

5.2 ONGOING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Blair advised that in 2022 the following programs/events were held at the Community Centre:

- **Tops:** 10 – 12 people attended this program and they met weekly
- **Yoga:** 10 – 12 people attended this program and they met weekly. Sherry is helping Donna with Yoga.
- **Darts:** This is still ongoing for the current year; 10-20 ppl attend
- **Fitness:** 12-15 people attend and this is held every Monday and Thursday. Andrea Chappell has joined as a new fitness instructor. Andrea has completed her course with Nova Scotia Fitness.

Pre-Covid Events:

- Music Night and Crib: These two activities have not started back up. Blair asked if anyone would like to take the lead role to start them back up. If anyone is interest, please contact Blair.
- Tai Chi: This program is not expected to start back up due to a death.

Q: An audience member asked if the coffee club has started back up.

A: No, a coffee club has not yet started back up.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 TIDNISH FESTIVAL REPORT

The 2022 Tidnish Festival was a very successful festival. This is a FREE festival for everyone. Cavendish Farms has signed on again for this year's festival. We are all looking forward to this year's festival with big corporate help, new and old ideas, and new volunteers.

Revenue Received 2022:

Donations:	\$13,590.00	Canteen:	\$4,600.00
Donair Night:	\$ 2,300.00	Ball Teams:	\$ 805.00
Bake Sale:	\$ 1,232.00	Boat Race:	\$ 500.00
Art Gallery:	\$ 261.00	Tips:	\$ 37.00
Yard Sale:	\$ 743.00		

Expenses for 2022: \$10,356.69

Net Income for 2022: \$15,332.06

6.2 ART GALLERY

Cathy Thurston said they had a great season in 2022 and they are sad that they will not be there this year due to a number of people retiring.

Rod explained that a proposal for the use of the Art Gallery building has been accepted. A two year lease has been signed with Nicole Burke who will be operating a Scoop Shack. There is conversations about a possible coffee club being held in the building as well.

Cathy Thurston said that she will drop off some pamphlets for tourists.

Q: An audience member asked if the Ship railway display will be maintained.

A: Yes it will continue to be maintained and will remain in the Art Gallery building for the next two years.

6.3 WILD GAME SUPPER

We are now on the 7th year for the Wild Game Supper. The Wild Game Supper was another huge success. Tickets were sold out within a half hour of going on sale. Fewer tickets were sold this year to prevent overcrowding. The total amount of tickets sold was 180. An audience member said this was the best one yet!!!!

Revenue Received:

Ticket Sales:	\$5,0370.00	Silent Auction:	\$4,640.00
Donations:	\$3,780.00	50/50 Tickets:	\$ 542.50

Expenses:	\$1,433.61	Net Income:	\$12,857.31
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6.4 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ian and Marjorie MacLean have donated their time to audit the books of the Association. They gave the report for the fiscal year stating that there were no issues or discrepancies, and that everything looked great.

6.5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Nancy present the Financial Report for the 2022 fiscal year. Nancy stated that the Non Charitable report has been submitted and the Joint Stock does not get submitted until after the AGM, which said report will be mailed out this evening.

Nancy stated that the memberships are up for 2022.

Darts: The revenue for darts is down because nine new dart boards have been purchased.

All lights have been replaced to LED along with new fans. Thank you to Jack for taking on this project and working with NS Efficiency.

With the help from the Municipality of receiving \$43,500.00, the Community Center was able to purchase the ball field. We have received the deed and now are proud owners of the ball field.

The Municipality approved the purchasing of new picnic tables for the ball field which amounted to \$1,555.00.

Marjorie MacLean thanked all of the board members for working so hard to make this so successful.

Moved by Marjorie MacLean and seconded by Kim Fielding to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

6.6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rod gave his report:

“Dear Members and Fellow Board Members, I am pleased to once again deliver my report to the AGM. I would like to begin by thanking the board and our numerous volunteers for their dedication, support and hard work on our association’s behalf. Every one of them goes above and beyond for this community, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

This past year has seen our organization get back to normal with the resumption of many of our programs and fundraising activities following the dark days of covid. It has been a year of great achievements. Having our largest and most successful Tidnish Festival ever, the purchase of the ball field from Rick Plett, and our most profitable Wild Game Supper yet to mention just a few highlights.

It has also been a year where we experienced great sorrow with the loss of Ali Holthoff our great friend, fellow volunteer and co-chair of the Wild Game Supper since its beginning. We truly believe and know that her spirit is here watching over us in all that we do.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Rick Plett for being so easy and gracious to work with on the ball field purchase. Rick was very clear from day one that he wanted the community to have the land in their name. I really think some days that if it had been anyone but Rick the outcome might not have been so positive for us. Thank you Rick.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Mayor, Murray Scott and my fellow members of council who had enough faith in our organization to unanimously approve my request for funding so this land can now, and until the end of time, be owned by the community that worked so hard to see a long ago dream become a reality. Thank you also to Tanya Tuttle Comeau for chairing our community fundraising committee and all the work they do. Thank you to our many corporate sponsors. Without you, no one of this would be possible.

Looking to the year ahead, our board is now looking at ways to give back to the community as a way of saying THANK YOU for all the support over the years. New ideas and programs will hopefully be rolled out over the next few months, which we hope folks will enjoy and look forward to participating in. We really want the hall to be a much busier, vibrant part of the community. We are also working to build ties with community groups like the Fire Department and are very happy that we now have a board member from the Fire Department in our group once again.

As a board, we continue to advocate on behalf of the community with letters written to government ministers and local officials regarding the sanding of the Tyndal Road and the Swinging Bridge.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Jim Langille for his service to our board. Under his guidance, we made great strides in our community engagement and memberships. Thank you Jim. Thank you to the new board members who will step up here shortly and offer their service to your community. It is great to see new faces and growth on our board. I can only say two things now: I am so looking forward to another great year and thank you for the past year.”

-Rod Gilroy, President

Sanding on Tyndal Road: Rod explained that many letters have been sent out to different departments to deal with this issue. This issue is still ongoing and there is a meeting coming up regarding this.

Swinging Bridge: Rod has had several meeting with Mayor, Tory Rushton, and Elizabeth McCrossin. All have been on site to look at the bridge. The assessments are currently being updated.

Q: An audience member asked if, once the bridge is fixed, will it still remain as a multi use bridge or become a walking bridge.

A: In order to receive funding to repair the bridge, it is required that it remain a multi use bridge.

Q: An audience member asked if the bridge will remain a swinging bridge once repaired.

A: Yes, the bridge will look the same as it is now.

Q: An audience member asked what the “other two projects” were that Rod indicated in his report.

A: The sanding on the Tyndal Road and the Swinging Bridge.

Q: An audience member asked if the Town of Amherst is involved in the decision of the sanding of the Tyndal Road because of the water.

A: Yes.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

All present board member have agreed to stay on the board.

Beth Dobson, Kim Fielding and Brian MacDonald have volunteered to join the board as new members. Kayla Hazel will be on the board as the liaison for the TBFD.

A motion was made to accept all new volunteers to join the board. Approved by Piercy Haynes and seconded by Ian MacLean. Motion carried.

There were no other nominations. Rod welcomed our new members to the board.

8. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

Lifetime Volunteer:	Ali Holthoff
Lifetime Donor:	Larry Ogden
Volunteer of the Year:	Bea Harkenss

The plaques were presented to the volunteers.

9. AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING BYLAWS

Blair presented a proposed motion regarding changes to some of the current bylaws.

Bylaw 9.1: which currently states a minimum of 10 persons - shall be amended to read not less than 7 persons.

Bylaw 9.4: which currently states the term of office is 2 years – shall be amended to read 3 years

Bylaw 9.8: which currently states a minimum of 10 persons – shall be amended to read not less than 7 persons.

Bylaw 9.9: which currently states an officer or director may only be re-elected for 3 consecutive terms - shall be amended to read an officer or director may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms subject to confirmation by majority votes at the Annual General Meeting at the end of each 3 year term.

A concern was heard from an audience member wanting to make sure that new people come on the board every year.

A re-election took place to re-elect all current board members currently serving on the board to continue to serve on the board. The motion was carried.

Blair made a motion to accept the current changes to the Bylaws as presented. Moved by Blair and seconded by Colleen Dowe to enact the current changes. Motion carried.

We have three board members that have retired from our board. Rod thanked Charlie, Joe and Jim for serving on our board.

Rod indicated that Brian MacDonald has volunteered to create the monthly newsletters, e-transfers, and website. Thank you Brian.

10. INPUT & FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

An audience member stated they would like to see a Mothers' Day Breakfast.

Another audience member mentioned that the County and Town is working with Schools Plus to do summer programming for school aged children to Jr. High. It would require people using the ball field and hall for space to run a summer day camp. This opportunity got missed last year.

Rod indicated that the go forward plan is to come up with programs that will apply to everyone. Some of the ideas Rod suggested were:

- Soup Day to be held in September or October. Volunteers would make individual soup dishes of many different kinds and would deliver to seniors in the community.
- Cooking Class for Elementary aged children to teach kitchen and cooking skills. An idea to have the children bring their family members along for a meal prepared by them for the closing of this program.
- Movie Nights
- Halloween Party for children of the community

Rod stated that he would like to see more involvement in the community with more programs being available for to the community.

An audience member suggested dance evenings at the hall.

Q: An audience member asked if any work was going to be done on the Tidnish Bridge.

A: Rod has looked into this and the response he gets back is that there is nothing wrong with the Tidnish Bridge.

Housekeeping Items:

- **Wheelchair Ramp:** The ramp was damaged during Fiona. The cheque from the insurance company has been received. Jake Steevens has been hired to complete the work to repair the ramp. This work is suppose to start happening by the end of July/first of July.

Q: An audience member asked if the ramp will be out front to make it easier for persons with disabilities to access.

A: No because this would be more cost, the front doors are not big enough and there is also concern regarding the snow flow out front.

- **Generac System:** We are classified as an EMO Centre for our community. A grant application has been submitted to purchase a Generac so that we would be able to be open and have everything available for us. The grant has been received and we are now awaiting a reply. Thank you to Bill for taking on this project.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kim Fielding made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Angela Marks - May 17th, 2023