

MASSENA JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF March 8, 2022, MEETING

Dave McLennan called the regular monthly meeting of the Joint Recreation Commission to order at 3:00 pm at the Massena Arena, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In attendance were John Horan, John Meddings, and Gary Gushlaw. Village Liaisons Christine Winston and Francis Carvel were present. Town Liaison Tom Miller was present as well as Recreation Director Mike McCabe. No members of the press were present. A guest was present at this meeting, Mr. Vince George

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous month, motion was made by Gary Gushlaw and seconded by John Horan. This motion was approved by all board members.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. George wanted to focus an incident that took place during the boys' varsity game on February 11th, a girl was sitting in the stands and got hit with a puck. This guest was very concerned about future problems that could occur if we did not have netting and would like board members to investigate netting around the arena.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mike McCabe

Everyone had on hand, a copy of the financial report as well as the breakdown in revenues for the month of January:

- **Arena Ice Fees** – Up \$800 on the month, up \$4,800 on the year to date.
- **Rec Skate Fees**- Down \$700 on the month and down \$800 on the year to date.
- **Commissions** – Up \$120 on the month and up \$1,200 on the year to date.
- **Sponsors** – Up on the month and up on the year to date.
- **Recreation Commissions** – Up on the month and up on the year to date.
- **Concession** – Up about \$8,900 on the month and up \$45,000 on the year to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Massena Mite Shootout – Massena Mite Shootout took place Saturday February 12th, there were twenty-four teams total, 8 red, 8 white, 8 blue. These games were from 8:00am – 8:30pm and included teams from Plattsburgh, Chazy, Lysander, Watertown, Potsdam, Canton, Ogdensburg, and Louisville. This tournament was very profitable in concession, we made approximately \$2,000.

MFSC Ice Show – Sunday February 13th Figure Skating had a one hour show and the show began at 1:00pm. They rent the ice most of the day from 8:00am-4:00pm because they must set up and then also take down. The title of the show was, *The Games We Played*.

Broomball Playoffs/Tournament – Broomball playoffs took place on February 26th and 27th, broomball was a four-team league. Therefore, broomball had seven slots and did a double elimination during the tournament. There was supposed to be a tournament, Northern Shootout, that was going to take place on March 5th, and 6th. Canadian teams would have to get tested to

go back into Canada and they did not want to pay the cost therefore, the tournament was canceled.

March House League – March House League started on Sunday March 5th, we have three divisions including 8U, 12U, and 15U and all the slots are filled. We have gone to three teams for 15U house league because we had a large turnout. March league takes place on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from around 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Holiday Ice Sponsors – During the months of November and December, we did a promotion to requested ice sponsors for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and February break. During February Break the week of February 21st till the 25th we had free public skate. We had five sponsors left; therefore, each sponsor had an individual day of sponsorship. We also had a good turn out even on the days where the weather was not so nice.

3 Rivers Bike Trail – Peter Dibble is interested in creating bike trails around Massena, this would include three 10-mile bike trails. We have been communicating our ideas back and forth about the specific phases that are necessary as well as signage. For example, we were looking into a bike trail out by the s-curves and Power Authority. There is also a potential for cycle cross events, competitions, this will also bring in tourists. Looking into walking trails as well to see if that could be apart of the grant that downtown received.

NEW BUSINESS

Girls 10U & 12U Tournament – The 10U and 12U girl's tournament will take place March 12th and 13th. There will be four local teams competing in the 10U bracket and four in the 12U bracket. These teams include, Malone, Potsdam, Canton, and Massena, this tournament will have us booked both days from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Bantam Tournament – Bantam A and Bantam B have a joint tournament and this tournament will take place on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. This tournament includes four A teams and eight B teams, these teams are coming from Rochester, Rome, Saratoga, St. Albans, and then local teams. We will be using the Massena Arena for most of the games scheduled but we are also using the Norfolk Arena for a few games as well.

Figure Skating Test Session & Invitational – Figure Skating Test Session is an all-day event on Friday March 25th. The Invitational is an all-day event on Saturday March 26th and Sunday March 27th will be an end of the year fun day for parents and skaters. They will begin their spring school later in the day Sunday March 27th. After March 27th their spring school will be during the month of April on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with fourteen hours of rentals through the week each week of April.

Budget Update – The budget was submitted in January, a meeting with the mayor took place on Wednesday March 2nd. The mayor said there could potentially be some changes happening to the submitted budget and will communicate any changes that take occur. The management portion of the contract is seen to be signed soon. The budget work session time is April 5th Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

Ice Schedule/End of Season – We are planning to keep the ice in until the first weekend in May. Figure Skating Spring School will likely end with another test session which could take

place the last weekend of April or the first weekend of May. We are also looking into doing an April House League as well.

Massena Minor Hockey Board Meeting – A proposal was made to investigate what it would cost to put in refrigeration out at the Annex and have the Annex covered with a roof to be able to have the Annex consistently. This would allow for more rentals throughout the season.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12th, 2022 @ 3pm at the Massena Arena.

Motion to adjourn and hold Executive Session was made by Gary Gushlaw seconded by John Horan and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.