

# Meeting Minutes

Lendrum Community League Annual General Meeting

08 May, 2012

Lendrum Community League Hall

11335-57 Ave., Edmonton

**Presiding Officer:** Dale Sommerville

**Present:** Dale Sommerville, Glenn Miller, Danielle Gajewski, Paul Samboryk (CRC Rep.), Neil Moir, Gary Goulden, Gary Yaskowich, Harvey Guhl, Tom Schroepfer, Lance Adamson, Zian Chen, Ron Grelowski, Bonnie Herring-Cooper, Don Iveson (City Hall), Cathy Turnbull, Coleen Falk, Greg Falkenstein, Xanthe Loyer, Kate Agopsowicz, Jessica Stewart, Susan O'Neil, Daryle Tilroe, John Porter, Willem Langenberg

**Regrets:** Bill Fish, Gord Okamura, Gail Faurchou, Ray Benton-Evans

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 pm

**1. Adopting the Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda by Lance. Seconded by Daryle. Carried.

**2. Adopting the Minutes from the last AGM:** Motion to adopt by Lance. Seconded by Susan. Carried.

**3. Reports of the Executive and other representatives for the preceding year**

**3.1 – Vice President's report (Glenn):** Thank you to all who have participated on the board and to all of the volunteers.

**3.2 – Treasurer's report (Dale):** See written report. Overall, we are spending more than we are bringing in, and must work to achieve a better balance this year. Gary G. commented that once we start to receive fees from ESSC for use of the Volleyball courts, we will have more revenue (not for three years, however). Don Iveson suggested that we apply for Infrastructure grants in the mean-time to help with some of our costs. Dale thanked Zian for her excellent, thorough membership reports this year. He also thanked Gord, Cathy and Kathrine, Harvey, Brent Shaben, Paul Samboryk and the staff at his office.

**3.3 – Social Report (Tom):** The Turkey Trot has 65 to 70 people attend, and Winterfest attracted 120 to 130 people. They Hay rides were a big hit this year and the ice rink was packed. Tom thanked Gary G and Ron for running the soccer kick-off so successfully last year.

**3.4 – Civics (Harvey):** SCNC consultations are on-going. It looks like we are in a good position and that the lawsuit will be dropped.

**3.5 – Playground (Ron):** The Playground committee is going to be hosting a fundraiser where families can buy and then build birdhouse kits. Salisbury gift cards are also available with 20% going back to the LCL, these and the Sobeys cards must be purchased in advance. Contact Jo Grelowski. This year individuals can also make cash donations to the playground project through our account with the City. These are eligible for a tax receipt. The committee is always looking for more volunteers.

**3.6 – Athletic Park (Harvey):** See written report. A turf-cutter was purchased last year for the dry pond, as the City equipment was insufficient for cutting grass on the hills around the park. The Community League was able to get this equipment for about ¼ the cost. We have also added a few smaller pieces of equipment to the shed. A faulty piece of (City) equipment burned parts of the sod on the Dry Pond last year. Harvey has approached them to supply us with new sod for this area, but unfortunately they are not in a position to provide labour to install it. Luke Falkenstein has been hired for this summer through a STEP Grant to help maintain the park and garden areas.

**3.7 – Ice Rink (Gary G):** See written report. Gary G, Gary, Y, Neil and John were the main ice rink volunteers this year. They did an incredible job maintain the ice despite the warmer weather. A new timer was added to the rink lights. This year we will need to work on building-up the sand level.

**3.8 – Memberships (Zian):** 179 memberships sold this year (121 family memberships and 58 to seniors).

**3.9 – Newsletter/Web (Harvey):** See written report. 6 editions were produced last year, this might be reduced to 4 for next year (matter still under discussion). Over 25% of our community is seniors, many of whom do not have access to the internet, therefore a paper newsletter is still relevant at this time. Would like to see more content submitted to the newsletter from community members, this can include relevant articles that you read in another publication etc... The website gets 150 – 259 hits per month, but the number of sustained visits are a more valuable indicator. We need to improve and expand the content on the website as well, Harvey asks all representatives to review and provide more content for their areas. Currently working on a calendar for bookings and to continue the growth of the photo gallery.

