

Blackmud Creek Community League

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Ellerslie Rugby Club

Members Present: Garrick Ma, Chad Willsey, Jill Gurela, Veronica Dutchak, Rob Powell, Kim Lucid, Thomas Varghese

Others Present: Thomas Dang (MLA), Mary Jean Chapelsky (CRC)

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by Garrick Ma.
2. Welcome Guests
3. Introduce Board
Garrick Ma introduced the current Board of Directors.
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Chad Willsey, Seconded by Veronica Dutchak and Unanimously Carried.
5. President's Year in Review
Garrick Ma provided background on the Blackmud Creek Community League (BCCL) and highlights from the past year including:
 - Due to the weather it has been difficult to flood and maintain the ice at the Allard rink. It lead to a lot of activities associated with the rink to be cancelled.
 - In the summer we will have a bike program, skateboard park equipment, chalk colouring event.
 - Swimming, YMCA (Sundays)
 - Playground, summer and spring green shack program at various parks (Blackmud Creek & Allard). Pop up park program in Blackburne.
 - Playground development in Callaghan. Subcommittee members are in attendance and will give an update.
 - Soccer is an expanding program and this year we have added U14 with plans to add more age groups next year.
 - Great turn out for last years Canada Day. Estimated at approx. attendance of 3000. We partner with HPCL & River Community Church
 - Events: May-Aug-Green Shack
 Sept-Community League Day
 Oct-Halloween Party

Feb-Winter family fun day (cancelled this year due to warm weather)
July-Canada Day

6. Capital Projects Survey and Priorities

- Schools:

Roberta MacAdams is being built and is due to be completed this fall. MacEwan, blackmud, blackburne are in the catchment area.

Allard Site-Open date scheduled for 2017. We are still working on integrating a community hall into this school, working with the city for a second gym. We looked at the development of a playground at this site, we are engaged with the developer MLC on this.

- Fundraising: Discussed the concept of the Little Free Library, we are looking at placing a few more around the neighbourhood. Looking at placing the initial ones at Blackmud Creek and Allard park sites.

Still working on a tri partied agreement for the rink with the city. We are trying to increase usage in the summer, e.g. basketball nets. We need the tri partied agreement to be able to do this. We also rent out the facility to increase revenue.

- Community Growth: Traffic & Safety

There is a traffic problem at Johnny Bright and we are hoping that Roberta MacAdams won't have a problem because there will be two streets for possible drop-off. We are looking at extending a sidewalk to Blackburne Cres. to make this possible

While James Mowatt was being twinned, some residents came forward from Bowen Wynd complaining about increased traffic, we discussed this with them and tried to come up with some suggestions.

Some community members complained about the traffic and speeding on Allard Blvd. Garrick Ma said to get more residents to complain and the city might do a traffic study. You almost have to have high traffic 24 hrs/day to get something changed. Call 311 and get it tracked and reported and they may post speed signs etc.

- Recreation: Community walking map development, Rob Powell has started working on developing this. HPCL and BCCL will be included on one map, may be ready for September. Playground, community hall and rink. Look at partnerships to increase budgets for community hall. Callaghan Park will continue with development and it would be great if we could include the spray deck in the first build. We are growing the soccer program. Casino funding will help with expanding the program.

- Callaghan Playground (Shannon Neighbour & Erin Harsch): The committee has been working on this for a year and a half. We have a concept plan from the city. They have included a senior pod, junior pod and a spray deck. Hoping to have all of this done in the first phase but we may have to develop the spray deck in the second phase due to funding. Facebook, Twitter and the webpage are updated on an ongoing basis. Many fundraisers will be happening over the year, Pub Night is coming up in April & Golf tournament in August which raised \$15,000 last year.

Garrick Ma spoke about how park development happens. The city does not build the park, the community needs to fundraise and then apply for matching grants from the city. They are now moving into the design phase. They have received \$100,000 from BCCL, raised \$20,000 fundraising, raised \$20,000 from local businesses and \$7500 from the community. They will be applying for the provincial government grant and afterwards for the city grant.

- Heritage Valley Canada Day: We would like to make it even bigger this year. We hoped to generate revenue for the communities. Last year we paid for the event but there was no revenue. We have 6 food trucks attending and they will donate a portion of their proceeds to the event. The playground committee is going to sell glow sticks again this year. Hoping for another band. Partly funded by SWAC, the city also gives us some money towards these events. We need volunteers for this huge event.

7. Guest Speakers – Thomas Dang (MLA)

8. Approval of AGM 2015 Minutes

Moved by Veronica Dutchak, Seconded by Chad Willsey and Unanimously Carried.

9. Presentation of Reviewed Financial Statements

Veronica Dutchak, Treasurer provided an overview. Operating Account: There was \$76,000 in the account at year-end. There was an outstanding receivable for memberships and we collected \$35,000 for the Callaghan park (which needs to be paid out to them). Total revenue was \$559,000. As a result of an increase in city grants of close to \$20,000, soccer revenue almost \$27,000 and \$12,375 in memberships sold. Advertising in community views cost of \$5,500 (discussed this expense with the attendees-thinking of cancelling), AGM fees room rental, bank charges, insurance for the rink, legal and professional is very low (police checks), membership supplies, postage for mailing cheques. In 2015 we paid \$1000 for the summer shack. Programs (community league day, 3300, Canada day 5000, Halloween party 300). Community league swim \$1900, allard rink \$16,000, soccer expenses \$17,000 (SWEMSA fees, EMS fees, coordinator, storage, volunteer appreciation). Net income of \$1200.

Casino Account: These funds need to be kept separate. \$100,000 is earmarked for the Callaghan playground. We are waiting to spend the rest of the funds until we receive a tri partied agreement with the city. Held a casino in 2015 raised \$84,590, net income \$81,055
Next casino awarded is Q1 2017.

Budget Calculations: Fairly consistent with the 2015 account. Forsee an increase in operating grant from the city due to increased size of neighbourhoods.

Motion to accept the reviewed Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2015 moved by Rob Powell. Seconded by Thomas. Unanimously Carried.

10. Presentation of Reviewed Budget

Motion to accept the reviewed Budget for the BCCL for year ending December 31, 2014 moved by Rob Powell. Seconded by Jill Gurela. Unanimously Carried.

11. Election of Officers

The Membership Director, Fundraising Director, Civics Director and Neighbourhood Watch positions are open. The Board can nominate an individual to these positions until the next AGM. We will screen each person nominated after the AGM.

President – Garrick Ma

Acclaimed

Vice President – Rob Powell

Acclaimed

Secretary – Kim Lucid

Acclaimed

Treasurer – Carlos Bautista

Acclaimed

Membership – Thomas Varghese

Acclaimed

Communications – Jill Gurela

Acclaimed

Sports – Chad Willsey

Acclaimed

Neighborhood Watch – Vacant

Civics – Vacant

Programs – Vacant

Fundraising – Veronica Dutchak

Acclaimed

Facilities – Don Gabuna??

Acclaimed

12. Appointment of Auditors

No volunteers came forward at the meeting.

13. Thank you to Retiring Board Members, Andrea Hesse and Gil Rueck

14. Adjournment at 9:04 pm. Next Board Meeting - April 19th, 2016 7:30pm Johnny Bright School