

GDCS Recreation Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: April 6 2016

Time: 7pm

Attendance: Allyson Richards, Harmony Johnson-Harder, Andrea Simpson, Scott Hepworth, Julie Baschuk, Christina Hawkins

Regrets: Laura Park, Janna Varga, Natalie Thompson, Wendy Ahenakew, Tonia Logan, Shelly Petryga, Kristy McDougall, Karla Hardcastle

Guests: Emrys Simpson-Wolfe,

Meeting called to order: The meeting was started at 7:05pm and snacks were provided. Copies of the agenda, budget, program plan, program mapping guide, and evening program schedule were available and distributed. Allyson started off by informing everyone that she has received a job offer and will be resigning from her position in the coming weeks. Allyson noted that she will be available to help wherever possible, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Old Business: The next CPR & First Aid Course will be held this weekend. Currently there are about 4 spots left. It was noted that Piwapan originally paid for 4 spots, however are only sending 3 people and have offered 1 paid spot to another individual. The Rocks & Rings curling program will not be happening this year as they were unable to get to La Ronge this season. They have received the cheque and will be giving GDCS a credit to have the program run next fall. They will contact us next year to schedule. Allyson informed everyone that we received the SPRA Leadership development grant for hula hooping. The first invoice has been paid, which was \$50 more than anticipated, however included 25 hula hoops for GDCS to have. There will be 3 demo classes, including an all-ages one, an adult-only one, and a circus-based activity one. Currently there are 7 people signed up to take the instructor training, and there is enough funding for up to 25. Harmony expressed interest in becoming trained as well. Allyson has distributed e-mails to other recreation coordinators in Stanley Mission, Bells Point, etc. to see if they want to send anyone from their communities to be trained and has contacted CCHS to have staff pass along to students of the circus-based classes as some of the students may have been previous GDCS students who were in the circus program. The training and demo classes have all been advertised in the community. Allyson noted some changes with dance classes as the current instructor is pregnant (with twins) and cannot commit to it. She noted another individual, Shaylynn McAuley, in the community, who may be able to teach, however unsure of anyone else. It was suggested to steering committee members to ask around to see if there are other individuals with dance experience. Allyson provided an update for summer activities. We have received confirmation for the CIF and Student Summer Works grants and it was noted that advertisements should go out mid-May for hiring summer students. Harmony explained that sites can also receive the NEW NSCRD Program Enhancement Grant (\$5,000) which can go towards summer programming. Allyson has already applied for this and it will go towards sci-fi camp, swimming lessons, camp KICKS, and then a soccer and/or golf camp. Allyson has reached out to SaskSoccer and Eagle Point to get things organized but hasn't heard back. A "coming soon" poster for summer activities was displayed. Allyson also noted that Kristy Todd has offered to do some nature activities with the kids over the summer as well. The liability issue with camp KICKS and swimming was discussed. Scott also mentioned that there should be a credit from the SciFi camp from last year, and therefore we may not have to pay for it. We are still waiting on approval for funding from SaskEnergy and Canada Summer Jobs as well as the Village of Air Ronge. Allyson noted that the mid-term stats have been submitted. Julie spoke about the survey that the Village of Air Ronge is conducting, seeking some input on a youth centre/activity building. Ideas suggested included a bowling alley, movie theatre, a multipurpose room for gymnastics/birthday parties/MEND/etc., and a kitchen. It would be located near the village office. There have also been some suggestions on who would run the building, if an individual would be hired, or done with volunteers, or through village staffing. There was also discussion of the soccer/football field that should be completed in Air Ronge later this year. Some individuals who were named for potential soccer coaches included: Lee Covenden, David Watts, Lazar Lafleur, and Tom & Kandice Harrington. Harmony mentioned that there is a soccer coaching clinic in Ile la Crosse on May 7th, and it was noted that a similar clinic could be held in our community if we wanted a soccer program to start up. **Action Items:** Scott will look into liability issue with swimming lessons and camp KICKS for summer activities. Allyson will submit the invoice for hula hooping and complete the grant follow-up report, as well as draw up the tentative summer schedule.

Spring Schedule and Budget: Allyson noted that pilates had to cancel programming due to other conflicts. The instructor is still interested in doing it, however. The Teen Girls Wellness Group is starting on April 20th and there are already registration forms that have been completed. Allyson mentioned the Little Steps program that has been happening, and that it started off with high numbers but has slowly declined. It was mentioned that the time might be seen as a problem. Julie suggested a Saturday morning creative play time may be more successful. It was noted that most of the programs that are currently running, are ones that have been running all year and that more “special events” would be focused on for this season (i.e. a boys/girls night, elder’s or volunteer tea using the Gr. 6 students as volunteers to help, a custom sign making workshop, and car seat clinics). The custom sign making workshop is working in partnership with Mindy Beaven. The class is \$80 and this course will replace the Pinterest Party program. Some of the budget will be used to purchase snacks. It was suggested that perhaps next time a bigger element of volunteerism/donation is included for the program. Julie noticed that the village picnic is not included in the program plan and there was a suggestion of having a bike rodeo. The budget is currently up to date, as of April 6th, and included the items bought for the upcoming CPR course as well as the Rec. Steering meeting. **Action Items:** Allyson will update the program plan to include the Village Picnic and Christina will coordinate the bike rodeo for the village picnic.

Other Business & Upcoming Events: Allyson noted some upcoming activities including: April 8-10th – CPR & First Aid Course; April 15th – Movie Night (Star Wars); April 16-17th – Hula Hoop Training; April 23 – Cash Bingo; April 28 – Sign Making Workshop; April 29-30 – KidSport 3on3 Basketball Tournament; and May 31 – 2016-2017 Program Plan Due & Steering Committee Evaluation Due. Allyson has started a working document for the 2016-2017 program plan to help the next person coming into the position. Some suggestions for new programs for next year included: prenatal exercise classes, community fish derby, and a celebration of women gala. It was also asked if the cash bingo will have childcare and there was a suggestion to use the grade 6 students. Julie also mentioned that the Canada Day parade be forwarded onto the next CSRC. Scott spoke about the Fish4Life program at GDCS this year and how successful it had been. Harmony also spoke about some upcoming coaching clinics in the north that will be happening. It was noted that evening programming will likely be cancelled until a new CSRC is hired, and that NSCRD will withhold funding if the position is vacant for longer than a month. **Action Items:** Scott will find out about childcare for the cash bingo. Allyson will do up a “guide” for the next CSRC to help for a smoother transition. Julie and Harmony will coordinate a program planning session with the Village of Air Ronge.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. No future meeting was set, however a meeting will need to take place mid-May to complete the program plan for 2016-2017 and the Steering Committee Evaluation form, both due May 31st.