

Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Location: Dr. Lila Fahlman School

Chair: Rob Powell



Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Rob Powell at 7:11 PM. A quorum (5 of 9) was established.

Attendees

Rob Powell, Yuting Hao, , Jill Gurela, Danita MacDonald, Jonathan Spence

Ally Badry (Guest)

Absent

Marcelo Figueira, Diana Powell, Lana Tarnovetskaia, Jonathan Spence, Carolyn Gillespie

Rob introduced Ally Badry who he has interviewed to be nominated to join the Board in the position of Communications Director.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Jill Gurela and seconded by Danita MacDonald to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Yuting Hao and seconded by Danita MacDonald to approve the Minutes from the January 2019 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Agenda

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Carolyn Gillespie will make arrangements to pick up our Event Tent. **(action item)**

New Business

1. **A Motion** was made by Danita MacDonald and seconded by Jill Gurela to elect Ally Badry as the Communications Director for Blackmud Creek Community League. Motion unanimously carried.
2. **A Motion** was made by Jonathan Spence and seconded by Yuting Hao to approve each of these casino funds expenditures:
 - o Additional \$3,000 in casino funds for Phase II of the Callaghan Playground.
 - o Additional \$2,500 in casino funds to the Allard Playground Expansion.
 - o \$2,500 in casino funds to the Harry Ainlay Music Parent Association registered charity.
 - o \$500 in casino funds to the Northern Lights Council (Scouts Canada) registered charity.Motion was unanimously carried.
3. **A Motion** was made by Jill Gurela and seconded by Danita MacDonald to approve a \$1,000 donation to the City of Edmonton Green Shack Program. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Rob Powell created a New Cash Deposit Form that should be filled out by any Board member who receives payments in cash or cheques (ie. soccer registration fees, memberships). The form includes whether the monies should be deposited into the Operational or Casino account. This will provide us a papertrail of cash and cheques received and make it easier for our bookkeeper. The President will keep a copy of the cash deposit receipts from the bookkeeper.
5. Rob Powell also reformatted the Expense Report Form to be the same format as the Cash Deposit Form. In an effort to have all of our paperwork neater and cleaner. Both new forms are on the BCCL website. Link under Information > About our League.

6. Strategic Planning Results / Minutes

- Rob Powell reviewed the minutes from our Strategic Planning session in November.
- We reviewed the results from our Residents Survey.
- The survey results are attached to these minutes and will be posted on our Website under the “Growth” page. **(action item)**
- Based on the survey the following items are the priorities for residents in our communities:
 1. Rink Shack
 2. Off Leash Dog Park
 3. Tennis Courts
 4. Community Garden
 5. Skatepark (permanent or temporary)
- Rob Powell stated that our City Councillor, Michael Walters, has offered to assist us with getting through the City red tape to get our projects started.
- We discussed the possibility of building Tennis courts at Blackmud Creek Park. We may be able to secure a grant to build tennis courts due to the age of the park. The original plan for the park did include tennis courts.

7. Winter Fun Day - Rescheduled AGAIN

- We had rescheduled it for February 24 but as the weather looks cold again, we will postpone it until March.
- Rob Powell said that we can receive a grant from the City of Edmonton if we have 3 events on parkland for the year. If we can have Winter Fun Day; we would have 3 events (Canada Day, Community League Day, Winter Day)

8. The Winter Green Shack at Allard has been cancelled due to the cold weather.

9. Discussion of scheduling the Annual General Meeting. Jill Gurela will try to book Ellerslie Rugby Club one night April 10-13, 2019. **(action item)**

Member Reports

Sports Director (Danita MacDonald)

- Danita reported that 208 kids have already registered for soccer and there is still one more in person registration scheduled.
- Tanya Orr is going to attend the SWEMSA AGM in place of Danita MacDonald.

- Danita provided an update on the budget for soccer; and stated that she doesn't expect there to be as many expenses as last year as not as much equipment will need to be purchased this year.
- A question was raised about revenue received from indoor soccer. We only receive a small amount of revenue from EMSA for indoor soccer teams that are in our area. We do not handle any of the registrations, payments, or team formation for indoor soccer.

President (Rob Powell)

- Rob will be attending the SWAC (Southwest Area Council). SWAC is a non profit group that represents SW Edmonton Community Leagues. Blackmud Creek Community League pays \$500 to SWAC each year to be a member; and in return we receive up to \$2000 in event funding.
- The EFCL meeting is next week; EFCL will be passing their budget for 2019. EFCL will have their Annual General Meeting later this year and they may vote on increasing fees for Community Leagues. Rob Powell said the EFCL is in transition and needs to review what the needs are of the Community Leagues and what roles they have with the city.
- The EFCL is once again hosting The Great Neighbour Race in April. Rob attended last year and said it is a great fun family event and encouraged people to attend.

Vice-President (Jill Gurela)

- Jill brought up concerns about traffic around Roberta MacAdams school and on Blackmud Creek Drive. Rob Powell invited Jill Gurela to attend a meeting on March 7, 2019 about the Traffic and Safety issues in Southwest Edmonton. This meeting is being hosted by Councillor Michael Walters (Ward 10 which Blackmud Creek is in) as well as Councillor Tim Cartmell (Ward 9).

Treasurer (Yuting Hao)

- Rob Powell will discuss the Financials and the Audit with Yuting. The Audit and Financials from 2019 need to be signed off on by Rob Powell so that he can put in the Operating Grant application for the City and the provincial annual return.
- We are still transitioning with having a hired bookkeeper.
- Waiting on Yuting's Police check.

Facilities (Jonathan Spence)

- Update on the rink operations. It has been closed some of the last month due to the cold weather.

Next Board Meeting

March 20, 2019 at Dr. Lila Fahlman School Library, 7-9pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was called to an end by the chair at 8:39 pm.