

River Heights Community Association  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 19, 2016  
Minutes

Members present: Gerald Rousell, Routh Rousell, Hastings Nyeknyeka, Wendy Benson, Rachelle Lockwood, Hali Drewlo, Erica England, Jessica Anderson, Leah Hipperson, Scott Sinclair, Sherry He, Andrea Neufeldt-Rodda, Mark Planchot

7:35 – Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Ruth Rousell  
Seconded by: Hastings Nyeknyeka  
Carried

Adoption of Minutes from November 24, 2015

Moved by: Hali Drewlo  
Seconded by: Scott Sinclair  
Carried

**Old Business:**

- Email motion to provide \$50.00 honorariums for 2 presenters for Just in Case and Will Power presentations – Vote passed with 11 Yes, 0 No, 5 no reply.
- Website – Andrew Welham unfortunately was called in to work. Feedback thus far:
  - Looks good.
  - Good turnaround time – same day additions for information on the website
  - Questions – are we planning to add on-line registration? Have not yet had this conversation. Mark mentioned at last meeting that it shouldn't be that big of an issue, but we will have to discuss this as an executive.
  - Next area – to investigate the on-line registration. The hope to have something in place by September registration.
- Just in Case / Will Power Update
  - Binder was available for people to look through
  - Feedback was the Just in Case presentation was very appropriate and well done. Overall positive feedback. Booklet was provided at the start for a \$30 purchase.
  - Thanks to Ruth and Gerald for the awesome hosting – with refreshments provided! 😊
- Go Out & Play
  - If anyone is interesting in taking charge of this – the registration closes February 15, 2016.
- Membership Cards – question about reusing the cards.

**New Business:**

- Theatre in the park

- Heather Morrison for SUM theatre contacted us and would like to do Theatre in the Park with us again. Gerald accepted the opportunity on our behalf – preference would be for a Sunday afternoon again.
- Idea from Hali to tie a family fun day around this event. Bouncy houses, etc.
- Some groups are setting up a concession and providing the profits to SUM Theatre or similar to last year we could provide an honorarium. This will be discussed at a later meeting
- It would be nice to have a social coordinator for this, otherwise we will see who is interested in helping out with this event later in the year.
- FCL (Federated Coop Limited) – has a program called Community Spaces – they are giving up to \$1.5 million to western Canada for community enhancements. Rachele will look into how we could investigate support for lights in the park.
  - Mark mentioned there are other grants out there that he can send us in terms of community enhancement projects.
  - Feedback on lighting from a community member was provided that there is a need for better lighting in the park; also a concrete issue. Gerald will look into this as a possible city maintenance issue.
  - Mark shared 2 projects that are going on:
    - Walking Circle & Games table – Varsity View is planning to do this. Just off Clarence and 10<sup>th</sup> St. Handouts were provided with pictures.
    - Nutana/Varsity View park upgrade project – this is a city led initiative - \$150 000 to upgrade and the community association is fundraising and looking for grants and are trying to gather feedback as to how they could enhance the park even more. Goal – to raise as much as they can by 2017 – then the decision will be made on how to use the funds.
    - Arial view of our East and West parks – Mark reminded us that our West park does not have much available – may want to enhance this portion.
  - Through the website, Gerald had one resident contact him with a couple of suggestions for park improvements
    - Adding some lights on the path from Churchill though to the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre as many kids use this path to come and go to school
    - Also, the walkway between the houses has a very low spot and fills with water and ice in the spring melt, causing a lot of problem especially for the little kids.

#### **Financial Report – Sheila Kavanagh**

- Report included in the Agenda package
  - We do have a deficit for this cycle, which is normal for November/December – but we are still have a surplus of \$17 236.95
  - Motion to reimburse Ruth for refreshments provided at Just in Case presentation:
    - Motion: Sheila Kavanagh
    - Seconded: Erica England
    - Carried
  - Sheila will need personal information from the new executive members to update the records.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Indoor Coordinator – Hali Drewlo/Erica England**

- Winter registration just finished – went well. Lots of late registrants but most came on one day. Most of the classes are full. Busy with a number of new memberships.
- The caretaking issues seem to have been resolved and things are going smoothly.

**Soccer Coordinator – Jessica Anderson/Leah Hipperson**

- Still getting a few late registrations.
- Meeting with all the north end coordinators to plan for the spring
- Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – tentative date for spring soccer registration – library was requested.
- Will send out this information to both River Heights and St. Anne to put this in the newsletter and request made to put on the sign
- U7 – new age group added. U6, U7, U8 are all co-ed now with no goalies. This is a new city-wide rule.
- Will recommend fees stay the same – for all north end communities. Easier for transfer of players if that is the case.
- Will need to do a purchase of jerseys and goalie gloves once we know how many teams we have.
- Did not collect memberships for late registrations. We could take \$10 from their fee payment and call it a membership.

**Memberships Coordinator – Rachelle Lockwood**

- 25 new memberships were sold at the winter registration
- 187 memberships – minus 11 executive members

**Basketball Coordinator – Wendy Benson/Stacey Edwards**

- Nothing new to report

**Rink Coordinator – Scott Sinclair**

- Bought a new hose this year
- 2 lights are out – but they should be looked after by the end of the month – one crew comes out to change these.
- Samuel – coordinator has been working out well. He will submit hours to Scott.
  - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 6-8
- There are some leaks in one of the hoses and there was a mention of the possibility of a sweeper. Scott will look into this.
- Hose in the caged area – seems to be old- could possibly be thrown away.
- Positive comments from the community about how well the rink is being used.

**Social Coordinator – vacant**

**Newsletter Coordinator – Sherry He**

- Thanks to Ruth for all her assistance in setting this up
- Information also has been forwarded to Andrew
- Please submit your content for the newsletter as soon as possible.
- Next newsletter will be going out in March, so please have information in to Sherry by end of February.

**Website Coordinator – Andrew Welham**

**Civics Coordinator – vacant**

**River Heights School Liaison – Erica Hoffart**

- Feedback about the rink hours and supervision was very positive.
- Request for more supervision over the holidays if possible.

**St. Anne's School Liaison –**

**Community Consultant – Mark Planchot**

- Report distributed (attached to minutes)

- What training would you find helpful in 2016? – Looking for feedback – there is a survey monkey for you to do on line
- Seniors Neighbourhood Hub Club – idea (from Lawson Heights) distributed if we are looking to provide more programming for seniors in our community.

Motion to accept reports as presented

Moved by: Gerald Rousell

Seconded by: Jessica Anderson

Carried

**Next meeting: February 23, 2016**

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: Erica England