

East Hants Arena Association **Annual General Meeting**

November 25th, 2014

East Hants Sportsplex Board Room

Start: 7:00 pm, End 7:50pm

Called to Order by : Todd Williams

Note taker: Brenda Merriam

Board Attendees: Bill Falkenberg, Derek Roberts, Faye Peach, Charles Clow, Wendy Matheson-Withrow, Scott Forward, Norval Mitchell

Special guest: Mark Marshall(Collins Barrow)

Community Attendees: Tanya MacRae, Margaret Miller, Kate Friers

Board Regrets: Ryan Isenor, Rob Pineo, Steve Ramsay, John Philpott, Edwin Fraser

Additions to Agenda:

No additions to the agenda. Faye motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Wendy. All in favour; motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes from November 25th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve: Scott Hirtle; seconded by Bill

Annual Financial Statements: by Mark Marshall (Collins Barrow)

- Mark Marshall presented and handed out the audit report of East Hants Sportsplex for 2013/2014 fiscal year. He thanked the staff for supporting and helping out his team through preparing for this audit. For this year there was a deficit but with careful expense forecasting and finding new revenue, this upcoming year will be in a better financial situation.
- Opened floor for questions.
- Bill motioned to accept the 2013/14 Financial Statement, Faye Seconded.

Annual Reports:

Financial Report: by Bill Falkenberg

There were monthly meetings with Scott Forward. The committee worked alongside the auditors. There were no major issues. We did manage the financial side of the facility to the best of our abilities.



Maintenance Report: *by Derek Roberts*

The biggest challenge was the condition of the Keith Miller Arena roof as there were no enhancements done to this roof during the expansion. A decision was made to repair a ¼ of the roof. This was tendered and the repair has been completed. The plan is for the finance/events committee to raise the funds for this repair.

General Manager's Report: *by Scott Forward*

There has been a lot of positive's that should be noted in this report. The annual golf fundraiser raised \$21,000.00 for our facility. On the event side, Pee Wee AA provincials were hosted here in March, Relay for Life used this location, Skate Canada has embraced this facility several times this year. Also, this year has seen Newbridge Academy use this facility for their high school students. From September until June 2015, this is the student's home.

On the maintenance side there have been repairs and improvements done to the facility. For example, parking signage, fire zoning, ice plant improvements, replacement of part of the Keith Miller roof, painting halls/dressing rooms, and changing the height of the rail on the balcony on Ice Pad B.

On the client groups, there is an excellent community mix. Ie. East Hants Minor Hockey, Jr. Gents hockey, Baseball NS, East Hants Perky Penguins, East Hants Soccer, and Scotia Soccer are a few to name.

Overall, thanks to the board members for their input and guidance. Look forward to growing the facility and to making this a place for community to be proud of.

President Report: *by Todd Williams*

Thanked everyone for their support. It was an excellent year and we have turned the corner. There is a need to improve revenue by working with partners, program sharing with the Municipality. Look forward to these discussions. Thanks to Scott Forward for his time to this facility. Regarding board members, Edwin Fraser is not returning. Thanks to Edwin for his time on this board. All other board members will be returning. Also, would like to welcome Tanya MacRae to our board, thanks for joining and look forward to working with you.

The Executive for the 2014-2015 term is as follows:

- President: Todd Williams
- Vice-President: Derek Roberts
- Treasurer: Bill Falkenberg
- Member at Large: John Philpott



The Directors for the 2014-2015 term is as follows:

Norval Mitchell	Tanya MacRae	Faye Peach
Charles Clow	Wendy Matheson-Withrow	Steve Ramsay
Scott Hirtle	Ryan Isenor	Rob Pineo

The following Director has resigned: Edwin Fraser

Appointment of Auditor:

There was a motion from Bill Falkenberg to nominate Collins Barrow for the 2014/15 fiscal year audit. This motion was seconded by Scott Hirtle. Motion carried.

Opened the Floor Up for Discussion:

Kate Friers- Recreation Director- committed to partnering with the Sportsplex. Looking at areas where the municipality can share opportunities and knowledge; ie. School in-service days, etc.

Margaret Miller- MLA East Hants- Noted the awareness of this facility is growing through- out the province. There was discussion around the field house (dome) and what would be required to get this field fully sanctioned. Margaret would like to sit down with Scott and Todd to see how to go forward with this issue so that this can be taken to the appropriate areas in government to get solved.

Closing Remarks: *by Todd Williams*

Todd thanked Scott Forward for his time to this facility. He also thanked the staff at the facility for his/her dedication. Very pleased to welcome a new Board Member, Tanya MacRae. He looks forward to this upcoming year and continuing to move this facility in the right direction for the community.

Motion to Adjourn: Wendy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Faye. All in favour. Motion carried.

