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Oct 20<sup>th</sup> is rescheduled date for Apple Day.

1. Additional Program offerings through the City of Ottawa:

Kim Cleevely and Natalie brought forward a number of ideas for next summer including

- bringing in summer camps next summer.
- kids out-program (ie, Saunders Farm)
- babysitting course

All program offerings must be entered in November for 2008 Spring and Summer. Currently running Ball Hockey and Soccer/T-ball. Employment opportunities do exist for 16 and up. Kim handed out the flyer advertising current available jobs. Summer camps don't work in Constance Bay. In Carp parents provided feedback indicating more specialized camps were needed (more out-trips, bigger/special guests...ie, Vet camp, CSI Camp, etc.). If we offer camps, it will be full day camps

Natalie runs adult and senior programs. She is interested in Yoga and other exercises for seniors. Kim will send Natalie/Kim contacts for instructors (dance, yoga, etc.). Natalie is interested in offering more senior programs in our area. Suggestions are welcome.

The floor was opened to collect other ideas for offerings at the DCC. Suggestions include,

- Can Bike (for kids),
- Babysitting course,
- First Aid,
- something for 13yr olds (ie, dinner and a movie, etc.)

Concern rose about public skate times in Kinburn, as well as no skate times being available for school holidays. This is sending the wrong message about our new arena – not being available for community use.

Action: Send complaints regarding Kinburn rink to Kim/Natalie.

Send dates for outdoor hockey signup to Kim, who can come here to communicate City offerings.

## 2. Soccer Issues

Represented costs we are paying to other sources (City, Jakes Lawncare, etc.), we were faced with the bulk of cost for Talons, then for house league, very little for Micro, and a little bit more for Women's league. Total for maintenance of the fields is \$8,672, which makes up about half of our budget. Based on the numbers, we are reimbursing soccer for lawn cutting/lining at the high school.

339 kids went through the house league. Cost excludes equipment. Kinburn rents out their fields to Talons. Debbie will check and see if anyone else rents out their fields to Talons. 2 days out of 5 is house league at DCC.

Darryl is still trying to set up meeting with the Soccer Assoc. Cost last year was \$85/child; \$35 goes to the community associations. If Talons is costing DCA more money, either we need to charge Soccer more for Talon or drop field availability to make house league our priority.

Suggestions is that we should look at \$6,000 next year as a user fee, plus reimbursement for the costs.

Other suggestion is to charge a Community Fee. Other Community Associations charge a \$25 fee; playing soccer in Dunrobin is the best deal in town with no additional fee.

Overall budget for the Centre is declining. We need to do something to generate more participation and cash-flow for the Association. Reason we do not charge is that we don't have enough volunteers to track who has paid, how much was paid, etc.

## 3. Recruiting / Promotion / Newsletter

What do we do to bring more people out to meetings?

City will put a line at the back of the book offering a contact name/number and indicate we are looking for help.

'List Serve' email directory is another option (Soccer Assoc uses this). Fee is approx \$150. Could be built into the registration process. Debbie will get more info and pass on.

Newsletter could also go out, asking people what kind of programs people want to see. Newsletter effectiveness not high. High School kids could go door to door (for community service hours) filling in questionnaire or standing outside a store, etc. Could also ask if they would be interested in participating in the DCA meetings to raise awareness, etc., and build an email list to help communicate upcoming programs. Kim C has a template that she can forward to Angie. Angie offered to bring the survey together. Could also have it available for hockey signup. It was agreed that we should

survey the community. Going door-to-door is not recommended. Signing up to be at the Dunrobin Store/liquor store is a good idea. Survey needs to only be done if participant is a resident of Dunrobin. Objective of the survey is to get more information about what to offer, and also get more people involved in the Association, and get an email list pulled together for community happenings.

Recognizing volunteers is also important. Simple 'thank you note' is good. Newsletter would be good communication after survey is completed. Pam offered to pull together information for a newsletter.

#### 4. Budget:

- sent to the city they have some concerns with some of the numbers
- Darryl will forward the info to Doug

City budget process is starting. We may need to defend the funding we have by lobbying politicians to include community associations as 'core services'.

#### 5. New Business:

Vandalism took place prior to the Thanksgiving weekend. It was reported to our community police and City 311 number. Garbage cans were spread all over the place, ice hut was spray painted, front light stolen and light by kitchen is broken.

New Community Police Officer – Jennifer Bolch has replaced Kevin Birmingham, part of realignment. This is a 5 year rotation. Suggestion to bring the new Community Police Officer to one of our meetings for introductions, safety tips, community update, etc.

November meeting is first Tuesday of month. Will send out reminder, ensure Barry and Ross will be here.