



50+ Friendship Games

50+ Friendship Games Committee Meeting Minutes

Saint John Seniors' Resource Centre
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:30PM



Present:

CAROL FIELD
CECILE DESCHAMPS
ROBERT TAYLOR
LINDA NICKERSON
KIRSTIN DUFFLEY
LYNNE KAINÉ
RAY DOIRON
DON LEBLANC
JOAN ANDERSON
SUE HALL

Chairperson, Seniors' Resource Centre
Co-Chairperson
Treasurer
Executive Director, Seniors' Resource Centre
Secretary, Rothesay Representative
Saint John Representative
Pickleball Coordinator (Arrived at 1:44PM)
Golf Coordinator

Regrets:

MEGAN LUCAS	Quispamsis Representative
RICK ADAMS	Grand Bay-Westfield Representative
CAROL TRAVIS	St. George Representative
ERIC GARNETT	Nick Nicolle Community Center
JOHN TORRIE	Chess Coordinator
JEAN STEVENS	Legion Coordinator
DAVID O'TOOLE	Bridge & Hearts Coordinator
GERRI MARTIN	Pool Coordinator
BRENDA MCKINNEY	Bowling Coordinator
JAN MCGILL	Quispamsis Resident
NANCY LITTLEWOOD	Quispamsis Resident
BILL MCDONALD	
ANNETTE BRINDA	
LYDIA O'HARA	
MONIQUE LOSIER	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32PM by Chairperson C. Field.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

2.1. Meeting Notes from February 22, 2024

MOVED by C. Deschamps and seconded by R. Taylor that the meeting notes be approved.

CARRIED.

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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Taylor noted there has been no change in the financial report. There will be a deposit made for \$300.00 from Fundy Funeral Home for an advertisement in the calendar.

4. FUNDRAISING

The Committee discussed the calendar fundraiser. 15 advertisements need to be sold, \$300 per advertisement, some spots have already been claimed. L. Nickerson has a letter created requesting sponsorships. The calendars will cost \$10 to print, without coils. 50+ Friendship Games logo will be on the front of the calendar. K. Duffley reminded the committee that a letter needs to be sent to council to request a donation for the advertisement if they wish Rothesay to sponsor the calendar. The Committee decided to give a calendar to those who put an advertisement in it for promotional purposes.

R. Taylor updated the Committee regarding applying for funding from the Government of New Brunswick. He received an email from Gina Fowler that the deadline for funding in this season is on Friday, March 22, 2024. R. Taylor and L. Nickerson are working on getting the application in before the deadline. In 2022, the 50+ Friendship Games requested \$4,000 and received it. In previous years they received \$1,700.

C. Field notified the Committee that she applied for \$1,500 in funding through the ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant program. Grant applicants will be notified of their application success by the end of March.

5. OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES

Opening: Saturday, June 1st, 2024

Part 1 (Public Event): Walking parade from the back of the Hilton to City Hall with a piper leading. Participants in the parade do not have to be registered in the Games. The 50+ Friendship Games flag will be raised at City Hall at 11AM. The Mayor of Saint John will be asked to speak at the event, plus one other speaker. MP Wayne Long will provide Canadian Flags for people to carry.

Bus: At 11:30AM the bus will arrive to transport people who do not drive or have transportation to the second location, Horizon's HOPE Wellness Centre (4347 Loch Lomond Rd, Saint John, NB). Travel time: approximately 30 minutes.

Part Two (Registered Participants Only): There will be a light luncheon at the HOPE Wellness Centre with speakers, ribbon cutting, cake cutting, and little 50+ Friendship Games flags for everyone. Meal: sandwiches, soup, tea, coffee, and

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dessert. Entertainment: Steve Lyons. Event will be over by 2:30PM, the bus will bring people back to the City.

Regarding a question not using Branch 69 for the Opening, C. Field advised that although the 50+ Friendship Games had booked the venue for the opening and error occurred which resulted in the venue being double booked.

Closing: Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Location: Branch 69. Dinner: Ham dinner, dessert, tea, and coffee at 5PM.

Entertainment: Delbert? L. Kaine will reach back out to confirm. Music will be before and during the supper.

6. INVITATION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

All the Mayor's of Greater Saint John will be invited to the Opening and Closing ceremonies. MP Wayne Long will be invited as well.

7. NAME TAGS

200 name tag lanyards will be ordered, already have 50 of them at no cost to the Games as they are being donated. The name tags will be worn by participants at every event to confirm they are registered participants. Participants will receive the name tag at the beginning of the Games and are expected to return them at then end to prevent the need to re-ordering them each year.

8. REGISTRATION

All games and details need to be confirmed at the next meeting to ensure that the registration forms can be created, printed, and mailed in time. L. Nickerson and volunteers will be calling previous participants to check if they would like a copy of the form mailed to them. Approximately 300 copies will be mailed out. Flyers will be created and posted in the communities. First 200 people to complete their registration will be accepted. Deadline for applications is May 10, 2024.

9. GAMES

Date of Games: June 1st to June 8th.

D. Leblanc updated the committee that the bridge group at the Bill McGuire Centre is mostly not interested in being part of the games. He also noted that the Golf has been tentatively scheduled for Monday at 9AM for 4 tee times. However, they require the number of registrations to confirm tee times.

Confirmed Games:

- Auction 45's is confirmed for Monday from 1PM-4PM and Wednesday at 6:30PM.

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- 8 Ball Pool is confirmed for Monday at 10:00AM at Shooters.
- Darts is confirmed for Monday at 10AM.
- Pickleball is confirmed for Thursday from 9AM-11AM.
- Bowling is confirmed for Thursday at Fairview Lanes.
- Horseshoe is confirmed for Friday from 9AM-12PM.
- Lawn bowling is confirmed for Friday from 1PM-4PM.

New Games

Glen Carpenter Centre: The YMCA were contacted to host canoe and kayaking races. The prices for weekends (Saturday/Sunday) during the daytime was \$1,000. Monday to Friday from 6Pm-11PM was \$500. It was believed that instructors and lifeguards were included in that price. Water sports would need to be added to the waiver. The is insurance with using the facility. L. Kaine will look into pricing options at Rockwood Park.

Disc Golf: L. Kaine is organizing disc golf at Shamrock Park, participants will do a 3-hole course in groups of four or five, depending on the registration. The Committee discussed hosting an introduction to Disc Golf for people who want to learn how to play for one day, after work, in the evening to hit the target audience. It was decided to host it on Thursday evening at 6PM.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 3, at 1:30PM** at the Saint John Seniors' Resource Centre.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at **2:53PM**.

CAROL FIELD
CHAIRPERSON

KIRSTIN DUFFLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY