

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: January 17, 2017

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Rob Powell

PRESENT: Jill Gurela, Mary Jean Chapelsky (CRC), Veronica Dutchak, Thomas Varghese
Carlos Bautista, Rob Powell

ABSENT: Garrick Ma, Kim Lucid, Gil Rueck

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Rob Powell, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made to approve the agenda by Thomas Varghese V, seconded by Veronica Dutchak and unanimously carried the agenda is approved with the a change to the date; from 2016 to 2017 and an addition to the Agenda of the EFCL trying to buy bulk City of Edmonton Recreation Centre passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made to approve the minutes by Carlos Bautista, seconded by Thomas Varghese and unanimously carried with a change in the Report from the VP to clarify that in his first sentence referred to the Community Walking Map.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Garrick attended a meeting with the Province regarding 127th Street.
- ATB Fees; no update

- Gift to MLC as a Thank You for the Playground and Rink. MJ discussed approvals needed to install anything and the Benchmark program. A bench with a plaque is available through this program. V. Dutchak clarified that casino funds can be used for this and she will add it to the casino application.

NEW ITEMS

- V. Dutchak stated that we need 54 volunteers for the casino at the end of March. There will be 3 shifts. Our last casino we ended up using Casino Angels for the count room. We had 17 angels last time. We could get some soccer parents to volunteer to fulfil their volunteer commitment. R. Powell suggested we approach the Callaghan Playground Committee for volunteers in exchange for some funding. MJ suggested we set how many volunteers and for how much funds. It was discussed and decided we would ask the Playground Committee for 20 volunteers in exchange for \$5000 in funds. V. Dutchak will discuss with K. Lucid. R. Powell will change the sign to a request for Casino Volunteers.
- Soccer Registration – Michelle La Pierre (a former board member) has volunteered to work the membership table at soccer registration. This was approved by the board.
- V. Dutchak discussed the Casino Application; it will include Building a Playground, Basketball nets, Sign upgrade at Allard Park, and New sign on Ellerslie Rd.
- Regarding the new sign; MJ met with Transportation and we are limited with options as to location. The cost to upgrade the existing sign is about \$10,000 and an additional new sign would also be about \$10,000.

Upon a motion duly made by Veronica Dutchak, seconded by Thomas Vargehse and unanimously carried it has been approved to upgrade the sign at Allard to a changeable copy sign and the usage of 2015 casino funds to upgrade the sign.

- MJ spent some time explaining the usage of casino funds.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

PRESIDENT (Garrick Ma)

- N/A Absent

VICE PRESIDENT (Rob Powell)

- R. Powell reported that Don Gabuna has resigned as Facilities Director
- The Allard Rink currently has 3 rink attendants
- There are a couple of rink rentals in February 2017
- The Learn to Skate program will be starting in January
- The pull cord on the snow blower is not working however the electric start still works

- R. Powell raised concern that the construction company for the school has been using the rink hydrant. They are metering their usage; however the hydrant was frozen when we needed to use it to flood the rink. R. Powell has emailed MLC about this.
- Emergency lighting has been installed at the rink
- Occupancy inspection for the Rink Shack is next week. The landscaping deficiencies are being taken care of by the city.
- For the Tripartite agreement we need a building permit on the shed.
- R. Powell and G. Ma met to review changes to the bylaws (see below under bylaws)
- The Community Walking Map is finished and is on the website. Printed copies are available and will be dropped off at the schools and around the community.
- R. Powell discussed board positions for the next year; G. Ma will be finished his term as President. Add this item to the next Agenda.
- Family Day Event at Allard Rink. MLC is putting it on; but BCCL can participate. MJ stated we will need an Event Permit if so.
- MJ said that there is a sign we can use for Community Events but we would need to store it.

MEMBERSHIP (Thomas Varghese)

- Memberships purchased on EFCL website; we only get notification of purchase not the name or contact information (without signing into their online portal).
- EFCL just sends a cheque for memberships purchased, they don't provide a list to cross reference.
- Membership supplies for 2017/18 need to be ordered; T. Varghese questioned how much to order. It was decided to wait until after soccer registration to see how many are sold there. The deadline to order is February 24.
- T. Varghese has City of Edmonton passes from Community League Day from prizes that were never picked up. We will use them to give to volunteers.

SPORTS (Rob Powell for Chad Willsey)

- Chad Willsey asked if BCCL would reimburse for Soccer Referee courses. BCCL had never had to hire soccer referees before so not sure whether we need to do this to recruit? R. Powell will email Chad Willsey and find out more information about this. Generally it was felt that we probably don't need to do this but if it is an issue of recruiting we may have to consider it.
- Questions are how do refs get licensed through EMSA?
- Soccer registration nights are scheduled for February 8 and the 16th.

CRC (Mary-Jean Chapelsky)

- MJ emailed her report.
- Learn to skate program; as the rink attendants don't start until later then the Learn to Skate program starts. MJ said that the City Recreation staff can open up the rink shack for the Learn to Skate program. R. Powell and MJ will coordinate getting the keys.
- MJ has been in communication with one of the Grade 4 teachers at Roberta MacAdams school. The teacher and her class are putting together a nature book about the Blackmud

Creek area based on the interpretive signs in the ravine. The teacher (Ms. Clifford) may ask BCCL to partner with the class on this; maybe participate in an event in the spring.

- MJ stated that the CFEP Grant for Community Buildings is now up to 1 million; and matching grants are available for facilities.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

- The boundary descriptions don't make sense anymore with how our league is physically laid out.
- Associate Memberships for businesses and non residents. They would be non voting at the AGM
- Change the Honorary Life Membership to any Board member who serves 10 or more years will receive and Lifelong Membership
- Change the Facilities Director position description. Change the wording from "Hall Rental" to "Facilities"
- Who is responsible for the sign; there is nothing in the bylaws about this. It should fall to communications.
- The bylaws do not have any regulations regarding Background Checks and who can do them. We need to change it that in the absence of a Neighbourhood Watch Director the President and/or Secretary can do the background checks.
- Question about having a Past President Position. It was decided that we do not need this.
- We also need to update our Policies. Policies can be changed easier than Bylaws.
- Items that could fall under Policies are : Paid Staff, Hiring Decisions, Rules for Board Members stepping down if interested in a paid position. Also state that if a Board member starts less than half a year before the AGM; their official 3 year term would start after the AGM.
- League Boundaries changing; what happens if Allard decides to split into its own league?
- Changing Quorum – other leagues have done this. We can change it so that quorum requirements go up or down based on the time during the meeting.
- Perhaps we need to add a Board Position for Director at Large; someone who can fill in and assist the board where and when needed.

NEXT MEETING

February 21, 2017 at 7:30pm at Johnny Bright

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Thomas Varghese, seconded by Carlos Bautista, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.