

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

March 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Jock at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Board Members Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, P. Miller, D. Smitz

Recognition of Guests: B. Yannatta (CRAF Center), Heidi Powers (NEMCSA Project Director-RSVP)

Heidi Powers, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA) Project Director- RSVP presented information in regards to the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). With offices located in Grayling (MichiganWorks building) covering Roscommon and Crawford Counties, their objective is to place senior volunteers in our communities. This gives our seniors (age 55 and older) an opportunity to share their skills and develop new ones. Background checks are required for all program volunteers. RSVP provides liability insurance for volunteers, while serving and travel to and from the volunteer site. We will look at dates to host an informational session at the Roscommon Senior Center. Possible volunteer opportunities would include the Gazebo Concert Series concessions.

Approval of Agenda – Motion C. Allen, 2nd P. Miller, motion carried.

Minutes – Motion to accept D. Smitz, 2nd P. Miller, motion carried.

Correspondence – Invoices received for broadcast music (CRAF Center) for a total of \$406.27. C. Allen will present to HLRCC Board for a possible 50/50 split. This would allow the Chamber to play CD's on the Village sound system.

Treasurer Report – P. Miller – The Income & Expense Summary (through March 15, 2014) presented. Checking \$860.60, Savings \$357.20, Money Market \$47,846.92 for a total of \$49,064.72. Motion to accept C. Allen, 2nd D. Smitz, motion carried.

Reports: Old Business

Recreation Authority – S. Jock

- RMRA Web Page – Changes have been submitted and work will begin this month.
- 2014 Gazebo Concert Series – Received a grant from the Michigan Council of Art & Cultural Affairs for \$2,500. We will have a deficit of \$1,800. We hope to cover this with concert donations and concession income.
- Winter Workshop Series in conjunction with MSU 4H Extension – The last session will be held Saturday, March 22. They have been very successful.

New Business:

- DNR Grants – RMRA is not eligible for DNR Grants.
- RMRA Year End Financial Report 2013 presented.
- Insurance for RiverFest 2014 – RMRA will allow RiverFest to be under our insurance umbrella for this year's event to be held July 19-20, 2014. Any fees in addition to our current policy for this event will be paid by the RiverFest Committee.
- Can Drive – Bill Luck, Manager of Roscommon Family Fare, has agreed to work with us on a can drive fundraiser. The 'Ship' will be placed at a designated location in the Village for can donations. D. Smitz will check the availability of the Sunny Spot lot on Fifth Street. The "Yes We CAN Drive" will run from May 17-31, 2014 with proceeds going to the Metro Park Playground Fund.
- Summer Work Shop Activities – S. Jock has contacted T. Bosworth (Gahagan) to assist in planning children's activities for the summer. Some possible activities could include fishing / river activities (River Center), nature classes at Gahagan and a conservation series. The Julie Crick, Natural Resources Educator with MSU Extension will be contacted as a resource.
- Mackinac Bridge Tower Fundraiser – 24 Certificates are issued each year to non-profits to be used as a fundraiser. Requests for the 2015 year are due August 1, 2014. If received, the certificate will be raffled off, selling tickets for \$1.
- Metro Park Playground – Donation have been received from RAYBC \$2,500, VFW Ladies Aux, 4159 \$100, VFW Post 4159 \$60, Timothy & Antoinette Heliin \$150, MFMFC \$2,500. Higgins Township has budgeted at least \$5,000 toward the project.
- RiverFest 2014 Booth – Tabled until next May 14 meeting. This would give us an opportunity to promote the concert series, Playground fundraising, and RMRA.
- Jerry Adiar – Risk Management passed away last month.

- Independent Distributor Open House – to be held at the CRAF Center May 1, 2014 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Net proceeds will be split between RMRA and HLRCC.
- WUPS (Sindy Fuller) and Blarney Stone Broadcasting will be promoting the Gazebo Concert Series as sponsoring entities.
- Focus Group – Future of CRAF Center – Bruce Yannatta has tendered his resignation effective May 1, 2014. We will be meeting next week with Bruce and the staff to discuss concerns (cleaning, trustee supervision, security), Bruce also feels there should be a maintenance person who would also be responsible for cleaning and building repairs. The current program needs to be restructured. The RMRA board would like to ascertain what works, what doesn't work, what is good, what needs to be changed. We will also ask the staff to prepare job descriptions.

AuSable River Center – No Report

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – No report.

CRAF Center – B. Yannatta – Presented financial report as of February 28, 2014. The checking balance as of today is \$10,998.42, Savings \$18,032.44. The CRAF Center has had major expenses so far this year. Boiler pumps and hot water heater had to be replaced, snow removal and utilities bills are higher than normal due to the harsh winter. The vending machine has not been replaced due to financial concerns. Pickleball (a cross between tennis and ping pong) using wiffle balls will begin on a trial basis at the Center. There is no additional expense for the program.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – No Report

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn P. Miller, 2nd C. Allen. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will May 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen
Secretary