**3.10 – Volleyball (Lance):** The ESSC (Edmonton Sport and Social Club) uses the courts 5 nights per week, which will begin to bring in \$20,000/year revenue starting in 3 years. The success of our Volleyball courts has brought many new vehicles to the area, but have been strongly encouraged to obey the speed limits. The ESSC has just installed an outdoor sound system, please let Harvey or Lance know of any noise issues. The LCL currently has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of beach volleyball courts in the city. We will be hosting the Golden Bears

annual fundraiser again this year, at this event, people can pay a fee to play with the Golden Bears, all levels are welcome. Harvey thanked Lance for all of his hard work on these courts, which are widely considered the best in the city, having great sand and night lighting. Sue inquired whether we have any opportunities for community members to learn or improve their volleyball skills? Lance replied that we do not currently offer an adult “Learn-to-Play”, but this could be arranged. The courts can also be booked free-of-charge to LCL members. Friday nights and Saturdays are reserved for use by the Community League. Harvey suggests we consider including drop-in volleyball lessons to the Summer Kick-off Party.

**3.11 – Soccer (Xanthe):** See written report. Special thanks to Jo Grelowski and all of the other soccer volunteers. Running the soccer program takes huge community participation. Last year Lendrum sponsored 2 indoor soccer teams and currently sponsors 6 youth, 1 learn-to-play, 2 x U6, 2 x U8 and 1 x U12 outdoor teams. These teams will play exhibition games at the Summer Kick-off. In 2012, all coaches and assist. coaches were required to provide a police check. The soccer team has been very focused on the training and development of coaches and referees in our community, so that we can keep as many teams in Lendrum as possible. Ron gave a special thanks to Xanthe and Jo for all their hard work maintaining such a successful program.

**3.12 – Casino:** See written report.

#### **4. Reviewing the financial statements**

Financial statements circulated by Dale. **Motion:** To approve the statements, pending audit. Approved by Tom, Seconded by Gary Y. Carried.

#### **5. Appointing the auditors**

**Motion:** To accept Katherine Turnbull and Catherine Stout as auditors for the 2013 year by Gary Y. Seconded by Glenn. Carried.

#### **6. Setting membership fees**

Fees will stay the same.

#### **7. Electing the Officers**

The terms of all members of the executive were up this year, all members allowed their names to stand for another term with the exception of President, Bill Fish; Membership, Zian Chen; and Social, Tom Schroepfer. Civics rep. Gail Faurshou will allow her name to stand pending her move to a different neighborhood in a few months. Gord Okamura indicated that he can stand for another term if there are no other volunteers to take-over this position.

**Motion:** To change the bylaws in order to rename the position of “Ways and Means” to “Fundraising”. Motion by Harvey. Seconded by Tom. Carried.

Harvey suggests the creation of a new position titled “Community Gardner”. All agreed by acclamation.

All people in the following list were elected by acclamation:

President: Susan O’Neil

VP: Glen Miller

Past President: Bill Fish

Treasurer: Dale Somerville

Secretary: Danielle Gajewski

Social: Vacant

Civics: Gail Faurschou, Ray Benton-Evans and Joanne Ellison

Playground Development: Ron Grelowski

Athletic Park: Harvey Guhl

Building Rentals: Neil Moir

Ice Rink: Gary Goulden, Gary Yaskowich, John Porter, Neil Moir

Programs: Gary Goulden

Membership: Jessica Stewart

Newsletter/Web: Harvey Guhl, Daryle Tilroe

Casino: Gord Okamura

Volleyball: Lance Adamson

Soccer: Jo Grelowski & Xanthe Loyer

Fundraising: Vacant

Community Gardner: Bonnie Herring-Cooper

Member at Large: Mike Kuntz, Kate Ryan

Lendrum Sign: Luke Falkenstein

Newsletter Distribution: Cathrine Stout

Neighbourhood Watch: Carol Allen & Shannon D’Agnone

Suggestion by Ron that we try to find a volunteer to mentor-in to the Casino position this year. Sue suggests that we search for a few community volunteers to share the fundraising position.

## **8. Open Floor**

Don Iveson (City Councillor, Ward 10): Thank you to all of the volunteers in the Lendrum Place community for all that you do. Don also acknowledged some of the major projects that Lendrum has overseen in the recent past, including our very successful Dry Pond.

Willem brought-up the issue of speeding cars on 115A Street, as well as a piece of missing sidewalk between 63 Ave. and 115A Street. He has independently brought this complaint to the city. Willem would like this issue to be addressed at the next LCL meeting and will invite a representative from the University that he has been in contact with.

## **9. Adjournment:** Motion by Susan O'Neil. Seconded. Passed.