

**Meeting minutes of the Rio Terrace Community League Executive Board
April 23, 2014
Rio Terrace Community League Hall**

Present: Lance Burns, Carrie Doucette, Samantha Gullekson, Gordon Fuerst, Yves Forte, Auriana Burns, Peter Wong, Gary Burton, Steve Gould, Helen Kukurba, Jessica Natrass, Allison McLean, Dawna-Lynne Duffy.

Call to Order: 7:06pm

1) Approval of March, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Samantha, seconded by Auriana, carried.

2) Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda by Samantha, seconded by Helen, carried.

3) Correspondence/Announcements

- **Old Business**

- i. **Bouquets:** Thanks to Gord, Auriana, Eve, Tony, Jen and Carrie-Ann for their help with March Mingle. Thanks also to Peter for his ongoing work on the signs.
- ii. **Abundant Community Initiative:** The Rio Terrace Community League (“RTCL”) was denied its application for the Abundant Community Initiative by the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (“EFCL”). No real reasons were provided by the EFCL. The RTCL can still go ahead with initiative with our own funding if desired. No decision was made at this time.

- **New Business**

- i. **Secretary Position- Jessica Natrass:** Jessica has joined the board, taking on the Secretary position. She has lived in the neighbourhood for 4 years with her husband and their son and wants to get more involved. She is especially interested in issues that impact young families.
- ii. **Maintenance Position- Gary Burton:** Gary has lived in the community since 1998 and is looking to become more involved. He is interested in learning more about the position before committing.

- iii. **March Mingle Review:** 32 people came to the March Mingle event. Ideally more people would have attended but the people who did attend provided lots of feedback (Refer to meeting agenda attachment pages 2-4). Some of the main topics that kept coming up: sledding hill, community bathrooms, more social programs for seniors, more inclusive events for entire families (not just young people), square dances, seniors skating night with music. Related to the ice-skating with music, there was a question about SOCAN fees for playing music. ¹

It was decided that a front-page article will be submitted to next month's newsletter reporting on the March Mingle.² The upcoming pub night on May 3 will be advertised as a follow up to the March Mingle.

- iv. **Ken Poyser Park:** This is a church initiative to name the city owned lands adjacent to the church after Ken Poyser. Refer to meeting agenda attachment page 5 for information on Mr. Poyser's accomplished life. The options presented to the RTCL by the church were to be a co-applicant on the application or provide support to the church's application. A cost will be incurred to erect a sign at the park if the application is successful.

MOTION by Gordon Fuerst:

I move that we forward a letter to the City of Edmonton that expresses our agreement with and our support of a naming application that will be submitted by Rio Terrace Moravian Church for naming the existing park as "Ken Poyser Park." We direct our president to write this letter.

Seconded by Yves, carried.³

MOTION by Gordon Fuerst:

I move that we forward a letter to the Rio Terrace Moravian Church and express our commitment to serve as a sponsor in the process initiated by the Church in naming "Ken Poyser Park" on 76 Avenue. In our role as a sponsor, we will provide financial assistance to a maximum of \$1000 and that such funds be applied to any costs that the Church may incur on matters related to construction and installation of an appropriate sign in the park.

Seconded by Helen, denied.

- v. **Age Friendly Action Plan:** Refer to meeting agenda attachment page 6. Gordon has been attending meetings with respect to this program and will continue to do so. It was decided that the snow

busters program or something similar should be considered as a RTCL initiative that fits well into this area.

It was decided that a design background document will be drafted⁴ and seniors will be approached within our community to gauge interest and answer questions related to a snow removal program. Info will also be provided in the upcoming newsletter.⁵

- vi. **Spray Park:** Refer to meeting agenda Attachment page 7. There is a real desire for this in our neighbourhood based on demographics and comments received both informally and during the March Mingle. The RTCL would be eligible for a city grant of \$125k but would have to match with other funds for the remaining costs. Could cost approx. \$300k and be completed in 3 years. There is an October 1st deadline to complete the first phase of obtaining approval. Subcommittee needs to have at least 10 members in order to be feasible. Request for subcommittee members will go out in upcoming newsletter.⁶

MOTION by Allison McLean:

Motion to create subcommittee to investigate the feasibility of putting a “Water Play” park in the Rio Terrace Community.

Seconded by Samantha, carried.

- vii. **Tennis Courts:** Ace Tennis Academy does not pay fee to RTCL for use of the courts. No decision to change this arrangement. Board members are receiving lots of questions on court availability. Info to be put on website.⁷

4) Reports

- **CRC City of Edmonton:** Refer to meeting agenda attachment pages 7-8. Only 3 spots left for the Geocaching on April 27, 2014. Decided that info on block party requirements should go into next newsletter.⁸
- **President:** No report.
- **Vice President:** No one in attendance to report.
- **Treasurer:** See meeting agenda attachment page 8. The RTCL is in good financial standing and report was accepted for information.
- **Preschool:** No in attendance to report. Email was sent prior to meeting indicating that all is well.

- **Hall Rental:** Programs will be happening again this spring/summer (City of Edmonton and Pedal Heads). An additional \$5500 in rental fees can be expected for inside hall rental.

June 9th has been booked for a track and field event (during the day) and tennis courts will be used. Questions were raised about how courts would be used.⁹

Bike parade is happening on June 29th. Carrie agreed to help with fundraising for this event.

MOTION by Dawna-Lynne:

Motion to request Rio Terrace Community League to spend up to \$250 for bike parade expenses.

Seconded by Lance, carried.

- **Sign:** nothing to report.
- **Membership:** Current membership is 88% of all last year's family membership and total membership is 94% of all of last year. Membership drive should take place along side an event (movie night) or we should go door to door.
- **Newsletter & Distribution:** Email has been forwarded and the deadline is next Friday, May 2nd. Peter requested to have extra copies of the newsletters left at the Hall to help with signs.¹⁰
- **Maintenance:** Small rink needs to be disassembled. No decision made on when this will take place.
- **Programs:** Geocaching taking place on April 27th. There have been requests for more continuous programming. Possible options discussed: craft night, seniors night, Tot time, arts, cards. Decision to discuss further at next meeting.

Next Big Bin taking place September 20th. Could coincide with a community day with carnival, tennis tournament, movie night and membership drive. Decision to discuss further at next meeting.

- **Social Committee:** no one in attendance to report.

Adjournment: 9:07pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 28, 2014 at 7PM, Rio Terrace Community League Hall

Follow up items:

- ¹ Lance to follow up with Jessica Monk on SOCAN fees as they apply to the RTCL.
- ² Auriana to submit front-page article on March Mingle by May 2, 2014 newsletter deadline.
- ³ Lance to write letter of support for church application by May 2, 2014.
- ⁴ Lance and Gordon to put together information package on snow removal program for the next board meeting.
- ⁵ Gordon to submit article on potential snow removal program by May 2, 2014 newsletter deadline.
- ⁶ Allison and Lance to submit article requesting community members to join Water park sub-committee by May 2, 2014 newsletter deadline.
- ⁷ Steve to send Lance a word document outlining the daily/weekly tennis court schedules to be published to website etc.
- ⁸ Lance/Jessica Monk to submit info on Block Party requirements by May 2, 2014 newsletter deadline.
- ⁹ Carrie to follow up with event planners to confirm that tennis courts will only be used for tennis.
- ¹⁰ Dawna to follow up with Dianne on leaving extra copies of the newsletter inside the hall for Peter's use.