

# Special O winds down

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Organizers from the Zone 7 Special Olympics says their organization is winding down and they feel a great sense of accomplishment this year.

The Zone 7 Special Olympics have had a full year including helping to fund food hampers, helping to replace stolen equipment from the Vida McDonald Centre and always they are steering employment the way of the Sheltered Workshop.

But a new focus has come for the Zone 7 Special Olympics committee and that is to target their events toward the benefit of the smaller rural communities. They began this year with the recent Ross Tournament held in Glenburn Park, eight kilometres south of Maymont.

According to Viviane Krilow, one of the organizers, the take at the gate was just excellent. Over 1000 people came to take part in, or just watch the tournament. Local businesses in Maymont benefitted and it was a win/win situation.

Zone 7 Special Olympics are planning to host three events each year - all to be held in small communities.

The Ross Tournament (named after recently deceased Randy Ross of Valleyview who worked diligently with handicapped people and slo-pitch) was deemed a major success.

Five thousand dollars in prizes was claimed by winning teams - the first place team coming from Prince Albert. Everyone raved about the nighttime fireworks displayed which were purchased at probably close to cost from the Battlefords and District Co-op. In fact, everything but the paint for the T-shirts was purchased locally. The beer garden ran successfully for three days, the youngsters were entertained and were able to go swimming, people enjoyed the park as much as the ball games.

Glenburn Park boasts a great outdoor swimming pool, electrical and non-electrical camp sites, a food concession, showers, a golf course, playground equipment and more. This is all nestled along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River.

Krilow said over and over how invaluable the help was from the Department of Social Services and their crew of Youth Centre helpers. This tournament would not have taken place without their help and they were all just terrific, stated Krilow. "You have to give credit where credit is due," she said, "I congratulate the social workers and the Youth Centre clients for all their hard work and help."

The tournament was originally planned to host 40 ball teams but this had to be chopped down to 32 for lack of space and ball diamonds. Teams came in from all over Alberta and Saskatchewan - five coming from Alberta.

The Knights of Columbus, who help constantly with Zone 7 projects, were very visible at the tournament helping in the food concession and the beer gardens.

Last Thursday, Zone 7 had a chance to say thank-you by taking everyone involved back out to Glenburn Park for a wind-up supper.

Zone 7 Special Olympics financially supported several programs through the year. Some of these included: taking athletes to Guest-a-mation Challenge in Saskatoon, weekly programs for bowling, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, floor hockey, swimming, hosting the local Zone 7 track and field meet, attending the Knights of Columbus games in Saskatoon. But these are just a few of the things they do. Krilow stresses that money given to the Torch Run goes to the provincial office and does not go to the Zones. "The Zones must be financially responsible on their own," stated Krilow.

Our job is to provide funding, support and programming for people of all ages with mental disabilities, says Krilow.

Zone 7 provides these people the means and opportunity to take part in athletic activities. For many it is their only avenue of participation and only social interaction - it is much more than physical fitness for these people, says Krilow.

The Ross Tourney for 1994 is being planned to host 64 teams.

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Monday, May 17, 1993 in St. Peter's School, Unity, with trustees Hauck, Lacoursiere, D. Volk, G. Volk, and Wildeman; Director of Education Thera; Principal Ehresman; Chaplain Reschny; and Secretary-Treasurer Wildeman in attendance. Chairperson Hauck called the meeting to order.

The following were among motions passed and reports received:

- that we approve the secretary-treasurer's attendance at the Record of Employment Seminar being held in North Battleford on June 2.
- that we approve a maternity leave commencing on the date of delivery and continuing for 18 weeks, and that we approve a further leave without pay commencing the day after completion of the maternity leave and continuing
- that we approve the principal's, and local representative's reports be as presented.
- that we approve an at 2.5 hours of pay on Monday the teacher assistant who panicked Darcy Koenig to special Olympics.
- that we allow the Federation our Touch Talk Printer at the Touch Talk.
- that we approve pay wages while on the Calgary Trip to the teacher assistant will be one of the supervisor members.
- that we engage the services of the Unity Building Supplies for the installation of new gym equipment lock hardware at a cost of \$953.00.
- the meeting adjourns at 12:15 a.m. with the next meeting to be held on Monday June 21 at 7:00 p.m.