

RIO TERRACE COMMUNITY LEAGUE Executive Board Meeting
June 28, 2023, 7pm
DIGITAL MEETING: Google meet

In attendance: Lance Burns, Auriana Burns, Brandon Blanck, Deb Perram, Marly Johnson, Stuart York (NRC), Kristin Bauer, Andrew Olsen, Emma Woolner, Perry Wynn

With regrets: Andrew Chambul, Jen Osmond, Carrie Anne Doucette,
Not in attendance: Jason Herstad, Aleksander Stefanov

Minutes

Call to order at 7:06 pm

This meeting is chaired by Past President Lance Burns

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Emma; motion to second by Brandon; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried.

2. Approval of April and May 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the February 2023 minutes by Marly; motion to second by Brandon; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

3. Action items follow up from the previous meeting – pet waste initiative – Lance will ensure placing of the unit this month, with the assistance of Perry and Auriana.

4. Finance Report – Brandon

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Motion to accept the April and May 2023 monthly financial reports as provided by Brandon; Motion to second by Emma; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

5. Energy Efficiency project – Information provided by Brandon – the report is all positive – we have an outstanding credit of approximately \$3,000, and have saved 38,600 kg CO₂, which approximates to 8.4 cars 😊

6. Items for discussion

- **Preschool report – Auriana**

Attendance is open for next year's attendance.

- **Soccer report - Perry**

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Respectfully submitted, Perry Wynn, Rio Terrace Soccer Coordinator

- **Hall rental report** – Carrie, provided via email.

We had 3 renters for private events in June and Ping Pong is back again on Sundays.

We did have a few people cancel as Laurier is completely renovated and only rents for \$250. Most people think \$400 is a lot plus there is a working sound system at Laurier as well.

Judy needs clarification whether Steve's rental is proceeding this summer at the Hall and what the dates and hours will be so it can be added to the Hall schedule.

Speaking of which, he upset one of the renters this weekend by coming in and taking her outdoor chairs to use, telling her they belonged to the Community League. It would be preferable that if he is accessing the Hall, he be mindful of renters. Not to mention not walking in like he owns the place. The renter was very taken aback by him.

- **Old Business:**

1. Hall Renovation report – Andrew C
Tabled for the next meeting.
2. Security cameras –
Tabled for the next meeting – awaiting grant approval, but due to financial concerns may be placed on hold.
3. Tennis courts:
The Agreement has been signed for the season.

- **New business**

1. Email business from May included for official record:
I, Andrew C., motion that we approve an additional \$7,000.00 to finish the new repairs on the preschool overhang and bathroom vent as per Pinchin Report 0325608. Seconded by Deb.
Once you have had a chance to look at Pinchin's report please review below and vote.
This is what we've spent of the \$10,000 I originally asked for us to approve for the repairs following the complete stucco removal.
 1. FWO 382 - \$3,670.00
 2. Home Depot 3 Invoices for Lumber - \$193.34
 3. FWO 383 - \$1,706.81
 4. Home Depot 6 sheets OSB - \$106.81
 5. Home Depot Corplast - \$67.16
 6. FWO 384 - \$1,600.00Which is \$7,344.12 of the \$10,000 leaving us with \$2,655.88 left over.
Now, the estimated cost to repair what is remaining based on Pinchin's report is \$8,260.00 + GST.
So that is \$8,673 *including* GST. Minus \$2,655.88 of what's remaining from the previous motion equals \$6,017.12. As soon as these final repairs are done Glashaus will be able to complete the exterior work. The above number is an estimate though so I would like us to approve a not to exceed amount of \$7,000.00.
3. An EFCL 'grant' person – is Auriana! Thank you, Auriana.
4. The senior resident taking care of the flowers in front of the Hall has asked for a permanent garbage bin to be placed (from the back to the front) – will ask Andrew C, if possible.
5. The Zoning By-Law renewal initiative and RTCL – Andrew O (is an urban planner), has suggested we may individually register to be a speaker at the next City meeting with this agenda (October). The City will allow 3 days for any public speakers to present. Further information, and a registration may be found at this link; <https://engaged.edmonton.ca/zoningbylawrenewal>

7. Reports

- NRC report – Stuart provided his report as attached.
- President (and Vice President) –
 - Tabled for next meeting.
- Newsletter – Kristin and Marly – due to our financial situation – the next Newsletter has been postponed. Kristin motions we run the next Newsletter in August 2023 digitally only. Seconded by Brandon. Approved? Yes, carried.

