

Woodcroft Community League (WCL) - Board of Directors Meeting June 18, 2009 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Patrick Hallonquist	Zenon Martynkiw	Arlene Huhn
Patricia Grell	Una Bryce	Wendy Smith
Sandra Johanson		

Regrets: Marlo Miles Autumn Maronuk

Absent: Evelyn Devine Gail Taylor

Guests: Tricia Gagne (EPS Contact) Ruth Martynkiw (Community Member)
Vince Heron (St. George Society) Derek Harrison (St. George Society)
Mark (Community Member)

1.0 **Call to order** at 7:08 pm

2.0 **Additions/Changes to Agenda** – Under New Business, #16 add Cricket Pitch

3.0 **Approval of Minutes** (April 16th, 2009, no May meeting)

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves to approve February 26, 2009 minutes.

Seconded: Z. Martynkiw

Carried: All in favor

4.0 **Woodcroft Playschool:** Nothing to report.

5.0 **St. George Society:** V. Heron spoke regarding the addition that the St. George Society would like to add onto the Woodcroft Community League Hall. He reported that they are long term renters and they would like to build a lounge that could also be used as a board room on the north side of the hall. V. Heron presented basic drawings that they have done. He reported that they would like to have a place where they could meet socially but not in the hall setting. Discussion took place. Highlights of the discussion follows:

Z. Martynkiw suggested that something like this should be brought to the community as a whole. A. Huhn stated that 2 years ago our building did not pay for itself and she was concerned that building an addition will only put us in a worse position if the long term renters leave. W. Smith suggested that we get a facilitator to discuss the pros and cons of the addition for the community. P. Grell reported that our community needs a catalyst to get our community going and this may be the project to do so. Mark suggested as a community member he would not see much benefit to the community. P. Hallonquist suggested that they are good tenants and he does not see why we would not look into the proposal in more detail.

It was agreed to table this topic to a dedicated meeting for this topic alone. Meeting date is September 10, 2009 from 7-9pm.

6.0 **Community Services Report:**

Constable T. Gagne gave updated statistics for our area. There was a stolen bike; arson at the washrooms near the tennis courts; theft from the pool; and an assault. She reported that these are very common issues for this time of year. Constable Gagne also reported that the Community Safety Fair will be in Westmount this year as they are celebrating an anniversary and already had activities planned.

U. Bryce reported on the following topics:

- a) Yards in Bloom – A. Maronuk is to notify the City if there are people who want to nominate yards for this project.
- b) Rink cutting – U. Bryce will check to see who last cut the grass inside the arena. There is a bent hinge now and the lawn was not cut. U. Bryce reported that we need to either put a ramp for mower to go over or remove the divider so it can go in.
- c) U. Bryce reported that the City of Edmonton has a letter of support for the playground committee to add to the CFEP grant.
- d) The one summer camp that we are running (Science Camp) is full
- e) U. Bryce handed out the Monthly Minders to everyone
- f) The Green Shack program will be operating this summer and U. Bryce will be distributing flyers throughout Brentwood to advertise for it, as well as through all of the schools. The program runs from June 29 – August 17th.

7.0 **Presidents Report** – P. Grell sent report sent in advance. There were no questions.

8.0 **Treasurers Report** – P. Hallonquist sent report in advance. There were no questions.

Motion: A. Huhn moves to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Seconded: Z. Martynkiw

Carried: All in favor

9.0 **Committee Reports:**

9.1 **Playground Report** – Report sent in advance, no questions.

9.2 **Traffic Report:**

- Speed Watch Program will be implemented soon. Program is based on 3 strikes you're out, meaning you get a ticket. First strike is they see the sign with the warning, second strike is the traffic committee is out checking the speed, third strike is the EPS gives a speeding ticket.

9.3 **By-Law Report** – By-Laws are at the Societies Act to be approved before we hand them over to the AGLC.

10.0 **Membership Update** – Nothing to report at this time.

11.0 **Neighborhood Watch Report** – Z. Martynkiw reported that he attended a meeting in April that had different organizations such as ETS; Crime Stoppers; etc... Z. Martynkiw did bring back some information that he provided to the group. The overall theme of the meeting was that the best way to help make your neighborhood safe is to "get to know your neighbors".

12.0 **Casino/Bingo Update** – Nothing to report at this time.

13.0 Sports Update – P. Grell suggested that we consider hiring a community member to oversee the rink, try to increase the programs we offer with the rink, ensure participants are wearing a helmet, etc... Community member, Jim O’Neill is a young grandfather who would be willing to take on this project. He is also with Kids Sport and may be able to assist us with children’s programs, etc... P. Grell has checked other leagues and it appears that \$10,000.00 is the going rate to have someone to oversee the rink.

Motion: Z. Martynkiw moves that we budget \$10,000.00 as P. Grell presented and that we review the contract details at a later date.

Seconded: P. Hallonquist

Carried: All in favor

14.0 Hall Update – S. Johanson sent report in advance.

- a) Hall Maintenance and Energy Audit – tabled to next meeting
- b) Priority list of repairs – see report
- c) Hall Clean up – S. Johanson will email everyone with a suggested date in the summer.

Vipond came out to install alarm but there was a pigeon in room so they left, need to reschedule.

15.0 New Business:

- a) P. Grell suggested that we hold a supper for the Board members on June 20th. That date did not work with everyone, next date suggested was June 25th, everyone will check and report to Patricia. It was agreed this was a good idea.
- b) Constable T. Gagne discussed this in her report.
- c) P. Grell reported that C. Shaver resigned from the Board.
- d) P. Grell reported that A. Maronuk is no longer able to do the Newsletter. Minute Man Press assists with the layout so P. Grell will still gather the information but send it to Minut Man Press to put into newsletter format.
- e) Decisions made by emails & voting protocol – Z. Martynkiw raised the topic of issues that we decide on via email. Hi point of concern is that some decisions should not be made in this format, especially important decisions, such as the Cricket Pitch letter of support. His concern is that one way communication can be very misleading and people are then voting on the information they have or have not received. U. Bryce reported that the city has just finished preparing a document very similar to this issue and she will share that information with us. Agreed to table the topic of voting protocol at the next meeting.

16.0 Topics for next meeting: Email voting protocol

17.0 Next meeting will be September 17, 2009 at 7:00pm.

18.0 Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Motion: W. Smith moves to adjourn meeting.

Seconded: A. Huhn

Carried: All in favor