

# Bellevue Community League

*Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors, September 8, 2015 - 7:00pm; Approved October 20, 2015*

In attendance: Cindy Lilge, Geoff Lilge, Jeff Nachtigall, Brian Finley, Erin Armstrong, Kyla Fisher, Dave Cournoyer, Janice Fleming, Judy Nuthack, Jo Nuthack, Ed Boraas, Ericka Chemko, Deborah Rose, Amy Maxfield, Elizabeth Metcalfe, Darryl Szafranski

Regrets: Jose Rodrigues

1. Call to order
  - Meeting called to order by Brian Finley at 7:07pm
2. Approval of agenda
  - M/S/C Brian/Ed
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
  - M/S/C Jeff/Erin
4. Community stakeholder reports
  - a. Community Recreation Coordinator (Shannon Murray)
    - Shannon was unable to attend due to illness
  - b. Northlands (Darryl Szafranski)
    - Movie Night, September 18: Coordinating with Cindy. Third annual movie event. Contracted with Fresh Air Cinema, will be showing ET
    - Looking at repurposing Rexall Place; hoping to be able to present more details shortly via community consultations this fall
    - Excited to be involved in the mural project
  - c. DECSA (Deborah Rose, Amy Maxfield)
    - Deborah expressed appreciation for BCL's support of the Pancake Breakfast. The event was very successful.
    - DECSA appreciates being invited to participate in Northlands' 50/50 at K-Days.
    - DECSA recently participated in the Indigenous Games and hosted a job fair
    - Forming a men's group and some seniors' programming
  - d. Northstars Athletic Club (Kerry Heise)
    - No representative was available to present
  - e. Abundant Communities Initiative (Elizabeth Metcalfe)
    - Eight block connectors in place in Bellevue
    - Close to all of Virginia Park is covered
    - Starting to get interviews done, which is a lengthy process as the focus is on quality, not quantity
    - Some blocks are still not covered. Please contact Elizabeth if you're willing to volunteer.
    - There are approximately 30 blocks in Bellevue, and ~16-18 in Virginia Park.
  - f. St. Mary's Anglican Church (Elizabeth Metcalfe)
    - This past Sunday, St. Mary's had a conversation about what could be done to effectively support refugees from Syria
    - They came up with the idea of doing a fundraiser to provide some funds to Syrian refugee groups

- St. Mary's would like to partner with other churches and community leagues to help make this fundraiser a reality
- St. Mary's would like to know if BCL could donate the use of the hall in order to host the fundraiser, possibly November 6, as a joint project of the Bellevue and Highlands communities with help from anyone else willing to help out
- M/S/C Ed/Erin that BCL donate the evening's booking on November 6 for the fundraiser, subject to insurance arrangements being made
  - Geoff indicated that there are some open questions about insurance requirements. He will investigate.
  - Janice noted that the Saturday booking is particularly sensitive to cleanliness, etc.

## 5. Directors' reports

### a. President (Brian Finley)

- i. Ratification of the acts of the Executive Committee
  - M/S/C Brian/Ed that the acts of the Executive Committee meeting of 25 August 2015 be ratified per BCL bylaw 6.4.3.h
- ii. President's report
  - Brian presented his report, which is on file
  - Ericka Chemko will be assisting with the financial audit/review in addition to Donna James
  - Our CRC, Shannon Murray, is now the CRC for Highlands as well as for Bellevue
  - Brian attended the last Highlands CL meeting, hoping to tie into their zoning group. Unfortunately, that group seems to be operating separately from the League.
  - Brian has had discussions with the city regarding historic designation for the Bellevue Hall
- iii. Eastglen Community Swims
  - No leagues had signed up for community swims as of 7 August.
  - Four leagues have since agreed to sign up for a shared public/league swim 2:15-4:15pm on Sunday. Brian is still attempting to have the one remaining league join in this arrangement as well.
  - The new cost will be \$400/yr, in place of \$200/mo as of last year
  - M/S/C Jo/Kyla that BCL enrol in the new, \$400/yr shared swim offering
- iv. Concordia student memberships/parking
  - Brian met with Concordia to discuss student memberships
  - BCL committed to honouring those memberships that were already sold
  - BCL will not sell any more student memberships at this time
  - Darryl provided information on how Northlands arranges parking with Concordia. Brian will suggest this as a model for Concordia student parking at the Bellevue Hall.

### b. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)

- i. Treasurer's report
  - Jo presented the financials from July and August, which are on file
  - Jo is still waiting for a timesheet from Neill for June/July/August, so that expense is not indicated on the report (~\$2000-3000)

