



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes through Zoom  
Thursday, February 17, 2022  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Mariette d'Entremont, Ted Saulnier, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Matt O'Connell, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

**Regrets:** Darryl LeBlanc, Vicky Belliveau, Céline Cottreau

**Absent:** Phil Cottreau, Aldéric Boudreau

**1.0 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:00 pm.

**2.0 Welcome:** Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

**3.0 Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration:** On motion by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda is approved as circulated.  
*Motion Carried*

**4.0 Approval of January 20, 2022 minutes:**

On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Jill-Marie Jacquard that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

**5.0 Business arising from the minutes:**

**5.1 ARC Membership** – There are some vacant positions on the membership committee. There are no representatives for the districts of Nicole Albright, Glenn Diggdon and Guy Surette. The Inclusive member position is also vacant.

**6.0 Financial Report:**

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Darryl LeBlanc to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

**7.0 Old Business:**

**7.1 Budget** – We have been working on the budget and have submitted our first draft. Simple texting has been added to the budget as a means to being able to reach more people when offering programs or activities.

## **8.0 New Business:**

**8.1 Senior kits** - We are putting together activity kits for seniors to be offered in March. The two different options are a painting kit and a puzzle kit.

**8.2 Winter programs** – We advertised on Facebook that we were planning a snow shoe event weather dependent and that those that were interested in joining us should message us. So from that list, we organized an event on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the West Pubnico Golf Course. We will organize another event if we have more snow. We have had discussions with the schools on the drop-in programs and will be starting pickleball the week of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Mondays at Plymouth school from 7-830 and Wednesdays at the Pubnico school from 630-8pm The cost is \$3 per participant.

**8.3 Bike Safety** – We met with Ginny Smith a member of YETT (Yarmouth Environment Think Tank) to have a discussion on how to improve active transportation as well as improving the safety issues surrounding bicycling. Yarmouth, Argyle, Barrington and Shelburne will be involved. We will organize a Can-Bike Clinic to train the trainer, offer the course to help bikers feel safe, get information on road safety tips etc. We will organize clinics for children, women and adults. We will be applying through ACF funds through YSMRA to pay for the training.

**8.4 MODA Accessibility Plan** – Natalie has been working on the Accessibility Plan to update and refresh it, will bring it to Council for approval and then send it to the Minister of Justice.

**8.5 Active Transportation Plan** – The Active Transportation Plan was done in 2016. WSP Consulting Firm was hired to refresh the plan to increase pedestrian use of AT, specifically sidewalks. They will be leading a meeting of key stakeholders as well as community engagement meetings in the spring.

**8.6 ARC membership photos** – It was discussed that the members of the ARC should be on our website with photos of head shots with names only. Alix d'Entremont will be taking care of the photos.

**8.7 Mapping project** – Alix d'Entremont is helping with this project. We want people to know where the recreation infrastructures are, what they look like, etc. We will start with the trails, have video footage, pictures, type of surface, length, GPS coordinates, etc. Then we will do other recreational facilities and infrastructure.

**8.8 Online Challenge** – We created an online winter challenge where individuals and families can participate on their own time for a chance to win a prize. The challenge is for the month of February, where they do 6 activities of the 14 listed, take a picture of themselves or a family member doing the challenge and then submitting their pictures to Ginette for a chance to be entered for a prize at the end of the month.

**8.9 Hike Badge and signage** – We decided to change the hike badge challenge to only 4 trails, we have some signage being done for the 4 trails and will be putting the information on our municipal website. Hike NS has agreed to this change and will be providing us with the badges to give out when someone completes all 4 badges. The participants are still required to register online through Hike NS in order to receive the hike badge.

## **10.0 Area Reports:**

**Kathy Bourque** – CAPEB will be hosting a Mardi Gras Breakfast on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-9:00am at the East Side Community Centre, the Club Acadien in SAR, the Village Historique in Lower West Pubnico, the Wedgeport Legion and the Club Social de l’Ile in Surette’s Island.

**Nicole Albright** - Chase the Ace started up again at the Club Acadien in SAR on February 16, 2022.

**11.0 Next Meeting: ARC meeting April 21, 2022 @ 5:30 pm**

**12.0 Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by Mariette d’Entremont, seconded by Ted Saulnier at 6:40 pm.