



Roscommon Area Recreation Authority (RARA)

May 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Jock at 7:00 p.m. at the AuSable River Center.

Board Members Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, D. Smitz, C. Hutek, S. Hinds Excused: E. Hart, K. Williams

Guests: Ben Talarico (New RARA Director), Tom Barber (Village Resident)

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting was approved as presented, motion D. Smitz, 2nd S. Hinds, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Attached. Motion to approve as presented C. Allen, 2nd C. Hutek, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- New RARA Director – Ben Talarico began 4/26/2021. He has been working with S. Jock familiarizing himself with RARA entities, staff, and procedures. Ben is exploring the many options available on promoting RARA in the area. Ben also discussed using Mind Body attributes for employee time clock, insurance charges and more.
- CRAF Center sealcoating - Two bids were received. C. Allen motioned, 2nd D. Smitz to accept the bid from Great Lakes Asphalt Sealcoating in the amount of \$2,993. Motion carried.
- RARA Website – B. Talarico discussed plans to have one new website incorporating all RARA entities. This would include calendars, event postings, and links to each entity.
- Brain Storming Session, future activities, events, upgrades –
 - Promote RARA and its contributions to the community by marketing what we provide to the community, to include: Music (providing BMI license), Summer Programs (Gazebo Concert Series, Farm Market) Tisdale Trail (grooming). Bring in what we offer now.
 - Provide programs for adults and children with disabilities, and veterans.
 - Offer day camps by establishing a parent/adult volunteer base.
 - Market the partnership with Gahagan Nature Preserve.
 - Design brochures, posters and signage to include a QR code to take users to our webpage.
 - Offer activities and events such as Pictures with Santa in the newly remodeled/decorated Fireplace Room at the AuSable River Center, Paint and Wine (take and paint), post rooms for rent.
 - Prepare a public service announcement of our non-profit status and offerings.
 - Possible afterschool program at the CRAF Center.
 - Paddle and snowshoe making at the River Center. CRAF Center currently offers fitness classes.
 - Offer after-school drop in basketball, boost kids programs such as cross fit training.
 - Overnight campout with an astronomy program.
 - Corn hole league, to include 'borrowing' of corn hole sets to be used in the village.
 - Host an adaptive paddling workshop for children.
 - Network with ROOC.
 - Create a snow maze.

- Work in conjunction with other area events such as the Firemen's Memorial Festival, Art Festival, Christmas in the Village (Santa Run) and Roscommon Canoe Classic.
- Beer brewing clinic
- DNR/BOW (Becoming Outdoor Women)
- Orienteering
- Parent/Child 5K
- Tisdale Trail (ski and hike)
- Tisdale Trail winter scavenger hunt
- Promote Concerts, Metro Park playground and ball fields.
- Boater/Hunter/Ice Fishing Safety classes
- Kids Calendar
- PROMOTE/BRAND OUR AREA. Who is our market: young, old disabled, veterans, residents and visitors? Get input from various age groups.

Old Business:

- Metro Park Playground Equipment – June 3, 4 PM, D. Smitz, S. Hines, Carl Jock will prepare site for installation. Piece installation is scheduled for June 5th, 9-12, Roscommon Rotary will assist.
- Engineered wood fiber will be ordered and distributed at Metro Park Playground at a cost of \$3,065. Motion C. Allen, 2nd C. Hutek, motion carried.
- Community Clean-up held May 1 included volunteers from the DDA, Rotary, RARA, NHS and the community, successful event
- Roscommon Canoe Classic follow up- \$386 (beverages) - \$261 (ticket sales) = \$125 profit, music \$200, we incurred at \$75 loss. Notes for next year, the 40th, beverage ticket signage, more/better advertising (radio, tv, website, signage), charge rent for the food truck, racer packets to include beverage tickets, hold the awards ceremony later, more activities for children (train rides, corn hole).

Member Comments/Reports

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – Received their 501c3, they are no long a RARA member

AuSable River Center – S. Jock – Renovations in the 'Fire Place Room' completed with \$10,000 grant from RCCF (paint, flooring, gas log fireplace and furniture) and a 4-zone sound system has been installed throughout the inside and outside of the ARC. The museum area has been cleaned and all 'artifacts' have been mounted on the walls, opening up the center for events. Rental Usage policies are being drafted.

CRAF Center – B. Talarico – Familiarizing himself with QuickBooks and procedures. Recommended CRAF Center front desk employees pay increase from \$9.87 to \$11 per hour and Jeff Baerlocher, trainer, also performs, maintenance, carpentry, painting, installs flooring pay increase from \$75 to \$85 per day. Motion C. Allen, 2nd S. Hines, motion carried.

Gahagan Nature Preserve- The land swap with the Village of Roscommon is complete pending redraft of deeds by the attorney. All activities are currently on hold due to Covid.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn S. Hines, 2nd D. Smitz. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting is July 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen, Secretary

2:39 PM
05/11/21
Accrual Basis

Roscommon Area Recreation Authority
Balance Sheet
As of May 11, 2021

	<u>May 11, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Checking	48,238.07
Chase Savings	50,049.01
Total Checking/Savings	<u>98,287.08</u>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	97.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>97.00</u>
Total Current Assets	98,384.08
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	3,501.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,501.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>101,885.08</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	55,869.86
Unrestricted Net Assets	19,888.72
Net Income	26,126.50
Total Equity	<u>101,885.08</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>101,885.08</u>