

Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre
September 12, 2018

1. Attendance:

Present: Pamela Gaudette, Larry TerMarsch, Mieke Mahood, Cheryll Stott and Lorne Troutman

Regrets: Lynn Miller

Guest: Lianne Cheliak Pembroke Duplicate Bridge Club (PDBC).

- 2.** Representing the PDBC, Lianne Cheliak presented a proposal to enter into a partnership with Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre. The PDBC is looking for a venue Tuesday evenings from 6 pm until 10 pm to host their duplicate games. The Centre's facility is a perfect fit for the bridge club members, easy access, good parking, and on the main floor: entrance, playing area, washrooms, kitchen and excellent lighting. The greatest majority of their players are 50+. For any potential players under 50 (which currently are none), will be handled at that time; increased activity fee for them could be a possibility. Lianne presented 2 options for the board to consider:

- a. All PDBC players 50+ would become members of the Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre, by completing the membership form and paying the annual fee. The cost per player, per game, would include \$1.00 fee paid to the Centre. The game would be open to ALL Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre members. For casual visitors (very few – cottagers during the summer &/or out of town visitors) would pay their nightly fee from which \$2.00/person would go to the Centre and would limit these players to so many games/year.

Or

- b. The PDBC would remain a separate entity and request a modified rental option. The amount/person would be agreed upon by both parties. Although simpler to administer, this option, does not truly foster partnership and collaboration.

The benefits to the Centre financially would include both increased membership and daily participation fees. It allows the Centre to offer a well-run, accredited program for its members without having to manage the operation itself. As well, bridge members would have an opportunity to learn more about the Centre and participate in other

activities. Benefits to their members include providing a safe and welcoming environment and introducing them through their membership to the activities at the Centre, as well as PDBC would benefit from the exposure of their club through the Centre's monthly newsletter. If feasible the PDBC would like to request a short trial period for the first 3 weeks of December. This also would allow them to introduce their members to the facility and determine if the "fit" is right for both parties. The cost (activity fee) for these 3 weeks TBD.

In discussion, there is the issue of the easels up in the main floor activity room on Tuesdays and the takedown and setup for this activity. Lorne will talk to Ruth and Garth if they are able to do this task, or come up with an alternative.

Moved by Lorne Troutman, second by Cheryll Stott to proceed with the Pembroke Duplicate Bridge Club's proposal with the following amendments: The Centre's annual membership fee and form be submitted for each of their members 50+, there would be no limit for guests to play, for members under 50+ an increased activity fee would be applicable. As a trial basis, the PDBC will be offered to try out the Centre for the first three weeks in December. Carried.

ACTION: Lorne to talk to the cleaning contractors to make them aware of the activity on Tuesday evenings to 10 p.m., as well as come to an agreement on the takedown of the easels and setup of the smaller tables.

3. Board Meeting dates:

- October 10 @ 2 p.m.
- November 14, 2018 @ 2 p.m.
- January 9, 2019 @ 2 p.m.
- February 13, 2019 @ 2 p.m.
- March 13, 2019 @ 11 a.m. ELECTIONS
- April 10, 2019 @ 2 p.m.
- May 8, 2019 @ 2 p.m.
- June AGM date TBD @ 11 a.m.

4. **Christmas Dinner & Dance Friday December 14, 2018** –The date was confirmed the Legion will be donating the hall again this year for the Centre’s annual Christmas Dinner & Dance. Last year the cost of the tickets were \$25./members; \$30/guests. Arlene to confirm with Wendy Dagenais the cost of the meal. Landry & Madill have been booked at a cost of \$400.00. Depending if there was a substantial increase of the meal cost, the price of the tickets may have to be adjusted.
5. **Closing dates for Christmas** –
 - The Centre will be closed Monday December 24 – January 4, 2018 inclusive, reopening January 7/19
6. **Victoria’s Christmas Tea November 18, 2018.** – Sheila Moeller has offered to facilitate this event. At this time there has been no entertainment confirmed. Pam suggested the Military Wives choir. This suggestion will be forwarded to Sheila.
7. **Insurance policy due January 2019** – Larry is aware of the renewal and will investigate prices.
8. **Hall request September 26, 2018 evening** – Leigh Costello from the Canadian Cancer Society has submitted request for consideration of waiving the rental fee to incorporate an Educational Awareness Event for woman in Pembroke on the topic of breast cancer. She is currently recruiting 1 or 2 speakers for this event who will be experts in the field of cancer treatment, prevention and/or research. This event will be open to the public and of course our members at no cost (although opportunities for donations to the Canadian Cancer Society will be available). After the letter of intent was received, Leigh did call and had to cancel the event, however, she would like to reschedule at a later date. Leigh did ask for consideration of waiving the fee for a future date. **Moved by Cheryl Stott, seconded by Lorne Troutman, the rental fee be waived for a future presentation offered by the Canadian Cancer Society. Carried.**
9. **Request from Adam Gunter City of Pembroke Council Candidate:** Mr. Gunter requested permission to come into the Centre and talk and mingle with our members on talk of their concerns about the City from the senior point of view. In an email response to Mr. Gunter, an invitation was extended to meet with the Finance and Advocacy Committee meeting on September 27th at 10:30 a.m. It was also noted in the email that he was welcome to visit the Centre but to keep in mind everyday has different activities and attendance

numbers. Arlene attached September's newsletter in the email for him to determine which day he would like to attend. To date no response.

10. Active Living Centre Funding – A letter from the Ministry of Senior Affairs was received stating there was no outstanding balance owing for 2017-2018. As of this meeting date, there has been no communication received for the 2018-2019 funding or special grant amount.

11. Zumba Gold – Dan Conner has volunteered his time as a certified Zumba Gold instructor to lead this activity on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. beginning Tuesday October 3, 2018. As an introduction, it will be requested to provide an honorarium to Dan in the amount of \$250.00, to be covered by the City under their New Horizon Grant. Daily activity fee applies. **Moved by Mieke Mahood, seconded by Cheryl Stott to request a honorarium from the City of Pembroke's Recreation Department New Horizon Grant for Seniors. Carried.**

12. Two lunch n' learn with Bank and Shaw Woods - Meridian Credit Union has a list of topics that a representative will come and present. One suggestion was Wills and POAs. Pam would like to invite Shaw Woods to give a presentation and an honorarium be presented, funds to be requested from the City of Pembroke New Horizon budget. Gerry Lett a Centre's member and a representative of the Retired Teachers of Ontario has offered to present Elder Abuse. Gerry will be finalizing the presentation details i.e. available dates and times with his committee and someone will be in touch with Arlene. It was suggested to contact local caterers i.e. The Kitchen, Little Things Canning Co. and Buns Master for quotes to supply a lunch for the presentation with the funds being subsidized by the City of Pembroke's Recreation Dept. under their New Horizon Grant account.

13. Garage Sale – Mieke reported a record amount of \$2550.00. There were some items left over so there is still some money coming in. Mieke has requested a thank you note in the newsletter for everyone's assistance this year. There were a great group of volunteers on Friday and Saturday, some new who voiced their appreciation of being asked to come out and help.

14. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.