



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting
November 9, 2020 6.00pm
Virtual Teams Meeting**

Attendance: Kevin Barry, Bob Brown, Joan Strogen, Dick Clough, Dave Colson, Sheila Colson, Dale Bickford, Trey Scott, Dave Camire, Chris Bowlen, Steve Trepanier, Art Jacobs, DJ Poulin

Public Comments-None

Accept September Minutes

Dave Colson made a motion to accept the minutes, Dave Camire seconded. No further discussion.

Review Revenue and Expense Reports

Chris Bowlen reviewed the financial reports. Dale Bickford asked how it was going thus far. Chris Bowlen provided more detailed information to the group.

Arena – Review of Covid-19 operations in accordance with State of NH Guidance

Chris Bowlen provided information on the current status and gave a detailed timeline since we opened operations for the season. Chris also shared a spreadsheet with information on current user groups with stats and projections.

Dale Bickford asked about current covid-19 testing and who is responsible for tracking and holding records. Chris Bowlen explained the current process and responsibilities.

Dale Bickford asked about relief \$\$ from the state for Covid-19 closures and shutdowns. Chris Bowlen advised that there is no money at this current time.

Dave Camire asked if we had any new users groups inquire for ice time. Chris Bowlen said that Steve Trepanier is working with all groups for additional ice times or needs.

Kevin Barry asked about if a player test positive for Covid-19. What is the recourse? Chris Bowlen provided information on the protocol if this was to happen.

Dave Camire gave an update on the School Boards plans for the winter High School Sports with start dates.

Sheila Colson shared information on what the Athletic Directors in the area are thinking and spoke about an upcoming meeting that will provide more details for school board at their next meeting.

Chris Bowlen updated the commission on a recent site walk with High School Administration at the Arena. They are looking at using open air locker rooms instead of the traditional locker room.



Chris Bowlen updated the commission on alternative program ideas at the Arena for revenue this winter using a similar model as the Recreation Departments family programming.

Chris Bowlen asked the commission for support moving forward with the Arena plans for the rest of the season. The commission supported keeping the arena moving forward and to keep working on plans to help sustain the season for all users, especially the youth hockey groups.

Recreation-Review of Covid-19 fall indoor programming and winter program discussion

Art Jacobs addressed the commission on what has been currently going on at the Recreation Department for programming and what they are proposing for winter season approaching. This includes a plan for basketball that is non-traditional and more family based opportunities. No questions from the board.

Discussion with Atlantic Aquatics

DJ Poulin provide information on the possibilities of building an indoor pool facility in Rochester. He spoke in general about what it brings to a community, the demand for another indoor pool in the area and how that swim programs are growing rapidly. He also talked about companies that might be interested in funding such a project and how other businesses in the area would probably be on board.

Joan Stroger asked if there was need for more pools with one in Dover and at UNH. DJ responded that there is battle between different swim organizations to secure swim time and not enough facilities.

Dave Camire asked for more info for the group. DJ Poulin will provide information to the board and plan on attending another meeting at a later date.

Other

Next meeting will be December 14th at 6.00pm, location TBD (virtual or in-person).

Dale Bickford made a motion to adjourn at 7.09pm, seconded by Sheila Colson