



## Arena Committee Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2024

Chipman Council Chambers

### Attendance

Councillor Shawn Patterson  
Ryan Thurrott  
Junior Parker  
Brad Robinson

Councillor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:06.

Councillor Patterson welcomed Brad Robinson to the committee he is replacing Mathew Richardson who stepped down from the committee. Junior Parker will be stepping down from the committee in the near future and Mark Brown will be replacing him.

Councillor Patterson advised that he will be doing a power point presentation at the council meeting on Monday, February 5 during the closed session.

He would like to see the arenas advertised everywhere.

The ice rates will be increased at the end of March to stay competitive with the other areas.

He advised he spoke with Todd Pye and Mr. Pye was explaining how to operate an arena on a volunteer basis. Employees are 50% of the cost of running an arena so if we are able to keep that cost down it would be great. He offered to help set this type of system up in our area. With tournaments you need to have three staff on.

We need to focus on having events outside of hockey season.

Run a breakfast once a month.

The committee needs seed money to host these events – they are looking for loans or donations to get these events off the ground. They don't need the money until April and will be able to pay it back in October. Anyone that lends or donates money will have their name posted on a sponsorship board that will be displayed at the various events. So far Ryan has \$4000 and Councillor Patterson has \$2000.

Councillor Patterson also mentioned that both communities have been nominated for Kraft Hockeyville. This is not about Chipman/Minto. If either community was to win, we would have to host the game at the Aitken Center in Fredericton.

Chipman arena needs ventilation fans and new netting.

The Arena committee has a plan to hold events between May and October that will generate fundraising dollars with the goal of raising \$50,000 in that timeframe.

Some of the tentative events are as follows:

- Show & Shine car show
- Dance – June 29 (the Mix) we get 10% of the door and the bar (Courtney)
- Possible concert by Tristen Horncastle (beginning of June). Sturgeons said they would volunteer to do security. Could possible sell the tables at this event. – (Ryan)
- Boxing August – early September (Courtney)
- Monster BINGO – Mid September (Councillor Patterson)
- Roller Derby – early September (Councillor Patterson)
- Casino Night – Late September early October / could be combined with the Gala - (Councillor Patterson)
- MMA event – Brad will look into this instead of doing the boxing
- Julian Austin will be home this summer and may be able to do an event - (Councillor Patterson)
- ATV Poker Rally in May – Tim Thornton from ATV club said he would help organize this event (Junior)
- Community Breakfast @ Heritage Centre starting in late May, one a month May – October starting the first weekend of May.
- Wrestling (Courtney)

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7 in Minto Council Chambers at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26