



**Arena Committee Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024
Chipman Council Chambers**

Attendance

Councillor Shawn Patterson
Courtney Jordan
Ryan Thurrott
Mark Brown
Sarah Lockwood
Terry Lemon
Junior Parker
Tim Thorton
Dave Corey

John Doherty, Brad Robinson and Brian Robinson sent their regrets.

Councillor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Update on Fundraising Breakfast

The breakfast on April 13, 2024, made \$542.00. The 50/50 at the breakfast was sold by the MMHS Car Club and they raised \$134.00 for their club. There are still supplies left so they will be used at the next breakfast.

Donations / Loans

At present the Committee has \$4700 cash and \$1500 in donations. Councillor Patterson has raised \$3200.00 in donations. Ryan Thurrott is proposing that instead of people loaning money in the amount of \$1000 to the Arenas committee that instead they donate \$1500 which will get him a table at the Tristan Horncastle concert and a spot on the sponsor board if they people do donate money instead of loaning it. The committee is looking at selling a minimum of 8 tables.

Councillor Patterson stated that the monies that were loaned may not be needed at this point. It was suggested that the committee give people the option of purchasing a table at the Tristan Horncastle Concert instead of returning the loaned money to them.

Procedures

Liquor Commissioner spoke with Councillor Patterson and both arenas are fully licensed full floor and bleachers. Liquor can only be sold at one location in the arenas and cannot advertise free drinks.

Councillor Patterson stated that all spends need to be voted on by council. The money needs to go to the CAO to track the money and budget.

The committee should take the Smart Serve Course cost \$35 - \$50 per person. The committee will pay for the committee members to take this course. This takes the liability off the committee and Municipality if the course is taken. All people serving alcohol need to have this course.

Wrestling Event

Courtney Jordan is looking after the wrestling event on May 17, 2024. The canteen will be open but there will be limited menu items as per Courtney. There will need to be a section for the bar service so that the alcohol service is limited to being in that area as children will be present. People will be checked at the door and no outside liquids will be allowed in this event. Councillor Patterson stated there will be no tolerance for outside beverages coming into this event. All monies raised from ticket sales on the wrestling belt that is being donated will stay with the arena committee. Security will be needed for this event and Bar servers will also be needed. Courtney will send a message to the organizer of the wrestling event to find out when they will need access to the arena. Courtney will send the CAO/clerk the liability insurance. They will need a minimum of 3 security for this event. Courtney will reach out to the Minto Fire Department and see if they are interested in doing the security for this event - they will get the proceeds from the 50/50.

ATV Poker Run and Breakfast Events

ATV Poker Run – May 11 - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Waiting on processing permits. The breakfast is from 8:00 to 10:30. How are we getting people from the arena to Holy Rosary Hall? Need to confirm with the RCMP Sargeant if it will be ok for the ATV's to drive from the arena to the breakfast.

Tim Thornton will compile a list of Municipal streets to pass through for a municipal by-law and Councillor Patterson will bring it forward to council when ready. The Municipality can write a by-law for the Municipal streets but for highways that would have to go through DTI and Public Safety.

Tim explained the ATV Route which is approximately 80 km's, to the committee. He is finalizing the route. Junior Parker asked about signage on the trails and Tim advised that all signage from the Post Road into the Municipality will be up. Junior Parker will sell tickets at the Queen's County Inn. The prizes for the ATV run will be as follows:

\$400

\$200

\$100

Two ATV 2025 trail passes to be purchased. Other prizes are being donated throughout the Community. Councillor Smith is looking after this.

There will need to be 50 tables, 200 chairs, garbage cans, and the stage will need to be set up at the Minto Arena. Dale Richard will be asked to print tickets for this event. Courtney Jordan will look after putting posters and flyers up in the businesses. Anne and Shayne Nicklin will have a barbeque set up and will keep the proceeds. People not on the ATV run can still go to the dance and there will be a \$10.00 charge to get in to "Vinyl Tap" – they will be playing from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Security will be needed at this event. Courtney will ask the Fire Department to look after this and the 50/50 will go to the Fire Department. Tim Thornton will send the release waiver to the Municipality of Grand Lake and we will put our logo on it.

ATV breakfast suggestions:

Set a price of \$8.00

Cook bacon, pancakes, etc. ahead of time.

Courtney will do posters to promote the event. She will reach out to the Safe Grad in Minto to see if they are interested in doing the 50/50 and students can do the clean up.

Grand Lake Outdoors and Info Show Event

Grand Lake Outdoors and Info Show will take place June 8 at the Chipman Arena. There are currently 39 confirmed vendors. There will be a Beer Garden with proceeds going to the arena's committee event. Councillor Patterson will contact the Fish and Game to see if they are interested in doing 50/50 at this event. Steve Elmee will have a guaranteed moose license and will promote the Grand Lake area, Tourism NB and the Home Show to integrate on his sportsman's show and Outdoors TV. There are a lot of great businesses coming.

Outdoor Sports Dealers

Jim Gilberts (bikes, utility trailers)
Hawkins Equipment (bikes)
McLeans Sports (bikes, boats)
Torque Motor Sports (bikes, boats)
Phils Recreation (boats)
Pro Nature (Miramichi) Hunting and fishing
Curtis's Fly Shop
Minnow Tackle Shop
Ralph Goodwin's Fly Shop
NB Big Game Club (Antler Scoring) Moose Calling Competition
Delta Water Fowl
SNB Wood Co-op
Sussex Country Co-op
Rackstacker & Homegrown Hunter TV
Canadian Turkey Federation
Quality Deer Management Association
NB Fur Trappers & Traders
Under Armour

Additional Vendors

DNRE (Hunters Safety)
DNRE Public Safety (Biking & Snowmobiling)
DNRE Fire Safety & Prevention
Irving Fishing Tournament Committee
Grand Lake Correctional Facility (NBCC)
Grand Lake Officiating
Post-Tech
Lil Bit Bobcat Services
Kent Homes (NB Lottery Home)
Austin Harding Taxidermy
Stoneridge Taxidermy
Honour the Fallen Taxidermy
Grand Lake ATV Club
Grand Lake Sno Cruisers
Let's Talk Docks
Bouncy Castles/Games Trailer

Ukranian/Brazilian Bakery
Lynn Coakley Produce & Bakery (Scotchtown)
Colleen Mooren (Three Legged Horse Farm)

Vehicle Vendors

Fairview Dodge
Riverview Ford
Bomgard's Campers
RV World (campers)
Off Grid Vendores
Haywards Healthy Home Solutions
Cabin Depot
Bayview
Kubota

Spirits Producers

Big Fiddle
Ole Foggy Distillers
Beer Gardens by Arena Committee

Food Trucks

Mike's Catering
Dippy Dog Stand
HotDog House
Arena Canteen

Bass Pro is donating a prize package
Moose call for adults and kids contest
Fishing Tank with prizes for children
Bouncy Castles and Dunk Tank
Washer Toss

Vendors will set up on Friday, June 7, 2024

A work order for this event will need to be done 7 days in advance. Terry Lemon will let Councillor Patterson know how many Tables and Chairs are needed for this event.

The entry fee is \$5.00 per person under 12 is free.

Staff will reach out to Chanda Klassen to see if she will be operating her canteen for this event.

Terry Lemon will reach out to Bruce Robinson to see if he is interested in looking after security that night before outside.

Invitations for this event should be sent out to MLA – Kris Austin, Minister of Natural Resources, Premier Higgs, Jim Irving, and Tourism NB. (Mayor Nicklin is looking after this)

Ryan Thurrott will reach out to Grand Lake Minor Hockey to see if they would like to have a booth there to promote hockey in the area.

Councillor Patterson will contact Leah Steveson to invite the newcomers to this event.

Councillor Patterson needs the sponsorship names to him by Monday, April 22, 2024, and then he will order the Board from Dale's More than Games.

They will reach out to the Fish and Game to see if they are interested in doing the 50/50 and then donating the money to put kids through hunter safety.

All present, were in agreement to go to the sponsors for \$1000 for the sponsorship board.

Vendor sheets for Boards to have available for this event to advertise their business in the arena.

Bouncy Castles / Games Trailer - \$12 per bracelet with \$1 coming back to the committee. The 9 committee members will each have 5 bracelets and will distribute them in the Municipality.

Advertising will go a week ahead. Courtney will do the posters for advertising. Michael's Catering and the Hotdog House are the Food Trucks attending.

Monster BINGO Event

Monster BINGO will take place August 24, 2024. If someone wins in 49 numbers or less, they will win a guaranteed jackpot of \$20,000. The insurance is \$345 and will cover the jackpot. If the \$20,000 jackpot doesn't go, there will be a good consolation prize which would come from door sales. Nine games in total. Other games will be between \$200 and \$300. The consolation prize should be between \$2000 – \$3000 range. The committee will need to decide if they are going with four or six card sheets for the jackpot game. Crystal Doherty will be the BINGO caller. They will video tape the jackpot game. The arena will seat 980 people. There will need to be 225 tables and 900 chairs set up for this event as well as the stage and the BINGO equipment and that the canteen will be operating during the BINGO.

Tristan Horncastle Concert Event

Tristan Horncastle / Melvin Fraser concert will take place Friday, September 6, 2024, at the Chipman Arena.

Tristan Horncastle – September 6, 2024, tickets will sell for \$20.00 online through Eventbrite, Sarah Lockwood is looking after this, and \$25.00 at the door. The 12 pieces of staging will go to the Chipman Arena for this event. The canteen will do a limited menu inside and Willie McKellar will be contacted to see if he would be interested in having "Willie's Sausages" there.

Sarah Lockwood will contact the security companies. She will also reach out to Safe Grad to organize a drive home safely for guests if they are interested.

Parking will be needed. Courtney Jordan will ask minor hockey and then maybe the fire department. Needs a layout – Ryan will look after this.

The boards at the arena will need to be taken out by right side of the bleachers.

Councillor Patterson will call the Liquor Inspector to clarify some topics.

Sarah Lockwood needs to complete a form to serve alcohol.

Roller Derby Event

There will be **women's and teen's** roller derby at the Minto Arena on September 21, 2024. Shane Nicklin will provide more details.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Event

There will be a Murder Mystery on September 13 in Chipman Legion and September 14 in Minto Legion. \$1900 for both Shows and would need 6 volunteers 3 women and 3 men will be needed. and 36 meals. Murder at the Resort. 100 tickets per event. The meal in Chipman would cost \$18.00 and \$21.00 in Minto.

The next meeting will take place on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Minto. ATV and Wrestling will be the only topics at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Notes were take by Michelle Dickinson, CAO and typed by Andrea Mazerolle, Clerk.