

Bellevue Community League

Meeting of the Board, July 14, 2015

Minutes- July 14, 2015

1. Call to order at 7:06pm

Present: Brian Finley, Erin Armstrong, Donnie Morrison, Judy Nuthack, Jo Nuthack, Helen Gillespie, Ericka Chemko, Gail Wichert, Shannon Murray, Dave Cournoyer, Kyla Fisher, Geoff Lilge, Jeff Nachtigall

2. Approval of agenda

Moved by Brian Finley

- The agenda was approved. All in favour.
- Bellevue Children's program added to New Business

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting

- Questions about the tree removal in front of the community hall- because it is the City of Edmonton's tree, it must get approval from them. Shannon Murray (CRC) will speak to this later. All in favour of the minutes being approved.

4. Community Stakeholder Reports

a) **Community Recreation Coordinator (Shannon Murray)**

- Asked for information about the Hall rental contract for the Union Events and Sonic Boom. She will give them Geoff's information.
- Received a few phone calls from unhappy residents about the noise level at Porkapalooza event.
- Shannon is still working on this. Geoff: We haven't decided as a board if we are removing that tree at this point.
- Currently they are hiring a CRC to fill Highlands' CRC.
- Green Shack leaders are now in Borden Park from 10-6pm from Monday to Friday and on Saturdays and Sundays.

b) **Northlands (Darryl Szafranski)**

Jeff presents a report from Darryl

- Alberta open farm days, there are a few events on there that we are encouraged to attend.
- K-Days pancake breakfast on July 19.
- Canadian Derby taking place at Northlands.
- Darryl gave us 16 gate passes for KDays for pub night and 30 for volunteers helping with KDays parking.

c) DECSA (Beth Roehler)

No representative in attendance.

5. Directors' reports

a) President's Report

- Attended the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues annual general meeting.
- Met with Highlands Community League and will meet again in the next 3-4 weeks to discuss charitable status.
- Did paperwork for the mural grant for \$9,000 and operating grant.
- Met with the insurer to discuss financial issues.
- Responded to communications regarding variances and infills related to community consultations. Recommended in the future BCL should discuss with HCL about creating a joint committee to deal with zoning and variances.

b) Vice-President Report - Erin Armstrong

- Attended Eastglen Pool stakeholder meeting with Civics Director Dave Cournoyer. Meeting was facilitated by Calder Bateman and included representatives from Penguin Swim Club, the Eastglen Pool Users Group, and Highlands and Newton community leagues
- Public consultation hosted by the City of Edmonton taking place tomorrow night.
- Working through information related to Casino eligibility – need information about programs that the CL has done in the last 2 years. VP will contact individuals that have access to this information.
- Erin and Jo will look at their documents to help fill out the property tax information for the Casino.
- Met with the Highlands CL Casino advisor- they will help Erin prepare an application. BCL bank account and finances need to be properly in order to proceed with casino application.
- BCL expect to collect between \$75,000-\$80,000 from a casino. Gaming asks for percentages of what the CL will spend the money on. It can be amended- priorities for the money- 18-24 months in the future.
- Question: Should we set up a committee to discuss this?

c) Treasurer's Report - Jo Nuthack

- Delivered financial report showing the CL is \$500 in the black. Actual cash is around \$26,000-27,000. These funds are already spoken for and come from grants.
- One year's worth of records have been created by Jo that includes CL income vs. CL expenses. This does not including the student parking- which amounts to \$5,000-\$10,000.
- Report to the corporate registry should have been out already- would like to see it finished by the end of July.
- A CL finance committee should be struck when appropriate.

- Discussed a monthly bill from the City of Edmonton for \$201 for the Eastglen Pool Community League usage. The July 2015 bill was more than \$600 dollars for the Community Swim. Jo contacted the City and was told that the bill was previously split \$201 by each of 5 community leagues participating in the swim time. The cost increased because two of the CLs have pulled out of the agreement leaving three to pay for the entire cost.

Jeff N moves that the Bellevue Community League does not pay the entire bill and only pay the \$201.20, which is what was paid in July. Erin Armstrong seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion approved.

d) Past President Report

Janice not in attendance. Paper report circulated, including information about the September 13 Bellevue Historical Day and Mural Unveiling.

e) Social Director- Cindy not in attendance.

Related reports: Abundant Communities- block coordinators- 4 or 5 have expressed interest. Need 20 in Bellevue- need a smaller number in Virginia Park- Jeff can give a bit of info- everyone should consider it- board members can lead that- need about 20 people- Virginia Park- 6 or 7 block connectors have started there.

- Bellevue Social Club- Will host its first Pub Night on Friday. Geoff and Jeff are decorating the Centennial lounge and a popcorn machine will be on loan. BSC will work with Highlands Social Club to host semi-regular pub nights.

f) Membership Director Report - Kyla Fisher

Kyla Fisher moves that the community league create a seniors couple membership at \$10 on one membership card. Jeff Nachtigall seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

- Some 2015-16 membership were sold prior to the 2015 BCL AGM and some 2014-2015 memberships were being sold at same time. Kyla recommends we take a look at all the memberships that were sold after May 1, 2016 and extend them until 2016.

Kyla moves that have anyone who purchased a 2014-15 Bellevue Community League membership card after May 1, 2015 have their membership expiry extended to September 2016. This motion is tabled until next meeting.

- Some memberships were sold at varying rates, some charged more, some less. Brian suggests CL give a credit for next year's membership.

Kyla moves that members who paid more than the approved cost for their Bellevue Community League membership fees in 2015-2016 be credited for their

2016-2017 Bellevue Community League membership. Jo seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

- Kyla provides community membership statistics for 2015-2016.

- Selling memberships at the pub night. Kyla asks if it would be possible to have a cash float to sell memberships at the Bellevue Social Club Pub Night on July 17, 2015. Joe N. will write a cheque to Brian F for a float.

f) Facilities Director - Geoff Lilge

- The BCL hall now has new fire extinguishers, bringing them up to code! The hall also has a new security panel keyboard- manual for the security system will be kept in the office.

- Patching for the parking lot cost \$78.

- The old sign in front of the BCL was sold for \$175.

- Now using Google Calendar to track hall rentals

Geoff moves to arrange internet access at the Bellevue Community Hall through Telus. Jeff seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

- BCL hall has a new tenant on Sunday in the Centennial Room. Geoff will sort of a plan to deal with storage issues for the tenant's music equipment.

- Geoff feels the need to have more communication with facilities manager Neil regarding how rentals are handled and booked. This suggests a need for rental policies.

- Brian now has official copies of the ongoing contracts.

g) Communications Director - Jeff Nachtigall

- Organizing the KDays Pub night and parking fundraiser

Brian moves that the Bellevue Community League Board authorize Jeff as CL lead to make week-of decisions regarding the 2015 KDays parking fundraiser. Erin seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

- EFCL asked if BCL could be the staging area for the KDays parade on early Friday morning.

- Sonic Boom- most residents or BCL members received a note in the mail about receiving Sonic Boom tickets. This could be a draw for membership sales!

- Front Yards in Bloom- continues this year. Past-president Janice Fleming organized this important community event. Further communication needed in future years to promote on the hall sign.

Jeff moves that the Communications Director be responsible for the message on the sign outside of the hall. Kyla Seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

h) Seniors Director - Judy Nuthack
Nothing to report.

6) New Business

a) Children's program

- Gail Wichert will be running the Bellevue children's program. The program is usually hosted once a month on the third Saturday. She asks the CL for a commitment of \$25/month for craft supplies for the program.
- Brian asks for dates for the next 9 months. A Facebook page for the children's program so that parents are aware of dates.

Brian moves that Bellevue provide \$25 per month for the children's program events. Erin seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

- Geoff will share the google calendar with Gail. Geoff would like to see a proposal for the whole program so we know what the parameters and future opportunities are.
- The program will be starting again in August 2015.

b) Casino application

- Erin will need additional input on the casino proceedings.
- Funds collected from the casino will go toward the BCL building. Geoff to identify \$75,000 for the application.

c) Hall Mural/Bellevue Historical Day

- Geoff raised concerns with the mural and asks for clarification about budget items, including \$5000 to paint the exterior wall surrounding the mural. Was the job put out to tender and what does the \$5,000 include? Requests more clarification on this issue before BCL issues a cheque to a numbered company.
- Requests updates on both CL Day and the mural.
- Questions raised about the need to cut down a tree near the mural for a \$4,500 cost? Does the tree need to be removed? Shannon will still pursue permission to cut down said tree, regardless of what the board decides.

Geoff moves to table the decision to remove the tree near the mural outside the Bellevue Community League hall. Erin seconded. All in favour. Motion approved.

7) Meeting adjourned: Dave moves to adjourn the meeting. All in favour.
Meeting adjourned at 9:17.