

Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday September 18, 2018, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Location: Johnny Bright School Library

Chair: Rob Powell



Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Rob Powell at 7:34 PM. A quorum (7 of 10) was established.

Attendees

Rob Powell, Jill Gurela, Diana Powell, Jonathan Spence, Carolyn Gillespie, Tunde Obasan, Marcelo Figueira, Linda Bombardieri (City of Edmonton), Lana Tarnovetskaia (guest), Christine Maslanko (guest)

Absent

Freya Fu, Danita MacDonald, Garrick Ma

Approval of Agenda

Additions to Agenda:

n/a

A Motion was made by Jonathan Spence and seconded by Tunde Obassan to approve the agenda with the above additions (if applicable). Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

Changes to Draft Minutes for June 19, 2018:

1. Under the President's Report, in the 4th bullet point, the year should be 2021.

A Motion was made by Jill Gurela and seconded by Carolyn Gillespie to approve the agenda with the above additions (if applicable). Motion unanimously carried.

Agenda

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Since the last meeting a contract was renewed with the same soccer photography company. It was by far the best value.
2. The proof of filing for both the 2017 and 2018 annual returns came in. The 2017 proof of filing was forwarded by Rob Powell to the City of Edmonton for the operating grant application.
3. The AGLC approved Shannon Neighbour from the Callaghan Playground Committee serving as the board's representative for the raffle at their golf tournament.
4. Until we do our strategic planning session, all grant applications for projects not already in progress are on hold.
5. Rob Powell requested that someone else look into buying an event tent with our logo on it. **(ACTION ITEM)**

New Business

1. Blackburne Playground Update
 - Another bottle drive was held with good results.
 - Consideration for giving more casino funds was requested again. Old meeting minutes were referenced. The board cannot commit to anything yet. The board will carry out strategic planning in November. We cannot change the decision previously made to give the Callaghan playground committee \$100,000. We can only make a careful decision taking into account the priorities of the league over the next 5-10 years.
2. Oktoberfest Fundraiser
 - Rob Powell is still committed to the event happening.
 - We have a hall and caterer booked, as well as a quote for beer kegs.
 - There are a lot of permits to obtain and things to organize.
3. Motion to Elect Lana Tarnovetskaia as Director at Large
 - **A motion** was made by Jill Gurela and seconded by Diana Powell to elect Lana to the position of Director at Large subject to a clean police background check.
4. Selecting a Date for a Strategic Planning Session
 - After much discussion November 4th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm was selected.
 - Rob Powell will create and share a document for collaborative brainstorming before the next meeting. **(ACTION ITEM)**
5. New Membership Notification Emails
 - The contact details for the EFCL were updated to send notification to membership.bccl@gmail.com
6. Discussion of Draft Sponsorship Package

- This will be deferred until the next meeting since Freya is not present and the agenda is quite large. **(ACTION ITEM)**
- 7. Taking Advantage of the SWAC Ski Trail Machine
 - The board agreed that this was a good idea. Rob Powell will request that SWAC create trails at the school park sites in Allard and Blackmud Creek. **(ACTION ITEM)**
- 8. AGLC Relations/Upcoming Casino
 - We will have our next casino on January 26-27 at the casino attached to Rogers Place. AGLC relations is way too much work for Diana to do on top of the Treasurer's responsibilities. It's supposed to be Garrick's role. The board agreed to enlist the help of Christine Maslanko.
- 9. Square Reader
 - Diana will help set up the Square account for Oktoberfest items: silent auction, beverages, etc. **(ACTION ITEM)**
- 10. City of Edmonton "Pitch Your Project"
 - If nobody has any ideas then Rob Powell will pitch purchasing a portable volleyball net setup.
- 11. Go As a Group Update
 - Nothing has been done with it since sharing our page. It will be added to the website by Rob Powell. **(ACTION ITEM)**
- 12. Discussion of Politicians at our Community Events
 - Someone at community league day made a complaint. In the future we will make it clear that politicians are not to campaign at events. We cannot prevent them from attending though. There is nothing wrong with speaking with residents about any concerns that they have.
- 13. Review of Updated Election Policy
 - Rob Powell ran the board through a comparison on the old (2013) policy and the new one, highlighting the differences. Things that no longer apply were eliminated. More protection was added for the league. Details were added about how people can be elected throughout the year (not at an AGM or SGM). Rob will post the updated policy on the website. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Member Reports

City of Edmonton N.R.C. (Linda Bombardieri)

- Report provided ahead of the meeting.

President (Rob Powell)

- 127th Street Community Garden: Rob Powell was informed that 2018 was the last growing season, so building a community garden (probably in Callaghan) is suddenly going to be a bigger priority.

- Allard Playground Expansion: The P.A.C. of Dr. Lila Fahlman was put on hold until this fall. Getting to a concept and site plan depends how quickly they get rolling again.
- Allard Rink - Basketball Nets Project: The temporary basketball net was completely destroyed by teens. Jonathan has done a great job of pushing this project forward. We finally got project approval to purchase the nets and the installation of the nets. Fingers crossed it can be done before the frost is in the ground.
- Allard Rink - Basketball Survey: A quick survey in August confirmed that there was strong support for basketball the the rink. The majority of people want a couple shorter nets for small kids.
- Allard Rink - Parking Lot: The parking lot has been paved, and concrete curbs and a sidewalk were built. Now the parking lot connects to the path. The landscaping needs to be fixed still.
- Allard Rink - Temporary License: Signed a renewal of the license on August 24th. Once Rob gets a copy of it, he will forward it to AGLC.
- BCCL Website: The BCCL website redesign was completed. The calendar on the front is through blackmudcreek@gmail.com's Google calendar. We can all access that with the generic password. Nothing else should be going to that email address anymore. Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and the EFCL website are updated accordingly.
- BCCL Email Addresses: Everyone has a new BCCL gmail account. Please use these email addresses exclusively for all BCCL communications. That way the person that takes over your role in the future will at least have some historical information that they inherit by default.
- Blackburne Playground Redevelopment: The NPDP, CFEP and Blue Cross grant applications were reviewed and signed.
- Canada Day Event: The event was very well received by attendees. The Orbis Sports equipment was a hit.
- Community League Operating Grant (CLOG): We got about \$8,000 more than anticipated.
- Coffee with Councillor Michael Walters: Marcelo and Rob met with Councillor Walters and his new assistant Susan Field. Marcelo and I raised issues of different types. Councillor Walters wants Marcelo and Rob to come to a public hearing in November and speak to council to tell the story of our area, the vision, the challenges, the lack of facilities, etc. It's very much a fight between the North side and SW Edmonton for money at the moment.
- Green Shack Program: The average number of hourly park attendees during the program at Allard was 20, Blackburne was 4, Blackmud Creek was 15, and Richford was 2 .
- South LRT Line Community Advisory Committee: The meeting on August 29th was to go through the news since the last meeting (survey results, engineering changes, etc.) and vet the City's plan for final public engagements in September. An engineering change to the tunnel under 23rd Avenue will save approximately \$30

million. This might pay for a stop at Twin Brooks. The rest of the line will be at ground level for various engineering reasons. There will only be one more meeting. It will be a debrief of the results of the entire public consultation process.

- SWAC: SWAC requested information from leagues with rinks. Rob provided the financials and challenges of running our rink. SWAC and the EFCL want to push the City to provide more operating grant money to leagues with rinks.
- Tennis Survey: A quick survey in June/July confirmed very strong support for installing a couple tennis courts in Blackmud Creek Park. Not very good support for tennis in Allard rink.

Vice-President (Jill Gurela)

- n/a

Treasurer (Diana Powell)

- A working financials document will be created in Google Sheets and shared with the board so that people can see in real time what the status of our two accounts are. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Secretary (n/a)

- n/a

Civics (Marcelo Figueira)

- Some wording from the vision for Heritage Valley will be forwarded to everyone so that they can provide feedback that we might take to a public hearing in November when council will discuss the upcoming budget. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Communications (Freya Fu)

- n/a

Facilities (Jonathan Spence)

- Still working on trying to get permitting done for the storage shed at the rink.
- We are hopeful that the basketball nets can still be built before the winter.

Fundraising (Garrick Ma)

- n/a

Membership (Carolyn Gillespie)

- Need to set up a meeting with Rob Powell to go over how to keep a Google Sheets document up-to-date for membership sales. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Programs (Tunde Obasan)

- Will try to help with Oktoberfest planning as much as possible but has limited time because of focusing on campaigning for a political nomination.

Sports (Danita MacDonald)

- n/a

Next Board Meeting

October 18, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Johnny Bright School.

Adjournment

The meeting was called to an end by the chair at 9:48 pm.