

Springside Recreation Association General Meeting

Date: March 12, 2024

Location: Springside Ridge Runner Arena

Board Members Present: Charlotte Ward, Jessie Banks, David Sutter, Kathy Novak, Chuck Allary, Mike Biblow (arrived at 7:21 pm)

Board Members Absent: Jim Graves, Bob Steffenson, Al Langley

General Members Present: Elmer Tetz, Bernie Draper

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson, Jessie Banks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes:

2024/05 Charlotte Ward/Chuck Allary

THAT the Minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Financial Update as of February 29, 2024, a total of \$103,731.43 in the following accounts:

Raffle:	\$13,238.60 (balance accounts for outstanding cheques)
Bingo:	\$362.72
General:	\$90,130.11

2024/06 David Sutter/Chuck Allary

THAT the Financial Update be accepted as presented

CARRIED.

Updates from Community Groups:

Springside Trail Club: David Sutter reported that the weather has made for a very short season – each time they are able to groom the trails, they melt away. Obviously, this had made it impossible to get them packed down. However, they are just looking at this year as a “practice year” and look forward to being able to do more next year. That being said, people seemed excited to get out on the trails as at least 10-15 people were out to enjoy them before they deteriorated. Signage to keep snow mobiles off the trails will be a requirement for next year. The constitution of the group is in process.

Skating Club: Charlotte Ward reported that the Skating Club had a successful year – they got a good nine weeks of skating in, made up some lesson time due to the melting conditions at the end of January. Pancake breakfast went well, carnival was good, despite the weather. Wind up meeting will be happening soon.

Youth Rec Hockey: Charlotte Ward also reported on Youth Rec Hockey – 25 kids registered which was twice what they anticipated! Their improvement over the season in all these young skaters was awesome to see! If the registration remains as high next year, they will look at running two – one hour sessions rather than one – 1.5 hour session.

Springside Seniors: Bernie Draper reported that the long-awaited Bingo Machine finally arrived – they need to turn the pressure down on the machine because when they first turned the machine on balls were flying everywhere! Bernie also advised that the Seniors are looking at starting a regular wellness check at the drop-in centre. They plan to have a Medical Facilitator attend to check blood pressure, blood sugar, etc. While they will charge a small fee for participants to attend, they will likely look to SRA for funding to assist with this program.

Tim Werner Memorial Tournament: Mike Biblow reported that due to the warm weather we had in early February the Tim Werner Memorial Tournament was re-scheduled for March 9, 2024. Thankfully, the ice held, it was a great day and the organizers are looking at setting up some type of scholarship or bursary (with a focus on wildlife) in Tim’s memory from the proceeds.

Discussion:

Funding Requests

The following funding requests were reviewed at the meeting:

Springside School – Requested funding for worn and broken equipment. Although they have received most of the funding from the School Community Council, they will not quite cover the overall cost of netting, volleyballs and badminton equipment and need \$600.00 for those expenses. They are also replacing the hockey nets at a cost of \$555.00 for two nets.

Board members felt this aligned perfectly within the mandate of SRA funding.

2024/07 David Sutter/Jessie Banks

THAT the following disbursements are made from the Raffle Account:

Springside School \$1,155.00

CARRIED.

Open Hearts & Wallets Fundraiser Update

- We received a couple more donations so the total raised is now \$77,551.00.
- Mike has three applications out for grants.

Off Leash Dog Park

- Letter from Mercedes & Laura Ross

Board members felt that dog owners have the opportunity to let their dogs off leash just outside of the Town on grid roads, etc., therefore a dog park is not a priority at present.

Pickleball at the Rink

At the request of Sharon Breitkreuz of the Springside Community Resource Centre, David Sutter reported that a Pickleball Clinic hosted by the Resource Centre was held on March 2, 2024 at the School Gym with 12 people attend. The school gym only allows for one court to be used and a larger facility would be helpful. The Resource Centre wondered if the SRA would have an issue with them using the rink in the off season for pickleball. They would have to either paint the lines with water soluble paint or use tape. SRA recommended that users are told that only water bottles would be allowed on the ice surface and that water-soluble paint would likely be the best option. Members suggested that the group now approach the Town for final approval and an indication of rental rates for the ice surface.

SRA Bingo

- Kathy Novak and Chuck Allary are spearheading this project. They are going into it knowing that bingo will not be a huge money maker, but will be a community service.