- Jo wishes to strike a finance committee to meet before the end of the month. Brian suggested that the finance committee meet immediately after this meeting.
  - M/S/C Erin/Brian to accept the treasurer's reports
  - Janice inquired about the status of a new contract with Northstars. Jo noted that the contract was renewed last October, and that the rental rate has been updated. Jo does not have a copy of the contract on file, but Brian indicated that Northstars has agreed to provide a copy.
- c. Communications Director (Jeff Nachtigall)
- i. Communications report
  - ii. K-days recap
    - 28 volunteers helped with K-days
    - Over \$27,000 was raised
    - Jeff will be calling a meeting of volunteers to debrief and plan for next year's event
    - Ericka suggested a volunteer thank-you event
    - Kyla suggested an annual volunteer thank-you event to appreciate the volunteers who help with all of our events
  - iii. Newsletter update
    - Dave volunteered to help distributing the newsletter. Jeff will send a call out to the board for additional volunteers
- d. Facilities Director (Geoff Lilge)
- i. Security checks for adult staff
    - Geoff has been told that we'll need police background checks for volunteers for the children's program and other events
    - Janice would like to know when the children's program will be able to resume, given the complications regarding police checks and due to scheduling overlap with the dance club setting up in the main hall
    - Geoff is still waiting to hear back from Gail regarding sorting out the police checks. At that point, the proposed Saturday scheduling should not present an issue, provided that the children's program is limited to the Centennial Room.
    - Janice had sent a list of names to Geoff by email, but that email was apparently not delivered.
    - M/S/C Jeff/Erin that volunteers have a police check performed individually, then present their receipts to BCL for reimbursement
    - DECSA suggested that they may be able to assist in getting police checks done quickly and potentially at a reduced cost
    - Geoff will proceed in booking the children's program events as soon as Gail responds to him
  - ii. New hall rental rates & deposit policy
    - Geoff distributed a proposal for rental rates for the 2016 calendar year, which is on file.
    - Geoff has developed a new facility rental agreement, which he presented to the board.
    - M/S/C Jeff/Brian that the proposed 2016 rates be adopted.
  - iii. Sonic Boom update

- Building came through except for a plumbing issue, which is being remedied
  - iv. Facilities update
    - New large screen TV in the centennial room, donated by Ken North
    - New bubble hockey game donated by Greg Brandenburg
  - v. Centennial lounge carpet cleaning
    - M/S/C Geoff/Jeff that the Centennial Room carpet be professionally cleaned
- e. Membership Director (Kyla Fisher)
  - i. Membership sales/timing
    - Kyla would like to do a coordinated membership drive, possibly in late October
    - Kyla would like to approach the ACI block connectors to solicit their assistance
    - Ericka mentioned that, as a block coordinator, a promotional BCL membership handbill would be useful
- f. Social Director (Cindy Lilge)
  - i. Abundant Communities Initiative
    - Cindy had questions about how ACI/Block Connector meetings are arranged. Jeff mentioned that he and Cindy are sharing a block and a half.
    - Meetings seem to be called ad hoc and somewhat informally.
  - ii. Bellevue Social Club
    - Recently hosted a kids' clothing exchange; hoping to host a ladies' clothing exchange
  - iii. Movie Night with Northlands
    - Cindy had questions for Darryl around the concession
    - Darryl indicated that Northlands will provide pre-popped popcorn, and will have a food truck on site for hot food, with the BCL concession then selling pop, chips, and popcorn. Darryl will follow up with Cindy with more details.
    - Kyla volunteered to sell memberships during the event.
  - iv. Ladies' clothing exchange
    - M/S/C Cindy/Geoff that a ladies' clothing exchange be held on Sunday, 25 Oct in the main hall
  - v. Dance/fundraiser
  - vi. Friday Night Besties
    - Youth group being held every friday night at the Highlands CL for grades 7, 8, 9 youth from within the BCL/HCL boundaries
    - M/S/C Cindy/Kyla that the BCL donate \$400 to the Friday Night Besties program
      - Janice expressed her opposition to the motion, saying that while the program is a good one, the \$400 amount is too high
    - Cindy is also looking for age 18+ volunteers to assist with the program
- g. Past President (Janice Fleming)
  - i. Centennial Room usage
    - Janice asked about future programs and where they might meet. Will they be permitted to meet in the Centennial Room? Geoff responded that the goal is to make the Centennial Room more welcoming and open to

members of the community. He is also investigating the possibility of opening the strikers room for community use, as well.

ii. Community League Day/Bellevue Birthday, Sept. 13

- Janice has solicited donations and door prizes for the Bellevue birthday event. There will be a bouncy castle, etc., as well. To avoid conflicting with Pastor Christian's use of the Centennial Room, tours of that space will be conducted from 10am-12pm and 4-5pm. Arie will be hosting ~15-20 minute tours from 2-5pm. Forecasted weather is 19 degrees. Car show & shine will run for 10am-3pm, with viewers' choice ballots, as in the past. Bellevue Idol will be held from 10am-12pm. Mural unveiling will be at 1pm, followed by cake and refreshments. Fat Frank's and Moose on the Loose will be bringing food trucks, and donating a portion of their proceeds. Vendors (Concordia, Northlands, Eastglen, DECSA, etc.) will be presenting inside the hall to highlight their historic role within the neighbourhood. Membership renewals will be occurring on-site during the day.
- M/S/C Janice/Brian that \$2000 be budgeted for Community League Day
- Janice thanked the board volunteers for delivering the Community League Day flyers

6. Business arising from the minutes

a. Membership extension (Kyla Fisher)

- At the July meeting, a motion was tabled regarding extending 2015-16 memberships to those who purchased 2014-15 memberships on or after May 1. Kyla will gather the number of affected memberships and report back at the next meeting.

7. New business

a. Board of Directors updates (Brian Finley)

- Erin Foster-O'Riordan has resigned.
- Geoff indicated that Donnie Morrison intends to resign.

8. Date and time of next meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the scheduled date: 13 October 2015, at 7pm.

9. Adjournment

- M/S/C Ed/Jeff
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm