

East Hants Arena Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Emergency Dome Collapse Meeting

December 19, 2019

East Hants Sportsplex Board Room

Start: 7:30pm, End: 8:36pm

Call to Order: Bill Falkenberg

General Manager: Scott Forward

Note Taker: Brenda Merriam

Board Attendees: Norval Mitchell, Scott Hirtle, Corey Robinson, John Philpott,  
Danny Hines, Wendy Matheson-Withrow, Perry Mitchelmore, Jason Parker

Board Regrets: Travis Hunter, Tanya MacRae, Faye Peach, Patrick O'Neil

### **Call to Order**

Welcome: Bill welcomes Jason Parker to the board and introductions were made.

### **Additions to Agenda:**

Bill motioned to approve the agenda, Norval approved; seconded by Scott H. All in favour; motion carried.

## **New Business:**

Dome Update:

Slide Presentation to the board *by Scott Forward*

This presentation was presented to the Municipality of East Hants.

In summary:

- Operations Summary
- History of Dome Failures
- Insurance policy at Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Current Status-Risk and Impact
- Options go forward

### Government Positions at present time:

Municipality of East Hants- Emergency funding not available but will support the board by allowing the use of their communication personnel to help navigate through this period. It was a very positive and supportive meeting.

Provincial – Met with Margaret Miller – Funding not available but she has requested the board to send a letter on this matter to her.

Federal- Cannot get involved until the board goes through other levels of government.

### Discussion with Farley Group:

*Conference call- on the call for the board was John Phillpott, Scott Hirtle and Scott Forward.*

Farley Group has recommended modifying pressure thresholds, adding a sky light, and enhancing the standing operation procedures.

They have proposed to the board that they will put the dome back up with recommended modifications as soon as possible. The cost of this can be discussed at a further date as getting the dome back up is crucial to the client base and community at large.

Open the floor for discussion-

After a lengthy back and forth discussion; the consensus was that the dome needs to get back up in the air.

**Motion:**

Perry motioned to move ahead with the Farley Proposal to repair and inflate the dome without prejudice; seconded by Corey. All in Favour. This motion was unanimously passed.

Closing Remarks:

Bill reminded all members to stay on same page with this issue and to be sensitive to information going out to community. All comments are to be directed back to Scott Forward- GM

Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Corey. All in favour.  
Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm at East Hants Sportsplex Board Room.

