

Capital Region Tennis Association

Board Meeting, February 27th, 5:00 P. M.

Prospect Street, Fredericton

Attendees: Debbie Keeler, Bill Johnson; Frank Goddard; Tony Sousa; Andrew Rouse;
Ruth Mullin, John Jarrett; Victor Paul-Elias

Regrets: David Clark, Reg Gallant; Tim Smith; Jim Gallagher; Jeff
Lenehan;

Agenda:

1) Call to Order Debbie

1) The meeting was called to order at 5:10

A quorum was established as being present.

The only agenda item was the information presentation from Bill Johnson on the Coliseum.

Bill presented a note from Ron Taylor that outlined costs for the conversion of the Coliseum into a tennis facility. This note is attached.

Bill also presented a list of points that he discussed with Mark Briggs (copy attached).

The following were the key points from the discussion:

1. The Coliseum (Exhibition) is waiting for a proposal from the CRTA;
2. The Coliseum would like a statement of interest very soon and open discussions with the CRTA after that;
3. Ron Taylor, ADI, did the work on the costs and would expect the first option on doing the work although he does not expect to be paid for his work to this point;
4. The approximate cost of the conversion, with the extra heating costs would be \$ 184 000;
5. The facility could hold four courts or three doubles courts and two singles courts;
6. Tim had forwarded information which showed that the expected cost of the surface once the Coliseum was prepared would be around \$ 150 000;
7. CRTA is currently the only group talking with the Coliseum;
8. There is no property tax on city rinks – this would have to be negotiated with the City;
9. The Home Show would tie up the facility for a week plus a couple days and could bring in \$ 8 000;

10. Removable bleachers for one event would be required but this is not included in the cost estimate and needs to be discussed; The show might be held in front of the racetrack grand stands;
11. The Rink Boards may not have value and may be an extra cost to remove;
12. The north side Coliseum roof might need replacing within 5 years at a cost of \$ 60 000;
13. The Exhibition will require the facility for 4 weeks;
14. For the animal show there is 6 inches of sand and 4 inches of wood chips placed on the floor;
15. The floor would require a cloth and plywood cover to protect it;
16. The Coliseum suggested \$ 3 000 a month but immediately said that was negotiable;
17. There has not been heat in this part of the building so there is no estimate on cost;
18. The Coliseum would like to convert from propane to gas and is willing to cost share the conversion;

19. Tim sent information on the surface. He suggested an approximate cost of \$ 150 000 for the surface. The surface being considered would have a 5-year warranty and an expected life span of 8 to 10 years.

20. A discussion was held and it was felt that the Coliseum would be the number one priority because of cost and location.

21. Debbie asked Andrew to take the information to the business committee to develop a business plan. The Committee is asked to consider commercial fund raising through sponsors for the name of the facility, advertisements on the inside and possibly the outside walls. Victor offered to help to attempt to get government funding. Highlights of the business plan would be used to develop a concept paper and then proposals if any appropriate support is possible.

22. Debbie asked Victor to prepare a letter to the Board of the Coliseum to state that CRTA is pursuing a business plan, funding, and will make a proposal to the Board of the Coliseum/Exhibition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Minutes recorded by Victor