

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

March 16, 2020

Meeting called to order by Eric Hart at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Board Members present: E. Hart, K. Williams, D. Smitz, C. Hutek.

Guests: Pat Riss (CRAF Center), Ginny and Doug Nagel (ARC), Deanna Beardslee (ARC), Pam and Jim Tucker (ARC).

Public Comment:

Minutes of January 15, 2020 were approved as presented, motion K. Williams, 2nd D. Smitz, motion carried

Treasurer Report: none, no activity

Payment of Bills: none.

Correspondence: none.

New Business:

- Motion to adopt new bylaws as presented by K. Williams, 2nd D. Smitz, motion carried.
- Financial information for audit due, ARC have not yet submitted, they will by April 1.

Old Business:

- Waiting for State of Michigan to recognize the new Articles of Incorporation. New RARA director to be hired once Articles of Incorporation are filed.
- Final review and approval of RARA director job description, motion by K. Williams, 2nd by C. Hutek motion carried. Discussed advertising options: The municipal website, Zip Recruiter, Indeed, LinkedIn and Michigan Works.
- Advertising appointing new RARA board member. Sean Brabant showed interested, however did not attend meeting tonight.

Christmas in the Village

Pam Tucker reported that there is no new business with CIV.

AuSable River Center

The representatives of the ARC had questions about and presented their concerns about RARA centralizing the finances of all of the entities of RARA, including the River Center. The major concerns of the RC representatives were:

1. River Center funds remain separate from all of the other groups' funds. Pam Tucker requested that she be able to see how the funds are differentiated in quick books, and she felt more comfortable once she was told she could sit with Pat and review how that would look.
2. The volunteers at the River Center will continue to be able to use their funds as they see fit.
3. How funds will be accessible when they are needed for projects (i.e., will they still be allowed an account at the hardware, will the new director of RARA write checks for them, how will that process work).
4. Concerned was also expressed about the continued request by RARA for RC to be more involved, to increase volunteer time/hours through different activities.
5. It was asked again if it was possible to lease the RC building from RARA, to which K. Williams and E. Hart responded that would not be an option.

Ginny Nagle expressed that she felt better following this discussion, however a decision was not made, as there were RC members not present that would need to be informed. RC asked if the decision could wait until after their current canoe project and tickets sales be completed, which would be by mid summer.

CRAF

Pat Riss reported that the Center continues to do well, however is closed 3/30-4/6, open to members only, due to COVID-19 concerns. She also reported that there are 4 new stationary bikes, 6 new treadmills and one new stair climber. She also reported that the gas bill is reduced as she has kept the heat a bit lower, especially now that fewer people are coming and going.

Gahagan Nature Preserve

Not present

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by D. Smitz, 2nd by C. Hutek. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karrie Williams, Board Member