (9.5 Laps around the rink = 1 mile), create contests to see who can arrive at their destination the quickest. Creates a fun way to be accountable to exercise regularly and to reach exercise goals by celebrating success along the way.
- Working on organizing Kids Tumbling / Exercising Program
 - → Q. Ranville volunteered to help with facilitating program.
- Organizing Make and Take Craft Nights (Adult and Children driven) Valentine's Day time
- Working with Middle Schools for Youth Volunteer Group program for 2024 (Once a month during school year / 1 a week during summer) – Evergreen Living Center Christmas Event
 - → Work with Evergreen Living Center Activities / Lani Fettig and Schools to have an "Adopt a Grandparent" Day
- C. Lamb brought up Mackinac County Arts Council that is doing painting classes at Little Bear
- Begin to Prep for Home Show and Spring Recreation Sports Registrations
- Meeting with Sharon at the Library to discuss her activity initiatives we don't want to overlap each other or schedule "Like Events" on the same day or too close to one another.
- E. Fullerton brought up some Recreation Ideas
 - → Look into Pickle Ball American Recovery Program for resurfacing of our tennis courts
 - ightarrow St. Ignace Elementary School has a huge Rock Wall that is being unused... we should see if we can bring that to LBE
- 2023 Rec Plan expired; Board agrees to start a sub-committee to write/draft a new Rec Plan for the next 5 years.
- 8. Next Meeting Date: March 13th, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
- 9. Motion to Adjourn by: A. Kimberling at 6:23 PM