

**Horizon Community League  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 16, 2019, 6:30pm  
Orchards Residents' Association**

Attendees: Jordan Weiss (Chairperson), Natasha Ballard, Danielle Thorkelsson, CJ Huber, Donna Molloy (notetaker), Harvey Miedreich, Erin McFarlane, CJ Huber, Deanne Whalen, Ryan Orr, Robyn Becker, Richard Griffiths,

Melanie Gizowski (NRC), Craig MacAlpine, Ryan Barber (President, EFCL), Avneet Mangat (Youth@Table, Volunteer Alberta), Sheila Keenan, Marianne Meijer

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 6:45 p.m.**
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Moved by Danielle Thorkelsson, Seconded by Natasha Ballard.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2019** – Moved Natasha Ballard, Seconded by Deanne Whalen.

4. **Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues – Ryan Barber, President**

Ryan provided an overview about the role and activities of the EFCL

-a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project is underway at Hawrelak Park

-there are 160 Community Leagues across the City

-Training and support is available through learning activities and staff

-there is a LBGTQ Project underway

-Tipi Teachings are an opportunity for cultural outreach in communities

-Identifying concerns for funding

-Seeking funding from the City for board development training

-Represented by 12 Districts with own representative monthly

-EFCL represents the member organizations not individuals

-Investigating the creation of an asset inventory

There were questions answered about funding changes, the tripartite agreement, and fundraising.

Ryan advised that office staff can be contacted for information and support.

5. **Bylaw Changes**

The new set of bylaws was circulated along with the Special Resolution that is to be submitted with the proposed bylaws. There was discussion about proposed changes related to board positions, proxy voting, structuring aligned with EFCL sample, and boundary description.

There was discussion about the use of Facebook for communication.

**Action: EFCL will be asked to review the content of the bylaws. The eastern border needs to be confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Action: The bylaws will be formatted for posting. There will be a vote in January for the proposed bylaw changes.**

## **6. Neighborhood Resource Coordinator**

Provided information about the school playground concept information for Orchards sites. Report has been prepared and will be circulated. Some discussion about a funding for winter activities available.

Action: **Will follow up with Deanne Whalen on invoicing for Snowflake Festival.**

## **7. Board Reports**

### **President**

Mill Woods Presidents' Council

Asked to withdraw participation at Mill Woods Presidents' Council. Identified that a funding request was made to the Council which was not supported. Identified that the mission and vision was questioned in terms of the request without support.

Discussion among those present about benefit to Horizon Community League and the value of participation.

Motion to cease Horizon Community League / Summerside Community League membership in Mill Woods Presidents' Council based on current financial review underway by AGLC along with proposal to go into debt for Canada Day.

Moved Robyn Becker. Seconded Danielle Thorkselsson.

### **Vice President**

Board Expense Policy

Identified that voucher changes have been added to the board expense policy along with other changes related to child care. Feedback that may need to support individuals providing care for pets and seniors.

Action: Provide wording feedback to Natasha

Natasha will serve as a liaison to the Playground Committee. For the next meeting she will bring forward information on the Walker playground. There was a discussion about the Playground Committee losing grant funding because they are short needed funds. Full information coming for an upcoming meeting.

### **Treasurer**

Over 200,000 in the bank account.

### **Membership**

Sorting current and prior memberships. Needs to obtain a locking box for secure storage of cards and membership information. Needs to protect personal information.

Donna identified that she is following up to have a table to promote the league and sell memberships at an event at the Mill Woods Seniors Association space in January..

#### **Social Director**

Suggested, similar to Ellerslie Community League, that a meeting be timed for Sunday evening. A movie could play for children during the time of the adult meeting.

Action: Further discussion and polling to occur about availability.

#### **Program Director**

Information provided about a snowbank rink at a cost of \$10,000. Identified with another league that this cost is reasonable based on their quotes.

Melanie to identify timeline for licensing and whether it will be possible this year.

Potential email vote will be brought forward for spending money if it is possible to go ahead this year.

#### **Grants / Fundraising / Casino Director**

CommuniBee application will be launched soon.

#### **Communications Director**

Domain name purchased.

Setting up new email accounts.

Logo design underway now that deposit is being provided.

**Action: Need policy / rules for Social Media about how school group fundraising will be handled.**

Ultimately what is shared on Facebook needs to be for public events with open participation.

#### **Soccer Director**

Report will be brought forward in February.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

**Next meeting : Monday, January 20, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

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