

**Meeting minutes of the Rio Terrace Community League Board
June 24, 2015
Rio Terrace Community League Hall**

Present: Sandy Paddick, Gary Burton, Carrie Anne Doucette, Lisa McColl, Lance Burns, Aman Athwal, Samantha Gullekson, Emma Woolner, Jessica Natrass (recording).

****No quorum present****

Call to Order: 7:45p.m

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The May 2015 minutes were accepted as information.

2) Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was accepted as information.

3) Items for discussion

Email motion on spray park fundraising

- On June 12, 2015 Yves Forté put forward an email motion to the Executive members requesting financial support for the West Edmonton Mall fundraising activities being planned by the spray park subcommittee. The motion passed by email (tie breaker vote was cast by the President) on June 17, 2015.

▪ **Old Business**

- i. **Spray Park Sub-committee update:** The sub-committee is hesitant on the upcoming fundraiser despite the positive vote. The committee is still researching this event before the actual tickets are purchased, as a significant amount of money will have to be borrowed from the community league. The next meeting will take place in early July and the committee will meet with the city assigned landscape architect and planner. The Billyco junction veggie pack delivery has started and 21 people have signed up.
- ii. **Big Bin Event:** Will be held on September 12th. We were successful in our grant application. The event should go more smoothly this year as we are not doing a big clean up of the hall. The Preschool might have stuff to get rid of. Lance will need volunteers to help on the day of. Please consider helping or asking your spouses/personal networks in the community.¹

▪ **New Business**

- i. **Community Play:** Sandy has been involved with children's theatre in the past. She is interested in organizing a musical play for children in our community. Questions that came up regarding this idea were: would the community financially support this or are grants available for this kind of activity? Where would this take place? The goal would be for this to be a cost neutral event, but if it was profitable funds could go towards spray park fundraiser. Performance could maybe happen in the Moravian Church. The executive is initially supportive of the idea. Sandy will go and explore more and bring back info on budget/grants/locations.
- ii. **Bike Parade:** Happening at 2pm on Sunday, June 28th. Info has been put on the Facebook page.
- iii. **Community League Day:** Will be held on Saturday, Sept 19th. James and Emma will meet as church also plans to have events on the same day. Carrie will look after the movie rental. Everyone think of movie options. Carrie will talk to Emma on details. Jessica suggested we explore the idea of a beer gardens or beer tent as some members in the community without small children might attend and socialize if there is an area to do this. Lisa McColl is going to look into this on our behalf with respect to permits, license's, logistics, etc.²
- iv. **Email Motion policy clarification:** Jessica circulated the old policy and asked for feedback on the 5 day voting period and process. It was decided that we would keep the existing policy. Email motions should be written and sent to the Secretary who will distribute to the group and then tally the votes.
- v. **New Trees in front of Hall:** The trees are dying in front of the hall. Lisa is working with the city and waiting for them to come assess the trees. It is still unclear whether the city will be responsible for replacing the tress or the league. In the case that it is the league's responsibility, Yves has prepared a proposal for new trees to plant in place. Lisa will follow up with the City on whether we can have input into the type of tree the City will put in, if it is the City's responsibility.³
- vi. **2015-2016 Budget Approval:** no one to report. No quorum.

4) Reports

- **Social:** no one in attendance to report.
- **Membership:** no one in attendance to report.
- **CRC:**
 - i. Family Nature nights happening in the city in different parks. Volunteers are also needed.
 - ii. Community volunteer training opportunities are coming up; they are free, but you need to register in advance. Lisa also circulated data on community demographics.
 - iii. Lance asked Lisa to follow up with the City on speeding issues. We reached out to our councilor Michael Oshry last year, but this is still a major issue.⁴
 - iv. Please let Lisa know if green shack/pop up play programs are going well/not going well.
 - v. Lance asked Lisa to follow up on the group home application and bring info back to the next meeting.⁵
 - vi. Face-painting kits are available from the City.
- **Maintenance:** We are still waiting to hear response from City on planned concrete pad/shed. Gary is also working on a fence quote. He has 2 quotes and is working on getting a third, but it is a difficult process. Gary will check to make sure that a 7-foot gate will work in the space. Everyone in attendance agreed that we could move forward with 2 quotes. Gary will send an email motion for vote.
- **Vice President:** The casino is coming up quickly. We are short 10 volunteers for the graveyard shifts. Info has gone on Facebook, Lance will send out an email to the membership.⁶
- **Treasurer:** No one in attendance. Thank you, Yves for the painting of the hall doors.
- **Preschool:** Auriana was unable to attend but Lance updated the group in the President's report (see below).
- **Hall Rental:** The hall is booked all day, Monday-Friday throughout the entire summer. There is space on the weekends in July. Carrie Anne will check with Shay at the Preschool to see what her requirements are for her summer programs.

- **President:**
 - i. Lance reported that the preschool is running at about half capacity. The preschool has also increased the registration fees. It is possible that if enrollment stays low, the league will have to assist financially for the next year. Open houses have taken place and a targeted Google ad went out. The new teachers are also running programs in the preschool space in the summer. Auriana will be the new director of the preschool starting this fall.
 - ii. Starting on Tuesday evenings this September, Jujitsu will be offered in the hall for girls aged 5-8. The program will be called Women Warriors.

- **Newsletter & Distribution:** no one in attendance to report.

- **Signs:** no one in attendance to report.

- **Programs:** Porta-potties have been delivered. Community league swims are successful and we will renew our membership in the fall. Emma will re-send the needs/gifts email for feedback. Emma will work with Carrie, Ivana, Lisa to figure out what should be planned/booked for Community League day.

Adjournment: 9:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 22 at 7:30 PM, Rio Terrace Community League Hall

Follow up items:

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- ¹ Please let Lance know if you can volunteer for Big Bin.
 - ² Lisa to look into requirements re. beer gardens.
 - ³ Lisa to follow up with City on process regarding the diseased trees.
 - ⁴ Lisa to follow up with City on speeding issues.
 - ⁵ Lisa to follow up with City on group home application.
 - ⁶ Lance to send out email to membership list requesting casino volunteers.