



50+ Friendship Games

50+ Friendship Games Committee Meeting Minutes

Admiral Beatty, Saint John

Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:30PM



Present:

CAROL FIELD
CECILE DESCHAMPS
ROBERT TAYLOR
LINDA NICKERSON
KIRSTIN DUFFLEY
LYNNE KAINE
DON LEBLANC
ERIC GARNETT
JEAN STEVENS
JOHN TORRIE
DAVID O'TOOLE
JOAN ANDERSON
BILL MCDONALD
SUE HALL
BRENDA ANNETTE

Chairperson, Seniors' Resource Centre
Co-Chairperson
Treasurer
Executive Director, Seniors' Resource Centre
Secretary, Rothesay Representative
Saint John Representative
Golf Coordinator (Arrived at 1:46PM)
Nick Nicolle Community Center
Legion Coordinator
Chess Coordinator
Bridge & Hearts Coordinator

Regrets:

MEGAN LUCAS
RICK ADAMS
CAROL TRAVIS
RAY DOIRON
GERRI MARTIN
BRENDA MCKINNEY
JAN MCGILL
NANCY LITTLEWOOD
ANNETTE BRINDA
LYDIA O'HARA
MONIQUE LOSIER

Quispamsis Representative
Grand Bay-Westfield Representative
St. George Representative
Pickleball Coordinator
Pool Coordinator
Bowling Coordinator
Quispamsis Resident
Quispamsis Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:39PM by Chairperson C. Field.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

2.1. Meeting Notes from April 3, 2024

MOVED by J. Stevens and seconded by R. Taylor that the meeting notes be approved.

CARRIED.

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3. ADVERTISING

R. Taylor noted that it would be necessary to advertise the Games. L. Kaine requested that R. Taylor provide her with all the information for the City of Saint John communications team to promote the Games. K. Duffley recommended that information be sent to all the participating municipalities to promote the Games.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

R. Taylor noted there has been no change in the financial report, total in the bank account is \$8,739.35. A deposit will be made from Saint John Fundy Region Seniors.

5. Flag Raising

Approvals have been received from the City for the flag raising and parade. C. Field will order the flag, it will take approximately 6 weeks to arrive. Dignitaries have been invited, so far, Mayor Dr. Nancy Grant has confirmed attendance and speaking at the flag raising. C. Field has the contact for the police department.

6. Glen Carpenter Centre

The facility does not open until the end of May. Therefore, they are unable to assist with the games in early June. Kayaking and canoeing will not be happening this year.

7. FUNDRAISING

The Committee discussed the calendar fundraiser. Ordering 250 calendars. On the back of the calendars, there will be a list of all businesses and individuals who donated any amount of money to the Games. Currently, 10 advertisements have been sold: Town of Quispamsis, Town of Grand Bay-Westfield, City of Saint John, Fundy Funeral Home, Canadian Red Cross, Medicine Shop, Saint John Fundy Region Seniors, Admiral Beatty, Eric Garnette (November), and potentially the Saint John Seniors' Resource Centre. R. Taylor will be approaching the town of Rothesay, Cochran's, McPhees, and KV Drugs. J. Stevens has a contact for the Shannex in Quispamsis. It was suggested to approach major hotels, Ears 4 You Hearing Clinic, and PharmaSave. Jean Coutu is not sponsoring this year. MP Wayne Long's office has been approached about sponsoring, they are provided small Canadian flags.

J. Torrie will approach Moosehead about sponsoring the chess, checkers, and backgammon event by purchasing the boards. Costco should be approached to provide water and snacks for all the games.

E. Garnett inquired if there were any extra 50+ Games t-shirts. There are no extras. The committee discussed having shirts with 31 years on them or just the 50+ logo.

The committee discussed the logistics of having a 50/50 before the Games as a fundraiser. E. Garnette will look into it. Perhaps holding off until the 2025 Games.

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8. 2024 GAMES UPDATES

The committee discussed changes and additions to the Games calendar and registration form. At the next meeting the committee will review the registration form. Registration forms would have to be returned by May 12th.

Golf has been confirmed for \$40 per person, there would be no charge to the participants as the cost has been covered by the ParticipACTION grant. Participants would need to purchase their own golf cart at \$25/each if they wish to use one.

The committee discussed why bridge was no popular during last games. Given the 200 limit there could have been not many bridge players out of who got to register. Advertising to bridge groups in the area could help with the low registration. Should there not be enough players divided in two locations, could merge them into one.

The committee discussed adding an event on the Friday evening. It was decided to include the information about the Branch #69 Royal Canadian Legion event that night. Friday, June 7, from 7pm-9pm, open mic, no cover charge. The committee discussed having drink tickets available for 50+ Games participants. J. Stevens noted that drink tickets would have to be confirmed with the Legion.

Entertainment during the games:

- Opening Ceremony: Dave Hansen
- Closing Ceremony: Steve Lyons and Anna Marie

All games can have 50/50 tickets sold. However, it is up to the coordinators arrange to do so. 50/50 tickets will be sold and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Maximum number of participants: 200 – 215.

L. Nickerson has started the process of calling previous participants to see if they would like the form mailed to them or to pick it up. The committee discussed having locations where the registration form would be available for pick-up.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 24, at 10:30AM** at the Admiral Beatty.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at **3:21PM**.

CAROL FIELD
CHAIRPERSON

KIRSTIN DUFFLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY