

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: February 17, 2016

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Veronica Dutchak

PRESENT: Rob Powell, Veronica Dutchak, Chad Willsey, Andrea Hesse, Jill Gurela, Carlos Bautista, Mary Jean Chapelski (CRC)

ABSENT : Garrick Ma, Kim Lucid, Gil Rueck

GUESTS : Thomas Varghese

MINUTES: Jill Gurela

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Veronica Dutchak, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Chad, seconded by Rob and unanimously carried the agenda is approved with the addition of adding the AGM date to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2016 by Rob Powell, seconded by Andrea Hesse and unanimously carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Give a book/Take a Book Little Library; we now have 2 old Edmonton Journal boxes to use for this. We will fix them up and put one in Southbrook playground and one in Allard. MJ reminded us that we need approval from the city to install the boxes. MJ sent

G. Rueck the approval information about chaining the box to the Gazebo in Southbrook playground.

- R.Powell updated us that the Sweeper at the rink was repaired. Rob also purchased one metal skate trainer for the rink. V. Dutchak suggested purchasing another one now as they may be on sale.
- Winter fun day was cancelled due to warm weather.
- Discussion about the value of Community Views paper and the value we get from it. Direct Mail or E-news may be better. MJ will send us the census information to evaluate demographics J. Gurela can put together a survey to send to community members regarding the “preferred” method of communication and how they currently receive information about the Community League.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

CIVICS (Rob Powell)

- R. Powell met with a possible candidate for Facilities Director; he needs to meet with G. Ma
- Rink is closed due to warm weather; even if the weather gets colder it will not reopen
- V. Dutchak asked R.Powell to call Questec to have them shut down the ice totally
- We received \$19,000 in grants from the city for the ice rink.
- R. Powell was not able to attend the Leagues Alive conference but did receive copies of the files
- R. Powell has the Community Walking map; he will send digital copy with “Points of Interest” to Walkable Edmonton. We will have the maps printed by summer and distribute at Community League Day. The city will pay for the printing and one edit of the maps.
- R. Powell (for G.Ma); we need one volunteer to work the SWAC casino on February 28/29. We will put a call out to the membership for this. BCCL will receive funds for sending a volunteer.
- We have been awarded a casino for 2017; this brought up that V. Dutchak will notify Alberta Gaming about the Change of Director for Treasurer; now Carlos Bautista.
- V.Dutchak thought we had about \$217K in the casino fund, \$100K of which is designated for Callaghan Playground. Alberta Gaming recently announced that we are able to use casino funds towards a building; MJ explained some of the restrictions for building on city land.

CRC (Mary Jean Chapelski)

- MJ distributed her reports.
- Southbrook will be getting a Greenshack starting in May
- Learn to Skate was cancelled due to weather (no ice too warm)
- A Learn to Bike program is scheduled for Allard Rink on June 4. We decided the time to be 2:00 pm – 5:00pm to not interfere with U4 soccer.
- Callaghan Playground Committee has applied for a city grant valued at \$25K-\$100K
- Allard Site/Land: MJ has done all the documentation for the tripartite agreement. However the city does not own the land yet and it can’t be signed until that is complete. MIC has applied for the permits for what they already built. Once the permits are in place the land transfer can happen from MLC to the city. Once the city “owns” the land the agreement can be signed between the city and BCCL.

- V. Dutchak stated the importance of getting the agreement signed as we cannot spend any casino funds on this site until an agreement is in place. MJ understands and has been emailing the city department weekly and today had her Director call that department today. MJ has been asking them what needs to be done to get it signed and complete.
- R. Powell stated that MLC said they will be removing the propane tank; the shack will need a tank for next year.
- MJ provided information about Recreation Networks; a website that is being set up that will be a resource hub to find out about all recreation and sports programs throughout the city.

SPORTS (Chad Willsey)

- In January Chad found out that BMO will no longer be sponsoring U8 soccer; he figures that for this year we should be ok with the existing jersey's we have and will not need to purchase more. V. Dutchak said we can use casino funds to purchase soccer equipment.
- Heritage Point is signing a 3yr agreement with a company that supplies jerseys the agreement is based on HP purchasing 300 jerseys each year. C. Willsey stated that Blackmud Creek will not be signing a 3 year agreement.
- Number of registrations for the 1st round are down from last year; but there is still one more day of registration.
- Registrations this year are taking place at the Rugby Club rather than Johnny Bright School.
- The online soccer registration system was taking Callaghan registrations as Heritage Point but they should be BCCL so that will need to be adjusted.
- Request to MJ that we get the Skate Park equipment from the city again this summer for Allard Rink.

MEMBERSHIP (Andrea Hesse)

- 2016/17 Supplies have been ordered (skate tags, membership cards)
- A. Hesse will be leaving the board effective in March; she will pass the membership supplies onto V. Dutchak
- J. Gurela can do memberships in the interim until a new Membership Director is in place.
- Most memberships are purchased online. After soccer registrations, membership is slow.

FINANCIALS (Veronica Dutchak)

- V. Dutchak will pass all the financials onto Carlos and go through everything with him in regards to his role as Treasurer
- V. Dutchak will complete the Operating Grant Application for this year.
- V. Dutchak will get the casino return done.
- V. Dutchak will be leaving her position and the board effective in April this year.

NEW ITEMS

- AGM Date is set for April 5th at 7:30PM at the Rugby Club. Notices are to be out a minimum of 21 days before (Community Views, Facebook, sign)

NEXT MEETING :Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30pm at Johnny Bright.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Andrea Hesse, seconded by Chad Willsey, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.