

Association of Rural Community Halls – Annual Meeting – May 25, 2015

Milton Community Hall

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Present: Shari MacDonald –Milton Community Hall
Kathy Roney – Souris Show Hall
Marvin MacLeod – Murray River Hall
Janet Harrison – New London Community Complex
Leona Dalton – St. Mark, Burton
Shane Arsenault – Acadian Musical Village
Kathy Holmes – Wheatley River Hall
Dottie Daly – St. Peter’s Courthouse
Tanya Gallant –Cameleon Productions
Leonard Russell – ARCH Treasurer

Regrets: Aaron Gauthier

1. Call to order and Introductions – Shari MacDonald called the meeting to order and welcomed those present, who then introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of Annual Meeting – April 22, 2013 (No meeting in 2014)

Moved by Kathy Roney, seconded by Leonard Russell **that the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Annual meeting be approved as circulated.** Motion carried.

3. Business Arising

The lottery which had been held for several years when we had a summer student, was explained. Halls and businesses donated prizes (frequently events), which were grouped in to prize baskets. ARCH printed the tickets and did the organizing and halls were given the opportunity to sell tickets and keep half of the proceeds.

4. Annual Reports

a. The Year in Review – Activity has been limited over the past two years to a number of emails to hall contacts to share information and deadlines. As well, Tanya Gallant of Camelon Productions has met with hall representatives and has been working to secure funding to develop a presenters’ network for community halls. More information was shared later in the meeting.

b. Financial Statement –Treasurer Leonard Russell circulated a financial statement for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Opening Balance – March 31, -	\$708.45	\$ 1041.12
Revenue:		

Memberships (6@\$50 <i>(Souris Show Hall, Brackley Beach WI, New London Community Complex, Milton Community Hall, Kanata Club, Murray Harbour Community Centre)</i>)	\$300.00	0.00
Wage Subsidy	\$3,559.00	0.00
Other (Lottery-net \$324.50, Donation \$50)	\$ 374.50	0.00
TOTAL	\$4,941.95	\$1041.12

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Expenses:		
Credit Union Service Charge	\$ 15.99	\$12.00
Website repair	\$ 150.00	
Wages	\$ 2,865.04	
Receiver General (MERCs)	\$ 869.80	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,900.83	\$12.00
 Balance March 31	 \$1041.12	 \$1029.12

Moved by Leonard Russell, seconded by Kathy Roney **that the financial statements for 2013-14 and 2014-15 be approved as presented.** Motion carried.

5. Adoption of Budget

A budget for 2015-16 will be developed by the new executive and circulated.

6. New Business – Presenter’s Network - Guest Speaker, **Tanya Gallant** of Cameleon Productions

Tanya spoke of the benefits of organizing more entertainers who come to PEI, and her belief that ARCH could be the network that enables them to coordinate entertainment throughout the Island. There could be an off-season focus, so that halls would benefit during otherwise quieter times. Canadian Heritage (PCH) is a possible funding partner, and they have suggested we cooperate with the Atlantic Presenters Association. Anything that would be developed has to meet the needs of halls, and can be quite flexible. PCH is very supportive and in fact encouraged a regional project. The proposal differs from the Festival of Small Halls (which is run by the non-profit group Small Halls, Inc.) in a number of ways – halls would have more control of events, it would be spread throughout the rest of the year. It would also require effort from the halls. Workshops and information sharing, to build capacity, would also be a priority the first year of funding.

Many off Island artists come to PEI and do some house concerts – this project could be complimentary, rather than competitive. PCH could fund \$10-20,000 for a pilot project, using “professional” artists. This year we would work on the budget and building a brand over the summer. Funding can be used for artist fees and travel, programming fees, PD (workshops) and representation at official events. It may be able to help with

advertising in the first year, promotion and public relations. Tanya encouraged those present to looking into Contact East, which is being held in Charlottetown in September.

Tanya heads the production company – Cameleon Productions and does entertainment programming and artistic direction. The grant would paid her a wage to be involved, and ARCH has already committed to hiring her if the project goes ahead.

Hall representatives felt this could be very worthwhile project.

7. Discussion/Sharing of ideas

Hall representatives shared a few issues and suggestions, and appreciated the opportunity to meet and share thoughts.

8. Elections for Board Members

It was moved by Leonard Russell and seconded by Kathy Mooney **that the following slate be approved as officers for ARCH-PEI for the 2015-16:**

Shari MacDonald, Aaron Gauthier, Kathy Money, Kathy Holmes, Shane Arsenaault and Janet Harrison. Motion carried.

Positions will be finalized at the first executive meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Shari declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Purpose of ARCH

- *To provide an organizational structure that can facilitate a communications network among community halls*
- *To provide cultural and economic opportunities for ARCH members across Prince Edward Island, by reducing costs through purchasing power and group buys;*
- *To inspire dialogue between ARCH members in the spirit of sharing knowledge, and strengthening communities;*
- *To promote the merits of public support for local community halls.*
- *To bring focus to and foster public awareness on how community halls function across Prince Edward Island;*
- *To empower and inspire the community by creating rural community hall revenue opportunities;*
 - *To make ARCH members across Prince Edward Island aware of financial opportunities to upgrade and improve their buildings.....*
 - *To provide a unified voice for ARCH members when lobbying is necessary;*