

## **CARGILL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 21,2021**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Coleman, Cyndy Abell, Julie Chesney, Marlene Zettler, Stephanie Fortney, Carman Lippert, Willie Dales, Rose Weber and Mike Weber. Regrets from Sherry Cameron, Gail Lippert and James Lang.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair, Willie called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

### **PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**

None Reported

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cyndy read a thank you card from Marlene and Stephanie, thanking their CDCF family for the gifts and support after Ray Zettler's passing.

### **MINUTES:**

Rose moved the MOTION to accept the minutes from March 16, 2020 and August 26, 2021 meetings as circulated. Seconded by Julie. Carried. Cyndy asked Mark what is suppose to do with minutes from past years. He will find out for her.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

None

### **BROCKTON'S RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER TO COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Cyndy handed out the letter with Brockton's response from Fiona Hamilton, along with the list of wants we had submitted

-Mark reported on the response that he and his staff had recommended to council, and council has agreed to entering an agreement on the proposed items. He made note that they were very supportive and want to support us in any way form we continue to exist.

-It is their hope that we pursue the avenue of obtaining a Corporate Non-Profit status with a charitable status with the CRA. If we decide to go in that direction they will give us \$2000 towards our legal bill, for independent legal advice to help us navigate through the paperwork and the correct wording for our mandate and objectives.

-We will enter into a lease agreement for a 5 year term with options to renew allowing us use of the park and facilities free if the activity or event's proceeds go to directly to a Brockton or to the CCC.

- Events or activities where funds are not being directed to the Municipality or the park and it's amenities, our rental fee will reflect cost recovery only. Ex. Security, bar, and municipally staffing needs. All activities will be discussed at booking of the park.

-all bookings will continue to be booked through the Rec. Department. It was noted Brockton facilities are not open over the Christmas holidays and most Statutory Holidays.

-Carmen and Willie will make an inventory list of our items and items belonging to other organizations. Pennie will deal with the kitchen items, like Gary Lang's knives etc. Other organizations and our organization will have to come in to a storage agreement with Brockton and have insurance on the items.

-Our organization will need 5 million dollars' liability insurance and proof of the insurance yearly submitted to Brockton

-Going forward our organization can use the letters "CDCF". Brockton doesn't own them We will change the word FUND to FOUNDATION.

-past items that covid prevented us with dealing with: like memorial trees and Dutchie's bench and memorial can still happen but must run by Mark first.

-We will be allowed to use our trained and SIT bartenders at our own events. Security and bar bills can be worked out at each event.

-Brockton could let us know yearly what projects they are considering and we could offer to help raise funds toward a project or offer to raise funds for a project within the park that we suggest is needed.

-We will submit at list of events we are thinking of doing to the Rec Department-Going forward we have agreed we will become a Corporate Non-Profit with a Charitable Status through the CRA. We will approach Fiona for guidance and direction. Cyndy will let Fiona know and she can prepare the agreement when we get a decessate date decided.

-Cyndy made note that we would like to thank Brockton Council, Mark and all the staff for the generous gesture of appreciation in offering us financially support toward our legal bills. It was very generous considering the losses the Municipality took during covid. It certainly is very commendable and makes us feel like we made a difference in Brockton and Cargill for the good of all.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **HALL COMMITTEE:**

-Mark requested our input and thoughts on rental pricing being increased. Our only main concern is not to out price that people can't afford to hold an event at our facility. But at the same time, be able to make enough that the CCC and the park is well maintained to be

available to the community for use. We provided those amenities for the community to use. User fees for security, bar needs and staff requirements stay in place.

- Shaylyn Swan, the Program Coordinator is interviewing instructors and leaders for various programs. Pickle ball starts at the end of the month. Cyndy has been in discussion with Shaylyn about senior programs and recruiting Greenock seniors as volunteers. Hope is that some programs can get up and running this fall.

-The Lawn Bowlers are receiving help from Brockton until they get their Non Profit Status so they can go after grants.

-EhTel is expanding their fibre internet service throughout the communities. Behind the bowler's shed a building is erected for the service hub. In return free high speed internet for the park for life and Brockton receives a yearly payment.

#### **-FOOD COMMITTEE:**

Rose reported:

-there is no Christmas Brunch in the plan because of Covid restrictions

-She asked about the cleanliness of the kitchen. Mark assured her that that the staff are constantly monitoring the kitchen and disinfecting it.

#### **SPORTS COMMITTEE:**

Stephanie reported:

-Ball teams will now book diamonds through the rec department

-Suzanne Brown has the team names and fees for next year

#### **PARK IMPROVEMENT**

-Brockton staff now look after the CCC and the park grounds and amenities. Mark reported that they will have to eventually get a camera down the drain.

#### **FUNDING & SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Carmen reported :

-A number of donation plaques around the building from various projects had the names copied and placed on the back wall is completed.

-Outstanding 2007 memorial plaques were taken to Cox Sign. Carmen will follow up to see when they will be completed.

-Cally Mann sent out a letter requesting we consider fund raising for the "Market Garden". Mark reported that Brockton purchased the lot beside Walker's Landing. A professional

landscape architect was hired and plans made for a meeting, greeting space with a water feature, benches and tables and gardens. The BIA can hold events there also. They have a committee and plans were approved and work started this fall and will be completed in the spring. The cost will be \$239,000 and most of the money but not all has been secured through donations from Bruce Power, the Wong family, Brockton and various other donations from business and individuals. Willie suggested we may be interested to help with this project once we get up and running as a foundation.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **PICKIN BY THE POND:**

Cyndy reported that the Pickin by the Pond Committee has dissolved. Many members are stepping away leaving many committees with no leadership and help. Marlene stated that there is an interest if we want to revamp the festival in the future. Cyndy is constantly being approached by musicians who would love to play in Cargill. All financials have been cleared up. Mike reported that McKay's will not rent us any land in the future. It is a hope once we do get our committee organized that we can revamp this festival in some way because it is a good money maker.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

-Approached about an Outdoor Craft Show next month. Use of picnic shelter and washrooms would be allowed. Walkerton has 12 pop up tents that she could rent.

-Dutchie's Bench-Stephanie reported that there was money left in the Cargill Area News bank account and the family agreed on a park bench. Stephanie reported the specially designed bench is done. Willie will store it for the winter and in the spring a base can be made for it and it be placed by the falls. We will approach the family and maybe we could hold a memorial event at the same time for Dutchie. Plans will have to be reported to the Rec Dept.

-Keys- We will all be required to hand in our keys when we dissolve, but for now we keep them.

List of Possible Events the New Committee may hold in 2022

-4 Breakfast/Brunches, Boys Night Out (Cyndy has booked)

Ladies Day Night-2-3 suppers Christmas Event-Not booked yet )

Cargill Homecoming plus organizing committee meetings set up and tear down of the event-not booked yet

With our agenda covered, Mark left for the Council meeting and invited us to stay and continue discussions amongst ourselves.. Meeting ended at 6:10

**Next Meeting is November 21, 2021 at 5 pm at the CCC**

Cyndy Abell CDCF Secretary

**Approved November 23,2021**