

Bellevue Community League

UNAPPROVED Draft Minutes - Annual General Meeting, May 17, 2016 - 7:00pm

In attendance: Erin Armstrong, Brian Finley, Judy Nuthack, Jo Nuthack, Dave Cournoyer, Ericka Chemko, Geoff Lilge, Shannon Murray (CRC), Jeff Nachtigall, Ed Boraas, Cindy Lilge, Kyla Fisher, Darryl Szafranski, Michael Tucker, Jeannette Gysbers, Terri Flanagan, Jeremy Fritsche, Sarah James, Janis Irwin (Associate), Cathy Jol, Paul Wallace, and guests

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order by Brian Finley at 19:11
2. Approval of agenda
 - M/S/C Erin Armstrong/Jeff Nachtigall
3. Approval of minutes from 2015 AGM
 - M/S/C Kyla Fisher/Ericka Chemko
4. Directors' reports for the 2015-16 year
 - a. President (Brian Finley)
 - Brian Finley presented his report, which is on file
 - M/S/C Geoff Lilge/Cindy Lilge to accept the President's Report
 - b. Treasurer (Jo Nuthack)
 - i. Financial report
 - Jo Nuthack presented his report, which is on file
 - It was noted that our income was significantly higher than in past years
 - Greg Brandenburg asked if the league has seen an increase in rentals in the past year
 - Geoff Lilge discussed some of the significant rentals from the past year, and discussed initiatives such as Pub Night
 - Greg Brandenburg asked whether the grant income was regular. It was mentioned that many grants are matching and dependent on specific projects, such as the mural project from the past year.
 - M/S/C Ericka Chemko/Jeannette Gysbers to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - ii. Appointment of auditors
 - M/S/C Brian Finley/Erin Armstrong that the 2016/17 board of directors appoint two members of the Bellevue Community League for the purpose of auditing the accounts and records of the League
 - c. Vice President (Erin Armstrong)
 - i. Vice President's report
 - Erin spoke about a very successful four-day project to collect donations for the Fort McMurray evacuees.
 - Erin spoke about the recent developments with Eastglen Leisure Centre. Erin and Dave attended a number of meetings with the city and with pool administration, with the result that Eastglen is now endeavoring to expand programs and access.
 - New deck furniture is being installed and a number of renovations are underway.
 - A member in attendance said that the new management at Eastglen has been amazing, and that recent changes have been very positive. There are many more programs, an accessible programs director, etc.
 - Greg mentioned that in the past, local soccer groups would have their end-of-season parties at Eastglen, on the deck and in the pool.
 - ii. Strategic planning presentation
 - Erin presented the 2016-19 strategic plan, which is on file
 - d. Memberships Director (Kyla Fisher)
 - This year we have 77 active memberships, 170 people (12 singles, 45 families, 14 seniors, 4 associates, 2 senior couples)
 - Membership sales are online at <http://bellevuecommunity.ca> or at Mandolin Books
 - e. Communications Director (Jeff Nachtigall)
 - Facebook presence has really been ramped up this year. There are a few relevant pages: The Bellevue Community League, Bellevue Social Club, and the Highlands/Bellevue Highlights.
 - The new website is also up and running at <http://bellevuecommunity.ca> and contains official information, news, and links to resources.

- The Highlands/Bellevue Highlights newsletter is no longer being printed, but is being distributed as an e-newsletter.
 - Jeff spoke about the success in reaching out by flyer drops, and the importance of having volunteers to assist.
 - Jeff also spoke about the successes around K-Days parking, and how significant the income was to the Bellevue Community League
- f. Facilities Director (Geoff Lilge)
- One major expenditure this year was in two new furnaces for the hall
 - A number of interesting longer-term rental opportunities have come up recently which could enhance the hall's position as a community hub
 - Now that the league has grown its cash reserves over the past year, it's a good time to discuss upgrades to the kitchen, windows, etc.
 - Geoff emphasised that if anyone has an idea for a program or event, this hall is available and meant to be used.
- g. Program Director (Ericka Chemko)
- Ericka helped work to continue the Kids Club program (run by Gail Wichert), which may be able to find a permanent home in one of the former pottery club spaces in the Hall
 - Seniors' programming is a notable gap in community offerings, that we're hoping to fill with increased programming and possibly via the work of the Abundant Communities Initiative.
5. Elections
- a. Report of the Nominating Committee (Ed Boraas)
- Ed read the Nominating Committee's Report, which is on file
- b. Nominations & elections (Shannon Murray)
- Shannon administered the nominations. No nominations additional to the Nominating Committee's nominees were heard.
 - The following Directors were elected by acclamation:
 - President: Ericka Chemko
 - Vice-President: Erin Armstrong
 - Secretary: Ed Boraas
 - Treasurer: Jo Nuthack
 - Social Director: Jeff Nachtigall
 - Program Director: Geoff Lilge
 - Membership Director: Judy Nuthack
 - Facilities Director: Brian Finley
 - Civics Director: Dave Cournoyer
 - Communications Director: Jeremy Fritsche
 - Having received no nominations, the following positions are currently vacant:
 - Sports Director
 - Community Safety Director
 - As outgoing president, Brian Finley assumes the role of Past President
6. Other business
- Greg Brandenburg suggested that the new board members introduce themselves, which they did.
 - Brian suggested that the other members and guests in attendance introduce themselves, which they did, with cordial discussion following.
 - Darryl Szafranski reported on recent developments at Northlands, including extensive work hosting the Fort McMurray evacuees, Vision 2020 and the potential for mutually beneficial strategic alignment between the BCL and Northlands.
 - Greg Brandenburg announced that there will be a river valley cleanup event meeting at 9:00am on Friday, May 27 starting at Virginia Park School
 - Greg Brandenburg also announced that Tamarack Institute will be bringing their annual Conference on Community Engagement (featuring John McKnight) to Edmonton for the first time ever, from June 7 through 9 at the Bellevue Hall.
7. Adjournment
- M/S/C Erin/Ed that the meeting be adjourned
 - Meeting adjourned at 20:21