

Minutes of the NSC Meeting, March 5th, 2014

Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers

Present: : Geri Brown, Erin Rowsell, Erica Harris, Gina DeHoog, Anika Gattiker, Lesley Flint, Charlie + Jan McClary, Holly Pottinger

Called to order: 7.10pm

- Additions to Agenda: None
- Approval of minutes:
 - o Minutes of last meeting were read by Geri. Gina motioned to approve, Lesley 2nd motion, AIF.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - o The treasurer's report was presented. Lesley motioned to accept the report, Anika 2nd, AIF
- Correspondence: None
- New dates: None
- Old Business:
 - o Kid's camp: July 21st - 24th, 2014. The committee agreed to the following: Ages 6-15, run through the TOS, 9am-4pm, Fee: \$295 with a \$150 deposit. 1st sibling 10% off, 2nd sibling 20% off. On the last day there will be pony rides for any younger siblings that couldn't come to the camp. The information will be put out on fb. Roxy and Ronja Schippers were asked if they would be willing to coach. No answer yet. Ron Brown offered the use of his horse and offered his help as a volunteer. Andrew from TOS mentioned that there could be Jump Start funding available for up to \$150/kid.
 - o Fall Fair update: There was a Fall Fair Management meeting on Feb. 18th regarding the business use plan for the grounds. All voices were heard. Gina suggested that NSC writes a letter to the FFMC with copy to the BVAIA asking for 2 votes for the NSC. At the moment the NSC has no votes on the FFMC board but is allowed to attend the meetings. It would be important for the NSC to have equal votes on this board regarding future plans for the fairgrounds. There will be a meeting on March 6th. Geri will write this letter tonight and email it so it can be on tomorrow's agenda.
 - o Geri was successful in her application to the BV Foundation and obtained a grant for the NSC for \$1,800 for the purchase of harrows. Geri has an offer for harrows (can be pulled by ATV) for a total of US\$4,435.10

including shipping and taxes. This works out to be roughly Can\$ 4,900, subtract \$1,800 grant money which leaves a difference of \$3,100. Maybe Bingo funds can be used for this. Will need insurance (Erin to look into) and a safe storage place. Ron motioned to spend \$3,100 to purchase the harrows, Leslie 2nd. Motion tabled until next meeting because of the \$ amount involved.

- Round pen in the indoor arena: How well is the 2 weeks down, 2 weeks up working? Not very well according to Gina, but spring is nearly here! People will have to continue taking it down or putting it up when they need it.
- Bingo is going well, currently \$1,900 profit so far!! Two more Bingos to go. March 12th + 26th. Reka next sponsor, then BVCU.
- Covered round pen: No grant available at the moment. Charly McClary knows someone at MD Barns, he will get a quote.

- New Business:

- Charly McClary voiced his concerns as a user of the fairgrounds. He feels strongly that more NSC members should become BVAIA members so that if need be, they can go to meetings and if things come to a vote where members are allowed to vote, their voices will be heard. The BVAIA could be instrumental in the business land use plan of the fairgrounds and should represent all interested parties. A strong membership from all the ground users is very important right now. Anika to send out email to NSC members to encourage them to become a BVAIA member (\$10) and show some interest in what happens down at the fairgrounds. At the moment, BVAIA members are welcome at the board meetings but cannot vote.
- Fall Fair: Gina motions that NSC donates \$200 again to the BVX for the Light Horse Show., Leslie 2nd, AIF.
- Summer Bingo: Do we want another club to take over Bingo throughout the summer to keep it going? Then in the fall we can take it over again. The club must fill out the application at the BC Gaming Commission. If anyone knows of a club willing to do this, let Geri know.
- 50th NSC year: Any ideas?
 - Float in the parade
 - Booth at Trade Show, maybe together with HCBC?
 - Special poker ride in October
 - Dedicate one of the NSC shows to the 50th
 - Does anyone have old pictures? We could post them on the outside of the indoor arena during BVX
 - Put a banner on the webpage and on the fb page

- Get an article in the Interior News, shortly before an NSC event so we can get some advertising at the same time. Best sometime in April. (Geri was going to look into this).
- There is now a BVX Lighthouse Division fb page. Please "like" it.
- Send thank you card to the Hudson Bay Lodge for letting us use their meeting room every month (Geri)

Meeting adjourned: 8.20pm

Next meeting: April 2nd, 2014, 7pm

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