- Senior's programming – RAGING RIO SENIORS coffee time June 21, 2023, Presentation by Inspector Sean ARMSTRONG
Inspector ARMSTRONG has been with the Edmonton Police Service since 1990 – we had approximately 50 participants come to listen to our first in the Speaker Series of our coffee time.
He knows our Community is 'a wonderful place to live'. The character of our neighbourhood is surrounded by good neighbours, who look after each other. He has held responsibilities in the past as a soccer coach, and organizer of the soccer league. He is always 'moved' by the trauma involved with crime – what's out there to protect our neighbours? We, in our Community, have good quality people to help each other – let's remember. Trauma involves healing and prevention – let's help stop crime.
The social ills of people always involve the police, but the police rely on the Community for support, to address the long-term social aspects of crime. He has a tremendous respect for social workers. Dealing with the socially ill people, is difficult to complain about the police. We should regard the person high on coke, or intoxicated, or suffering from mental health concerns are difficult to deal with. They generate a Community silenced by an angrier voice. Take the time to listen – to the police, they'll answer questions. Let's stay involved.
The police have a new animal cruelty investigation unit – animal cruelty, of course, involves others in the household, the spouse, children, all violence brought into the home.
Let's beware and be aware. Watchful. Don't turn away but accept bad things will happen – the best way to prevent crime, is in support of each other. We have really good people; the police are passionate about their work – they take on their work without complaint. Remember we live in one of the safest neighbourhoods in the city.
To help with crime prevention, clear the bushes obstructing views from our windows, install video which helps you, and the police. Install alarms, engage with others in our Community, converse with each other, get to know each other, recognize what might not seem right. We are a key part of crime prevention.
For seniors, fraud is the biggest crime. Beware of online scammers, family too. Independence as we age, funding and savings are relied upon for long term care – fraud will deplete these savings. Place proper protection on reserves, our primary concern is theft of these funds. Romance scammers will attempt to combat savings – do not be combatted in your savings.
Pamphlets provided by the EPS are included in the presentation attached.
In summary – we are here, of course, to support each other. Let's stay involved. You are most welcome to send incidents, or thoughts, or comments in general to me – I am most happy to send everything along to our group. Our Community is extremely safe.
Some tips – the lighter the better, light your house outside at night. We are not encouraged to give money to those asking (at Meadowlark for

instance) – give in support of worthy centres such as the Bissell, Mustard Seed, etc.

We were grateful for the attendance of Inspector ARMSTRONG – a huge THANK YOU!

- EFCL –Andrew O – attended the AGM on June 13 – there is a new database to manage memberships, which also allows booking facilities, managing volunteers. The initiative received good feedback. The system will also include a flat fee for music, which received negative feedback, suggesting the music may not be used. The current insurance provider for the Community Leagues will offer discounted personal insurance to members.

- Maintenance and Renovation - Andrew C reported:
Over the weekend (June 24) we almost had our building broken into and the snow blowers stolen/interior of the building vandalized. The side fence was left open after the last event which allowed some individuals to go into the rink shed. They then used some of the rebar to attempt to pry open our rink maintenance/storage room. The door was significantly damaged and will need to be replaced (see attached). I am waiting for a quote from Lock Surgeon to replace the door and the locks.

While the locksmith was on site, the front door lock was lubricated so keys shouldn't stick anymore for renters.

Carrie, I also put 3 new keys in the mailbox for you. Please ensure that the keys are signed for, logged in the key log and a deposit is taken for each key that goes out to renters (as per our website). We are at 64 keys now and at some point, the next logical step will be to rekey all the locks (the cost to do that vs. cutting more keys is surprisingly comparable). Especially since we are working on improving our security through the CPTED grant(hopefully).

Apparently, the lockbox on the front door is also a security issue. The locksmith said having it exposed to the road makes it vulnerable to tampering. Apparently, all someone needs to do to break it open is to stick a flat head screwdriver in the reset button and hit it with a hammer. That will break the mechanism. I recognize the lockbox has been on the door handle for a long time with no issues. That said, I feel it is not worth the risk having it there if the locksmith is recommending against it. There are better key lockboxes available for ~\$100. Does anyone have any suggestions regarding this? Is there somewhere accessible but out of sight we can relocate the lock box to?

Here's the quote to replace the door and locks. ~\$5,000.00. I think considering our circumstances it might be a good idea to explore getting insurance to cover the damage but that would be a board decision. I don't know how a claim that size would affect our premium. (Is it worth it? Do we have a choice?) I did call a couple days ago, and Wanita didn't recommend it, but that was when we thought it may only be \$2k-\$3k. Our deductible is \$1000.

- Memberships – Marly – August is the heavy month for participation, all is going well.

- Signs – tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**RIO TERRACE BUILDING SOCIETY Executive Board Meeting
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Motion to approve the finance report as presented by Brandon; motion to second by Kristin; Approved? Yes, unanimously. Carried

1. Items for discussion

- a) Exterior Hall Renovations –**
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Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

RTCL Soccer Coordinator Soccer Report – June 28, 2023

2023 Outdoor Season

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