

East Beaches Social Scene
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020
Meeting held on Zoom

Present: Heather Dionne, Mary McIntosh, Gloria Lemke, Dennis Muldrew, Lee Jackson, Frank Bagnall, Andrea Markowski, Brad Marr, Al Rear, Rod Bollman, Tammi Kelly
Regrets: Tom Farrell

Heather Dionne opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes of meeting on March 19, 2020 approved and passed.

Discussion:

Closure:

The Club is still closed and will be until further notice.

Building Inspection:

There is a signup sheet for building checks for insurance purposes on the bulletin board. The building is being checked three times per week.

Phoning of Members:

Discussion on when and how often members could be called. Some may be more isolated or need reassurance. Calls will be made every three-four weeks at caller's discretion. Calls will be made at the end of the pandemic to welcome everyone back and let them know when the Club will re-open.

Memorandum of Understanding with IERHA:

Heather and Gloria will meet on this as it is due at the end of April, 2020.

Fundraisers:

Rod reported he will be having a Zoom meeting this week regarding the Fashion Show and Lobsterfest. Lobsterfest is a seasonal event and will be cancelled. The Club has control over cancelling our date for the Fashion Show. The Resource Centre is reluctant to cancel, as it is their major fundraiser. The Fall Supper is in jeopardy of not being held. Some creative and alternative types of fundraising may need to be addressed later.

Financials:

The only current income is grant money from IERHA and later in the year the grants from the RM of Victoria Beach and RM of Alexander.

Discussion:

Is the Club receiving shared monies regarding the newsletter and Internet costs?
Newsletter is currently not being printed, so no cost. Internet is still being paid (share is paid by Library), so cost still incurred.

Financial Discussion continued:

Frank said we have bounced back in the past from financial situations and we should not panic.

It was determined to wait on costs for Shaw TV and the photocopier. Don't cancel yet.

Should we get back the monies already paid regarding Paint Nite, Casino trip, and March Dinner/Dance?

What will our monthly shortfall be. Check financial statement. There could be possible government funding later.

Brad asked Gloria how much money will need to be spent while the Club is "on hold". Gloria will provide this information.

Regarding Programming: Tammi reported that she felt monies regarding Paint Nite, Casino trip, and March Dinner/Dance should stay put. The Paint Nite plans to reschedule and the money paid so far will be valid on the new date; similarly for the Casino trip which has been postponed; the Dinner/Dance paid tickets will be able to be swapped for a future Dinner/Dance.

Costs for TV and Internet were discussed further.

Shaw Direct (TV) costs \$86.22 per month and it was decided to request a vacation hold be put on it.

Bell Internet costs \$134.30 per month and cost is shared with the Library. This will continue to be paid. (Resource Centre has a separate Internet contract.) The Library will be consulted regarding their Internet share during the closure.

There should be a better picture of the financials at the end of April.

The \$25,000 grant from New Horizons has been received for new chairs and any unused funds are to be used for support to our members directly related to Covid-19.

Mary recommended going ahead with the purchase of the chairs and if there is money remaining a decision may be made at that time. She will be having a discussion with the Chair Committee later this week or early next to decide on a supplier. The grant allows for up to a year to use the funds and it is possible to request an extension.

Face Masks:

Heather asked Brad to inform the Board on masks offered by Lorine and Bill Mason. The Masons are making masks and it was thought the Club could help distribute. Tammi does have a few from Lorine in the office. That has now changed as Saffies has a plan and may be involved. The usage of face masks is being discussed more often and Andrea said that government guidelines will likely be coming out soon.

Community Need and Care:

Andrea wondered if there were any community gaps in supplies, need or care for members or others. None known at this time.

Heather said we will continue to be in touch with members showing them that we care.

Tammi is posting positive messages on Facebook and the website.

The Resource Centre is now posting positive messages on Facebook for vulnerable or isolated people.

Action Items were reviewed (separate submission).

Tammi mentioned that the Seniors Support Coordinators Conference which she attends in September each year has been cancelled.

Next meeting will be on Zoom on **Thursday April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Zoom meeting sign on numbers are: **Meeting #278 259 9093 and Password #458 589.**

Heather asked each attendant how each Board (not bored) household was doing. All reported fine.

MOTION: Rod moved the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Jackson, Secretary (interim)