

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: January 16, 2018

LOCATION: 3825 Agar Green SW, Edmonton, AB

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Rob Powell

PRESENT: Rob Powell, Kim Lucid (By Phone), Jonathan Spence, Jill Gurela, Veronica Dutchak, Corice Dux, Danita MacDonald, Freya Fu, Linda Bombardieri (NRC)
(Linda Bombardieri arrived at 8pm)

ABSENT: Thomas Varghese, Garrick Ma

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Rob Powell Called the Meeting to Order at 7:40 PM and Quorum was established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made to approve the agenda with the addition Motion made by Corice Dux, seconded by Danita MacDonald and unanimously carried the agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November 21, 2017)

November 2017 Minutes approved with these Changes:

Chad's Willsey's last name twice in the sentence on the first page.

Soccer Membership by Kim Lucid mentioned twice.

Veronica Dutchak's name twice at the end.

CRC item; add YES to the no parking overnight.

The Callaghan Playground Santa event was at the Volvo dealership.

TYPO: The words Applied and were stuck together under Kim Lucid's name.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made by Danita MacDonald and seconded by Freya Fu to approve the minutes with the revisions noted above. Motion unanimously carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Criminal Background check for Diana Powell were sent back to Kim Lucid from the Police; Kim Lucid wasn't sure why but she will need to resend the Criminal Check for Diana Powell
- All volunteer spots for the 3 soccer registration times have been filled.
- Danita MacDonald to get Michelle Lapierre membership supplies for soccer registration nights as Michelle Lapierre has volunteered to sell memberships at Soccer Registration
- Jonathan Spence will look for the BCCL banner in the rink shack to have at the membership table at soccer registration
- Danita MacDonald will ask Chad Willsey if the banner is in the storage locker. Chad Willsey has the key.
- Credit check application for Lawn Mower Hospital. Veronica Dutchak faxed it in, Jonathan Spence said he checked last week at the Lawn Mower hospital and they hadn't done it yet. Veronica Dutchak said she can send it in again.
- Jonathan Spence stated that the Lawn Mower Hospital said some leagues have credit cards on file.

FACILITES (Jonathan Spence)

- Jonathan Spence reported that so far all is going ok with the rink shack workers at Allard Rink
- Rob Powell will give Veronica Dutchak the timesheets and tax forms for the rink shack employees
- Jonathan Spence reported that he has received some negative feedback about the family/no sticks and pucks time at the rink.
- Rob Powell put up sign that stated NO Sticks and Pucks during family time
- Corice Dux said she has heard that families show up at family time and there are sticks and pucks still being used on the ice.
- It was suggested that we should get the rink attendants safety vests to wear; Veronica Dutchak said we bought some for Community League Day, Gil Rueck may still have them. Veronica Dutchak will check will Gil Rueck.
- Jonathan Spence told the rink attendants that if anyone gives them a hard time or attitude that they can give the skaters Jonathan Spence's number and he will deal with the situation
- Jonathan Spence suggested we have a drop in shinny time
- Jonathan Spence suggested we bring back the snowbank rink, he may try still this year but it may be too late in the season for this year.
- Rob Powell asked about using railroad ties for the border for the snowbank rink
- The snowbank rink at Blackmud Creek cost \$12,000 per year when we had it before
- Veronica Dutchak said the snowbank rink would be well used, maybe casino funds can be used to build a snowbank rink.
- Jonathan Spence asked about the timer for the lights. A timer would be helpful for when there is no attendant the lights can be set to come on and off at certain times
- Jonathan Spence will get an updated quote in February or March for installing permanent basketball nets, the contractor believes 4 nets is possible but he will come out and check.
- Rob Powell will check with the city on where the nets should go
- Veronica Dutchak asked if they provided a quote for the basketball nets. Jonathan Spence asked about whether we want lines painted on the concrete. We could have both Basketball

and Hockey lines. The contractor will have a quote for adding lines. It was agreed that if the cost is high we do not require lines.

- Jonathan Spence made a comment about the website, when you click on Allard Rink link it only goes to rentals, we should have the hours listed under that link. Corice Dux suggested then we have the family time hours listed as well. Rob Powell can update the website.

TREASURER (Veronica Dutchak)

- Veronica Dutchak emailed the board the current financials
- \$165,000 in the casino account
- The Callaghan Playground committee has been paid \$105,000
- Blackburne Playground has \$10,000 in our casino account
- The Blackburne Playground will need \$5000 to begin their process, we will need a letter from the city requesting this.
- We will receive \$2000 each year for the next 2 years from SWAC
- Operating Account: we have fully paid out the playground fund account. No monies are owed to the Playground, all the money in there is ours.
- Invoices not included in this are the December YMCA swim and Port- a-Potties
- Net loss \$7382.53 for the year.
- Total revenue \$75,000
- Up on soccer revenue down on memberships (could change)
- Advertising: mainly website costs, social costs
- Insurance under budget
- Membership fees \$1100
- Programs: budgeted \$12,000 under budget by about \$4200
- Over budget on rink by \$7400
- Over budget on soccer
- Allard Rink - reasons for over budget: big invoices from Playquest (company that did flooding). Playquest \$13,200, total for last year. This included extra snow clearing. \$3800 for rink workers, \$2800 for equipment, \$2100 for the port-a-potty for the year. Epcor \$2900, Propane \$1800.
- Rob Powell asked if we get charged monthly for propane or just when they fill. Veronica Dutchak stated there were charges in January and May last year.
- Jonathan Spence stated that with help he may be able to manage flooding himself next year. But if there is lots of snow it can take up to four hours.
- Jonathan Spence said that most other rinks are flooding by community members. He has had calls from community members offering to assist.
- Jonathan Spence suggested we plan to eventually have our own Zamboni, Danita MacDonald said there is a family in Blackburne that owns a Zamboni dealership. The cost of purchasing our own Zamboni could be recouped in a few years.
- Veronica Dutchak stated that rink costs this year (2018) can be paid with casino funds
- Veronica Dutchak worked on the budget for next year, scaled back the revenue as our memberships were off budget this year. Budgeted for 371 memberships.
- Expenses: kept similar to 2017 actuals, leaving programs budget at \$12,000

- Chad Willsey gave Veronica Dutchak budget for soccer, he put in \$4000 for balls and jersey's which can be paid from casino funds.
- Diana Powell asked Veronica Dutchak about expenses this year that are listed can actually be taken out as they can be paid from casino
- Casino Account budget: \$4000 for soccer, \$18,000 for ice rink
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) - stated that Blackburne will be coming and asking for their \$10,000 from our Casino funds (as we promised).
- Rob Powell wanted a few changes to the budget, \$5000 to be put to Canada Day, \$1000 for Winter Fun Day (Canada Day is currently \$6000 so split the funds)
- Little Library costs – Veronica Dutchak suggested they go under advertising, bump that up to \$3500
- Add a line for Callaghan Playground Committee Ground Breaking Party: \$500
- Rob Powell wants to get a quote from Image Signs replace the sign on James Mowatt Trail
- Veronica Dutchak has not seen any invoice from Image Signs for the Allard sign yet. Veronica Dutchak asked Rob Powell for a copy of it. To be paid from Casino Account
- Veronica Dutchak asked how much to budget from the Casino Account for a new sign, Rob Powell suggested about \$2500 as only the sign part needs to be replaced not the posts
- From Casino funds, Veronica Dutchak asked how much to budget for the basketball nets, Jonathan Spence said for the nets it would be \$5500 for 2 nets, \$10,500 for the lines. Agreed at that cost we do not require lines.
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) – will ask Milhurst Community League who they used for their basketball net installation and lines.
- With Adjusting the Operating Account for 2018: Net \$12,150
- Casino Account: \$50,500 loss
- Discussed budget numbers to be finalized at the next meeting.
- Veronica Dutchak will email them to Diana Powell
- Veronica Dutchak brought up the issue of NSF cheques last year, she had someone who asked for a soccer refund and then their original cheque came back NSF after they received a refund.
- Veronica Dutchak asked for a motion to be made that the Family not be allowed to play soccer unless their account is up to date. (including from previous years)

MOTION:

Upon a motion duly made by Danita MacDonald: Blackmud Creek Community League requires that all soccer accounts need to be paid up to date before the children are allowed to play soccer. Motion was seconded by Corice Dux. Motion unanimously carried.

- Veronica Dutchak asked Rob Powell and Danita MacDonald if Chad Willsey had sent the soccer budget. Danita MacDonald confirmed she had a copy of it and the budget seems reasonable.
- Danita MacDonald addressed the concerns that SWEMSA had with having a dedicated soccer coordinator from each league.

SPORTS – Danita MacDonald

- Danita MacDonald stated that there are 9 refugee families and 3 hardship families that may need assistance with funding. Danita MacDonald is not sure if the refugee families will qualify for Jumpstart as they are not first year in Canada

- Danita MacDonald said the costs for funding assistance if we subsidize them is \$645 to pay for the “hardship families” or \$1845 to pay the whole fees for refugee and hardship families.
- Discussion about how to approach this situation in future years. BCCL needs to have a policy in place. Linda Bombardieri (NRC) suggested we check with Burnwood Community League as they have a policy on this situation.
- Trying to get the families to volunteer as a trade for the financial assistance usually ends up with more work for us.
- Corice Dux suggested we have a volunteer coordinator. People can volunteer for “credits” towards these types of fees.
- Danita MacDonald suggested we only take care of the hardship kids this year and not the refugee kids.
- Danita MacDonald said we need some proof of Hardship. Linda Bombardieri (NRC) Bombardieri suggested we ask them for city of Edmonton leisure centre access cards as they are issued to low income. However these cards are also issued to all 1st year Canadians regardless of their financial situations.
- Danita MacDonald is suggested each hardship child only pays \$100 and we subsidize the rest of the fees. Jonathan Spence suggested that with the lower aged kids it isn’t really much savings.
- Corice Dux suggested that instead we say we will pay \$50 towards their fees. So each hardship and refugee child will receive a \$50 discount off of their soccer fees. All agreed.

FREYA FU (Director at Large)

- Freya Fu asked Jill Gurela to send her the password for the Director at Large Email
- Winter Fun Day – Poster January 20, 2018 1-4:30PM
- Winter Fun Day event has been listed on Facebook
- Corice Dux will try to get the posters for this event posted at the schools
- Freya Fu contacted the Sleigh ride provider \$1050. The City will pay \$300 towards this. The sleigh rides will be there from 1 – 4pm
- Veronica Dutchak will get her a cheque.
- We came under budget for Community League Day so some funds can be used for this event
- MLC will pay \$3000 towards the event.
- Tim Horton’s is providing Hot Chocolate and 200 Timbits
- Freya Fu spoke to Save on Foods, Freya Fu will follow up to see if they will provide bottled water
- Freya Fu found out that Atco lends out equipment for free, mostly summer items. She set up an account with them for future.
- Extra garbage bins in the shed, Jonathan Spence will make sure there are bags.
- Hot Chocolate can be picked up between 12 and 1
- Freya Fu sent out the permit; they need a picture. Freya Fu will get a picture tomorrow
- Firewood? Diana Powell suggested asking the Deep Freeze Festival if they have leftover firewood. Or find out where they got their firewood from.
- Rob Powell confirmed that we have 2 fire extinguishers on site
- Freya Fu will need volunteers: To help hand out hot chocolate and donuts
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) suggested thank you signs to Tim Horton’s and MLC.

- Freya Fu will pick up the snow shoes on Friday
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) suggested we inform the Fire Department there is an event and that there would be a bonfire.
- Freya Fu suggested selling Membership at the event.
- Rob Powell suggested rink drop in fees be raised to \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids.
- Brief discussion about getting skates donated.
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) received a phone call about the Allard Learn to Skate program, she directed them to the BCCL website.

LINDA BOMBARDIERI (NRC for the City of Edmonton)

- Linda Bombardieri emailed her report
- Rob Powell heard at the SWAC meeting that NRC may only be able to attend about 3 meetings per year.
- We need to do the Agenda ahead of time to state if we require that the NRC be in attendance at our meeting.
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) mentioned that there is \$500 - \$2500 city grant available for events that we can apply for by partnering with another community group. Even a church. We can find information about this grant on the city's website under Neighbourhood Engagement.
- Veronica Dutchak suggested we could tie together with Baptist church on Movies in the Park on Community League Day and access some of this funding.
- Linda Bombardieri (NRC) will attend a meeting with Rob Powell with the Dr. Lila Fahlman School regarding the playground grant.

KIM LUCID – Vice President

- The playground committee got their CFIP grant approved and the playground is starting this spring

ROB POWELL – President

- Emailed his report
- Rob Powell went to SWAC meeting last night, MLA Thomas Dang and Ward 9 Councilor, Tim Cartmell there as well. March 21 is a key date for LRT decisions, public hearing that date.
- Rob Powell said today it was announced the Mayor is asking for more research on the West Line LRT and maybe rapid transit bus is better.
- Fee for SWAC staying the same.
- Rob Powell said there was discussion about giving back the speed limits to the city to manage. Rob Powell said Tim Cartmell suggested that all residential be 40km straight across even in school and playground zones.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bulk purchases on day passes to the City Rec Centres. We can buy them at a 40% discount. We discussed and agreed that it would be more hassle this year. We will see how the other leagues do with it and revisit the idea next year.
- With Veronica Dutchak resigning from the Treasurer position, Diana Powell has confirmed that she is willing to take over the Treasurer position.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made by Jonathan Spence: The Blackmud Creek Community League Board approves Diana Powell to become Treasurer of the Blackmud Creek Community League subject to a clear criminal background check. Motion was seconded by Danita MacDonald. Motion unanimously carried.

CORICE DUX – Communications

No update

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 20th, 2018 at 7:30PM (Johnny Bright School)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm