

SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

January 9, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Vice- Chair
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Mr. Timothy Rissesco
Ms. Diane Kokesh
Mr. Stuart Jolliffe
Mr. Jonathan Wilkie
Mr. Colin Richardson

REGRETS: Mr. Jeff Ransome
Ms. Lisa Monk

STAFF: Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Community and Recreation
Services
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager Events and Cultural Initiatives
Mr. Paul Forrest, Coordinator, Civic Events
Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	CALL TO ORDER.....	3
2.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26, 2012.....	3
3.	APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.....	3
4.	BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE	3
5.	CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS.....	3
5.1	Equipment and Operating Reserve Funds.....	3
6.	CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS-NONE	3
7.	REPORTS	3
7.1.	Exception Clause Report – Verbal.....	3
7.2	Committee Members.....	4
7.2.1	Quorum for Special Events	4
8.	ADDED ITEMS.....	4
8.1	Bluenose Squash.....	4
9.	NEXT MEETING DATE – February 6, 2013.....	5
10.	ADJOURNMENT	5

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26, 2012

Councillor McCluskey noted that on page five of the minutes the NHL Top Prospects games was listed as 2012 and should be listed as 2013.

MOVED by Ms. Kokesh, seconded by Mr. Wilkie that the October 26, 2012 minutes be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Equipment and Operating Reserve Funds

MOVED by Mr. Jolliffe, seconded by Councillor McCluskey to defer the matter until the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS-NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1. Exception Clause Report – Verbal

Mr. Paul Forrest, Coordinator Civic Events, presented a verbal update on events that fell under the exception clause. He noted that in the last year there were several events that were ineligible for funding because they did not fall under the current policy and there was a freeze on Hallmark events. He advised the Committee that there were eight applications for the 2013 year that would be ineligible under the current rules and included the following:

- Halifax Comedy Fest
- Holiday Parade of Lights
- Word on the Street
- Atlantic Fringe Festival

- Multicultural Festival
- Nocturne: Art at night
- Aileen Meagher International Track Classic
- Epic Dartmouth

Discussion ensued with staff responding to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Mr. Rissesco, seconded by Ms. Kokesh to allow the eight (8) events that are considered ineligible for funding in 2013 to apply for consideration of funding under the exception clause. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Committee Members

7.2.1 Quorum for Special Events

The Legislative Assistant advised that the Committee had issues of obtaining Quorum at recent meetings. He also advised that the Halifax Chamber of Commerce was not reoffering to fill their vacant position on the Committee.

The Committee noted that there were questions regarding conflict of interests, and quorum could be lost at a meeting when a member declared conflict of interest. It was decided that Committee members would forward their legal type questions regarding conflict of interest to the LA and the questions could be discussed at the next meeting.

Members of the Committee discussed the Halifax Chamber of Commerce not reoffering to continue work with the Special Events Advisory Committee and discussed possible replacements.

MOVED by Mr. Jolliffe, seconded by Mr. Wilkie that members of SEAC put forward a list of possible industry related replacements for the vacant Halifax Chamber of Commerce position on the Committee to be considered at the February SEAC meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Bluenose Squash

A staff report dated October 29, 2012 and a staff email dated December 5, 2012 was before the Committee.

Mr. Forrest advised that he had received a request from the Bluenose Squash group to inquire if the Special Events Advisory Committee would reconsider their application as they were unable to meet the criteria for an award as set out by SEAC at the October

26, 2012 meeting. He noted that most groups had previously were able to meet the criteria for funding as set out by the committee and this was the first time a group had not done so.

Mr. Richardson asked staff if the group was rescored, would they currently meet the score that would award them some funding.

Staff advised that the Bluenose group could be rescored at the request of the Committee but also reminded the Committee that they had previously passed a motion that once the Committee made a recommendation, that recommendation would be final.

Mr. Rissesco stated that he felt that the event merited a small contribution as it would attract a different crowd of tourism to the City.

Mr. Joliffie expressed his support of groups trying to increase the audience and size of events but did not know what the economic impact would be coming from the event.

Further discussion ensued with the Committee debating the merits of supporting or not supporting the event.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Mr. Rissesco that the Special Events Advisory Committee request the Bluenose Squash group submit an amended application detailing their new event plan for the February 2013 SEAC meeting in order to secure funding for the event.

Further discussion ensued. The Chair requested that in anticipation of a close vote, for Committee members to raise their hand for the vote on the motion on the floor.

MOTION DEFEATED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 6, 2013.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Quentin Hill
Legislative Assistant