

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: March 21, 2017

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Garrick Ma

PRESENT: Garrick Ma, Jill Gurela, Mary Jean Chapelsky (CRC), Thomas Varghese, Carlos Bautista, Rob Powell, Gil Rueck. Guest: Chad Willsey (Sports)

ABSENT: Thomas Varghese, Kim Lucid

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Garrick Ma, President, called the meeting to order at 7:38p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made to approve the agenda by Rob Powell, seconded by Thomas Varghese and unanimously carried the agenda is approved with the following additions:

- Canada 150
- New City Ward
- Local Business Memberships

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made to approve the minutes by Jill Gurela, seconded by Thomas Varghese and unanimously carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **Rob Powell:** The sweeper at the rink was fixed. Rink is now closed. Gil asked about attendance. Feb/March attendance was down, due to conditions. Rob commented that the fire pit is being used.

- Rob will do the PowerPoint presentation for the Bylaw changes to be presented at the AGM. MJ stated that the bylaws with changes can be submitted all on one sheet.
- Garrick is still trying to meet with our MLA Mr. Thomas Dang to discuss the recent announcements of hospital, and LRT. Garrick also wants to express the urgency to start the interchange.
- Garrick will write up a response to community members who have been complaining about speed in the neighbourhoods.
- Thomas mentioned that the Membership emails are not being forward to his email. Jill will fix.
- Garrick informed us that the City of Edmonton is now offering Community League Members a 20% discount on Annual passes at the City Rec Centres; and also on a multi visit pass.

NEW ITEMS

Roberta MacAdams Grade 4 Nature Books

- MJ met with Ms. Clifford the Grade 4 teacher at Roberta MacAdams regarding the Blackmud Creek Nature Book that they are launching. The class applied for and received the Neighbourhood Engagement Project Grant from the City of Edmonton. They also partnered with BMO.
- The class would like to put the money they make from selling the books back into the community. Gil suggested maybe some of the money could be used for Sign Replacement from the nature signs.
- MJ put the class in touch with Root for Trees.
- Garrick suggested that the Community League purchase the books and provide to new members.
- The Grade 4's are having a big book launch with media and dignitaries on April 26th and would like BCCL to be present. We can set up a table.
- Rob will bring the poster of the Walking Map

MOTION: Blackmud Creek Community League provide \$1000 to support the RMA Grade 4 Nature Book. Motion duly made by Carlos Bautista, seconded by Gil Rueck. Carried Unanimously

Local Business Memberships:

- Many local businesses are wanting to advertise on our Facebook page or newsletters. We should offer sponsorships packages to local businesses that allow them advertising through our social media pages or newsletters, and at events in return for a sponsorship fee. Garrick will put something together. Maybe have businesses provide discounts or incentives to our BCCL members.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

PRESIDENT (Garrick Ma)

Canada 150 / Heritage Valley Spectacular

- With Canada 150 this year the Heritage Valley Canada Day Spectacular is going to be even bigger. The group received a \$500 grant from the City of Edmonton, and \$15,000 from the Federal Government. They have asked BCCL to provide \$8000 this year. There will be more bouncy houses, 3 stages (Rock & Roll, Main Stage, and a more Arty/Culture type stage).
- The group is also considering having shuttle buses from neighbouring communities (Windermere, Terwilliger)
- There will be a Fire Truck, EPS, and possible some display from the Canadian Forces.
MOTION: To provide a commitment of \$8000 toward the Canada Day celebration. Motion duly made by Thomas Varghese, seconded by Rob Powell. Carried Unanimously.
- The organizing group is seeking sponsorships from local businesses and will let them set up a booth/table at the event in return. Maybe the Auto Dealerships or Harley Davidson
- New Ward Boundary: We are now Ward 10; although we asked to stay connected to Heritage Valley we are now in a separate Ward. However, most of the SWAC leagues are in Ward 10.

VICE PRESIDENT (Rob Powell)

- The Walking Maps are being taken from Sobey's (which is good).
- Rob will include the Walking Maps on the Little Free Library when we get it set up
- The name of the park in Allard is now officially "Allard Park"
- The community sign needs to be fixed. The rail that holds the letters is broken. Rob will see if Norm can fix it.
- Rob went downtown and got forms for the Permit so the Rink Shack can be inspected. Rob will need the plans for the shed. Someone there told him the shed may have to be moved which isn't possible. This will again delay the Tripartite Agreement.
- Rob attended a RINKWATER DEMO. This company provides a small box that can be hooked into your water line to flood the ice. This would prevent issues like the fire hydrant freezing up. The cost is \$22,000 plus install (concrete pad, labour, etc). Probably be more like \$40,000. It even has its own usage meter. We will see how it works for the other communities.

TREASURER (Carlos Bautista)

- The new storage space is paid for. The contents have to be moved from our existing unit into the new unit by March 26th. Chad and Garrick agreed to meet on Saturday to move the contents.
- Cheques have been deposited, invoices are up to date.
- There is a mix up with Calder Publications (Community Views). They have been sending us invoices for Blue Quill. We accidentally paid one of the Blue Quill invoices. Garrick will contact Blue Quill Community League and try to recoup that amount.

- Casino Cheques have not yet been received. For the upcoming casino we can use the General Account cheques if necessary and then transfer back when we receive the casino account cheques.
- Chad provided Carlos with \$6000 in soccer fee cheques
- Rob gave Carlos the cash from the Allard Rink shack.
- Chad asked Carlos if an invoice came from Magnetic Signs (re: Soccer Registration). Not yet.

SPORTS (Chad Willsey)

- Soccer registration is pretty well done now.
- Chad is meeting with Heritage Point to sort out Friend Requests and confirm teams
- Mostly likely BCCL will not have any U14 teams but all U14 players will be with Heritage Valley.
- Attendance is up in all age categories for soccer except U12.
- The fields are assigned
- Extra soccer jerseys have been ordered for U8 as the numbers have doubled.
- Jersey's that we no longer use (not enough for one team) can be donated

CIVIC (Gil Rueck)

- Gil spent 45 minutes with Bryan Anderson. He discussed the traffic flow at Ellerslie and 103rd and 109th Street; and having the lights adjusted. Too much traffic is cutting through the neighbourhoods to avoid Ellerslie Rd.
- Gil went to a meeting with EPSB to discuss the stub in for our Community Facility at the Allard School.

CRC (Mary-Jean Chapelsky)

- MJ emailed her report
- Blackmud Creek is getting a Green Shack starting in April
- Allard will have a Bike Safety class (Date TBD)
- MJ recommended that we do the Ribbon of Green survey and post it to our community.
- The Urban Parks Master Plan is now being replaced by BREATH
- MJ replied to Garrick's questions about getting a time slot for our community members for indoor rink usage. We have missed the allocation timeline for summer. Off season ice is actually more expensive anyway as some rinks close down. She will make sure we receive notification for the winter. Garrick said it will depend on our budget anyway.

AGM DISCUSSION

- Board Positions: If nominated:
 - Rob will accept a nomination to Board President
 - Garrick will move into a Fundraising/Sponsorship Positions
 - Gil will stay on as Civics Director with a focus on building the Community Hall attached to the school.
 - Thomas will stay on as Membership
 - Jill will move into Programs or Secretary
 - Veronica is stepping down.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

MAY 18, 2017 at 7:30pm at Johnny Bright

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Carlos Bautista, seconded by Rob Powell, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.