



MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE

Arena Committee meeting minutes

March 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

In attendance

Mayor Nicklin

Councillor Patterson

John Doherty

Mark Brown

Absent

Courtney Jordon

Brad Robinson

Jr Parker

Ryan Thurrott

Attending as event coordinator

Tim Thorton - ATV Poker run

Terry Lemon - Outdoorsmen RV show

Discussion

The first event is a breakfast at the Holy Rosary Hall in Minto on April 13th, Councillor Patterson advised that he would be out of the country and needs the committee members to take this on. Please read all the event information below and advise of anything he may have missed.

May 11th ATV/Poker Run

Tim Thorton advised that he has a route selected, that right now is roughly 60 km long. He will attempt to add 10-15 more kms to the run. It will start and end at the Minto arena. All participants must have a valid ATV trail pass. Start time is projected to be 10 am. Quad NB Grand Lake will run the event. The committee is responsible for organizing, setting up, and running the events at the arena, such as the bar, BBQ and music, which will be provided by Vinyl Tap. We need a team to run the bar and BBQ. It was suggested that we have Willy's sausage truck on the trail at a convenient place and well-advertised. It was also suggested that we have T-shirts and hats made for the event (1st annual MOGL ATV Poker run). The committee will investigate the cost and profitability of this. Someone is needed to take this on.

We will need the Grand Lake ATV club Logo for the billboard and decide who will run and get the 50/50 at this event. MOGL Quad club will have advertising posted on Quad NB site and we will advertise wherever we can. Tim Thorton's email is to be added to the committee ltthorn@gmail.com

June 1st Tristen Horncastle concert

The event will start at 7:00 PM with Melvin Fraser and company playing until 8:30 PM. Tristen will play from 9-12 pm. The cost will be \$15 minimum, on a donation basis. Tickets will go on sale in early May and will be sold at both Village offices and local businesses. The plan as it stands now is to sell tables as well. We will need to determine what tables and chairs we have available and when we can have them for the event. There will be a bar (awaiting on liquor license as discussed in council). It was suggested we sell T-shirts and hats again at this event, again we need to source and price these before the committee decides. It must be decided who will get/do the 50/50, suggested is for GLMH. It was also suggested we provide a ride home service. Mayor Nicklin suggested we ask the High School students from both schools to do this as a grad fundraiser for them. The stage is available from the Heritage Centre, but we need to look at it prior to March 15th and get an answer from Tristen as to what else in size he might need. We can buy more but need to know how much and if we can afford it all. Mark Brown, believes he can use some of his contacts to advertise our events on the radio at little to no cost at all.

June 8th Outdoorsmen/RV show

This event is being planned as the 1st annual. Terry Lemon is the organizer of the event. It will be held at the Chipman arena as well as the Heritage Center and Marina. Terry will need access to all these venues, so they must be booked (timings TBC). There will be at least one food truck on site at the arena as well as the canteen. There will be no charge to vendors, participants/visitors will be charged \$5.00 as an entry fee. There will also be a donation breakfast at the Heritage Center from 7-11 am with all proceeds going to the committee. John Doherty stated that there is a group of citizens that will help set up and run the breakfast in Chipman. Terry has several businesses that are going to participate, and a list will be provided as soon as possible. He is still waiting for Bass Pro response to sponsor this event, but it looks good. We will invite the Premier, Minister Austin and Mr. Jim Irving of JDI. There will need to be volunteers for collecting fees, parking, clean up and general help. We need to determine who will get the 50/50 at this event, and it was suggested the committee do it.

June 27th Wrestling in Minto

This event is being organized and ran by Courtney Jordon. It will be held at the Minto Arena; the committee needs to know if there will be a bar. The canteen has first right of refusal on food services, do we want the canteen, do we want another food venue? What is needed for volunteers? Courtney has posters and signs being developed for main advertising as well as individual events.

We have an operating budget to start with of roughly \$8,000 of which approximately half is donations, which we keep, and the other half is loans which will have to be paid back. We need to have another meeting this month on March 27th in Minto, to get things nailed down. Please come to this meeting with firm plans of what is happening, who is doing what funds needed and advertisement plan, i.e. through Courtney, then you need to provide and work with her on exactly what you want. Councillor Patterson will change the breakfast date in Chipman from June 15th to June 8th to run in conjunction with the Outdoorsmen show. He has the sponsorship letter ready; you have to tell me how many you need and to whom they should be addressed to.

Remaining events for the summer

We still have these events to work on and plan.

Remaining breakfasts.

Boxing card - August/September

Monster Bingo August/September \$20,000 Jackpot

2 x Roller derby events late August/ September - Shane Nicklin

Craft Beer and liquor Festival Mid-September?

Notes taken by Councillor Patterson.