

**Attendees:** Vince Bowen, Chad Cooper, Meghan Cooper, Rosa Ficko, Marissa Loewen, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Brad Mielke, Micheal Moroskat, Gerry O'Donnell, Dave Robert, Cam Worthing, Kersh Naidoo, Stuart York

## 0.0 Welcome and Introductions

Call to order at 7:15 pm

### 1.0 Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

### 2.0 Approval of 2013 AGM minutes

The 2013 AGM minutes were approved unanimously.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 Presidents Report

Gerry O'Donnell

Renovations at the Rec Centre are progressing well with painting and a successful work bee conducted two weeks ago.

The casino roles have been completed in preparation for the casino next year. Thanks to Christine and Bill.

Preparations at the rinks are now in place and the new skating season has started successfully with the maintenance and attendant scheduling in place.

Playground renewal project continues to progress under leadership of Brad and Vince.

### 3.2 Treasurers Report

Chad Cooper

Chad went over the various accounts and advised that the board is in a very stable financial position. He advised on the major expenditures for the month of November.

### [3.3 Committees

#### Playground committee

Brad Mielke

Still working with initial work with the city design group to finalize the playground design. The community must have money in place by October to have construction for the next year. There is a city grant for up to 50% of the cost. The committee will be doing a hard push to get money for October 2015 to begin construction in 2016.

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Contact information for the Playground committee: [grovenorpark@me.com](mailto:grovenorpark@me.com)

### Other committees

Gerry O'Donnell

Grow Forward Grovenor - community garden  
Various program committees

## 3.4 2014 Financial Statements

Chad Cooper

Jeff Bird is the lead auditor. Chad has worked with him over the last few weeks during the audit.

See the attached financial statements. Overall assessment was that the finances are all in order for the previous year (2013-14) with a clean audit report.

Chad recommended that the financial statements be approved. All for, none against. The financial statements are approved unanimously.

Gerry thanked Chad for his help with the financial records and Jeff Bird for his firm's audit services and report.

## 3.5 Budget/Actuals

The budget was previously approved by the Board for the 2014 calendar year ending Dec 31, 2014, while the League's fiscal year and financial statements have an Aug 31 yearend.

Therefore, since the financials only reflect rev and expenditures up to Aug 31, 2013, this prevented comparing budget to actuals since the calendar year had not yet ended. Overall the 2013 actuals are very close to the budgeted figures.

## 4.0 Elections

Stuart York took over the meeting to run the elections. Stuart followed standard nomination procedures, calling for nominations three times. All positions received only a single nomination, so no votes were required.

President:

Nominated: Gerry O'Donnell (accepts) Wins by acclamation

First Vice President:

Nominated: Kersh Naidoo (accepts) Wins by acclamation

Second Vice President:

No person Nominated: position left vacant

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**Treasurer:**

Nominated: Rosa Ficko (accepts) Wins by acclamation

**Secretary:**

Nominated: Micheal Moroskat (accepts) Wins by acclamation

**Social Director:**

No person Nominated: position left vacant

**Sports Director:**

No person Nominated: position left vacant

**Program Director:**

No person Nominated: position left vacant

**Membership Director:**

Nominated: Brian Los (accepts) Wins by acclamation

**Facilities Director:**

Nominated: Cam Worthing (accepts) Wins by acclamation

**Newsletter Director:**

Nominated: Bill Melenberg (accepts) Wins by acclamation

**Neighbourhood Watch Director:**

Nominated: Earl Clements (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

**Civics Director**

Nominated Cassandra Haraba (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

**Directors at large (6):**

Nominations: Vince Bowen (accepts)  
Tony Van Herk (accepts)  
Brad Mielke (accepts)  
Bill Melenberg (accepts)  
David Robert (previously indicated intent)  
All confirmed by acclamation.

**Ice Rink Coordinator:**

Nominations: Frank Santiago Wins by acclamation

**Website Coordinator:**

Nominations: Heather Bolli (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

**Social media Coordinator:**

Nominations Travis Watt (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

Grow Forward Coordinator:

Nominations Brian Los (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

Casino Coordinator:

Nominations: Christine Worthing (previously indicated intent) Wins by acclamation

## 5.1 Outgoing President's Address

Gerry addressed the group and went over the many successful initiatives over the past year:

- Cleaned up graffiti at Rec centre and skate park after applying for a \$500 grant from the city
- Property tax exemption request for 2015 approved
- Free rental for girl guide meetings at hall
- Increased utilization of hall this year
- Painted inside of the community hall
- Arranged for fire prevention inspection and report at Hall and rec Centre and implemented recommended upgrades
- Implemented a joint playground program with North Glenora and St Pauls
- Increased our utilization of social media (facebook and twitter) and website postings
- Reviewed and responded to civics related matters in timely manner
- Conducted another very successful membership drive
- Applied for and were approved for an AED device
- Installed solar lights at the Hall sign
- Grew alliances with the school related associations
- Conducted a very successful Vol appreciation event at Café Rista
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Overall has been a tremendously successful year with all primary goals and objectives achieved. Thanked all board members and volunteers for their tremendous contributions over the year.

## 5.2 Incoming President's Address

Gerry O'Donnell

Gerry thanked everyone for coming out, especially in the cold winter weather. It is important to have lots of involvement. Gerry provided a bit of a background about himself and his business experience and also advised that he had taken early retirement in the past year. He feels that it is important to give back to the community.

Gerry highlighted various individuals and gave thanks again to each of them including various Board members and numerous volunteers that have provided much good work in their various roles and for other initiatives with the community league. Has appreciated all of the help; the community would not operate the way it does without the volunteers. He noted all of the work that goes on without anyone knowing.

The league will start the new year with a healthy bank balance. We need to apply for all grants where appropriate in 2014, including CLOG, CLIP, Big Bin, Playground Renewal grants (CFEP, NDPD), summer student grant for Grovenor playground, etc.

There are several ongoing projects and activities that will have to be completed with the guidance of the new board:

- complete the redevelopment of the Recreation Centre
- maintain support for sports programs, including soccer, community swimming, program and maintain the ice rinks as well as the City learn to skate program again
- Grow Forward Grovenor
- better utilization of the hall facilities.
- increase our membership total
- install an AED at Rec Centre and Hall if provided through the Heart and Stroke Fdn
- maintain a high standard for facilities (Rec centre and Hall) and grow the relationship with other organizations in Grovenor, e.g. St Paul's youth group
- conduct a successful casino in 2014 that will involve volunteers
- organize and deliver another successful fallfest
- maintain a quality website, facebook page and quarterly newsletter
- support the summer playground programs; apply for Greenshack; partner with St Pauls and North Glenora again
- conduct big bin event
- support neighbourhood watch program
- follow up with City on any outstanding neighbourhood renewal issues
- upgrade website
- monitor civics issues; review requests for variances
- conduct volunteer appreciation event and get confirmation from attendees
- improve graffiti situation through use of murals, repainting, install surveillance camera system

Gerry would like to invite Councillor Scott McKeen again to a Board meeting this year and invite the whole community to attend.

Gerry asked for feedback with other ideas for activities to involve community residents more.

Gerry encouraged everyone to be involved in some way.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

## **7.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.