

Grovenor Community League Annual General Meeting

Grovenor Community Hall

Minutes

December 06, 2016

Attendees: Rosa Ficko, Brian Los, Bill Melenberg, Brad Mielke, Gerry O'Donnell, Kersh Naidoo, Shauna Richards, Mariette Seed, Cam Worthing; Ron Chaput (a community member), Allan Bly (a community member), a middle-aged couple (community members), young man (a community member), Vincent Tan (a community member).
For a total of: 6 community members, 8 board members, 1 CRC rep.

0.0 Welcome and Introductions

Call to order at 7:15 pm.

1.0 Approval of agenda

Earl MOVES, Brian SECONDS. APPROVED.

2.0 Approval of 2015 AGM minutes

Barrett MOVES, Bill SECONDS. APPROVED.

3.0 Reports

3.1 President's Report

Gerry O'Donnell

Gerry thanked all members of the board and coordinators:

- Kersh Naidoo for an excellent job as VP, applying for grants that we put forth (including Big Bin, CLIP), overseeing the Big Bin event, and co-chairing Fall Fest with Angie, which is a huge planning event to carry out.
 - o Kersh then thanked Angie Resendes and said it was getting the volunteers out that is so important, and that we will continue to grow that as Fall Fest is well received. 245 meal tickets were sold this year.
- Kersh for building the relationship with Catholic Social Services who offered up 10-12 volunteers for Fall Fest.
- St. Paul's church who contributed 5 or 6 volunteers.
- All of our soccer coaches and Rosa Ficko's administration for a great soccer program this year, while also winning the Inter-City under 14 city championship.
- Brad Mielke for his chairing with Vince the Playground renewal project.
- Kim Street for conducting fundraising for the playground project.
- Brian Los for the LED lighting project at both ice rinks
- Barrett Kyle for organizing the installation of the new chain link fencing around the rinks, getting boards repaired & other renovations at the rink and hall with the assistance of Andrew in maintenance.
- Vince Bowen for recruiting artist Ryan Weisser for the additional mural on west hall wall. Two more will be done next spring, followed by protective coatings for all walls.
- Brian for the solar project for hall sign, saying it is approved through grant funding. We are waiting for it to arrive and be installed.

- Tony Van Herk, our Green Project Ambassador, saying an energy audit is under way as the first step to getting solar panels and other energy efficiency enhancements for the hall and rec centre.
- Guests speakers for our 2 town hall meetings; Councillor Scott McKeen and MLA Sarah Hoffman.
- Kersh for taking care of gift baskets for the Syrian refugee families. One more (approved) to be delivered in 2017 for the family sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican church.
- Barrett for his work on the ice rinks and hall and organizing the ice and building maintenance workers – Andrew and Alastair, who will also do the attendants' scheduling.
- Bill Melenberg who did such an excellent job managing the quarterly newsletter.
- Cassandra who deals with the many civics and development issues throughout the year. She also helps Glenora on issues affecting both communities.
- Brian Los for his work as membership director. We recruited 170 memberships this year.
- Heather Bolli for coordinating the Grovenor website with ongoing updates.
- Travis for his continued help with Facebook and Twitter.
- Brian for coordinating the Grow Forward community garden which provided bountiful crops this year.
- Earle for his continued work on the Community Watch program.
- And many other valuable volunteer accomplishments that could not all be acknowledged in this report.

Gerry mentioned he has built up the relationship with St. Paul's church via Ryan Young, president of North Glenora community league.

Gerry said the businesses who donated gifts for Fall Fest will be thanked in the next newsletter. Kersh will compile a list for publication.

The community swim program was renewed for 2017.

Stronger alliances were built with the school association with the help of Vince and others.

We saved money on property taxes this year due the renewal of our Not for Profit exemption.

We applied for and received annual operating grant from City for over \$10,000.

The volunteer appreciation night was very well attended and received at Tasty Tomato in Nov.

There was another graffiti removal project, which a \$500 City grant helped offset the expense. Protective coatings and murals should help reduce this concern in 2017.

3.2 Treasurers Report

Rosa deferred discussion of the annual financial statements to Gerry O'Donnell. Gerry discussed highlights in the various financial statements, the supporting notes as well as the Review Engagement Report. Gerry explained matters in response to various questions raised regarding the statements. Rosa Ficko

3.3. Committees Reports

Brad Mielke reported on the playground renewal project, saying a funding source will be announced soon, bringing us to over \$500,000 for the project. We are now funded. We can move forward. As for the original \$650,000 budget, we won't be utilizing all of the rubber surface material initially planned, which was very expensive. We will still look for more funding from the neighbourhood and other sources. We will invest in 'play' features. Blue Imp was chosen as the successful vendor from Medicine Hat. They were very responsive to our needs.

3.4 2015 Financial Statements

Rosa Ficko/ Gerry

See the attached financial statements.

A MOTION is put forth to approve the Financial Statements for 2016. FIRST by Barrett.
SECONDED by Bill. Motion APPROVED.

4.0 Elections

Shauna Richard, our Community Recreation Coordinator, conducted the election process. Because there were fewer attendees than vacancies, Shauna suggested holding the election by slate. If more than one candidate was interested in any position, then that position would be dealt with as part of a standalone election. The slate was built. Shauna then called three times for any additional candidates. As there were none, all positions were acclaimed. The new Grovenor Community League Board is as follows:

President: Vacant

First Vice President: Kersh Naidoo

Second Vice President: Gerry O'Donnell

Treasurer: Peggy Ward

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Secretary: Mariette Seed

Neighbourhood Watch Director: Earl Clements

Newsletter Director: Bill Melenberg

Program Director: Allan Bly

Directors-at-large (6): Brad Mielke, Cam Worthing, Christine Johnston, Vince Bowen, Rob Chaput, Tony Van Herk (Sustainability Director)

Director of Memberships: Brian Los

Facilities Director: Allan Bly

Civics and Development Issues Director: Cassandra Haraba

Sports Director: Rosa Ficko

Social Director: Vacant

Coordinators:

- Website Coordinator: Heather Bolli
- Social Media Coordinator: Travis Watt
- Ice rink Coordinator: Barrett Kyle
- Grovenor Playground Renewal Chair: Brad Mielke
- Grow Forward Garden Coordinator: Brian Los

5.1 President's Address

Gerry O'Donnell

Projects and activities to be undertaken in 2017 include:

- For Grovenor to hold a successful casino on Feb 10-11
- Host Town Halls as in the previous two years: one with Sarah Hoffman; and one with Scott McKeen (or replacement councillor in 2017 election)
- Complete the construction of the playground renewal project in 2017
- Conduct another successful Fall Fest in September
- Carry out a successful membership drive
- Apply for City summer programs (Greenshack, etc.) for Grovenor
- Coordinate with North Glenora for summer kids program in July - August
- Implement further website updates
- Renew community swim program
- Expand sports program (Rosa)
- Support youth soccer program
- Expand skating program
- Apply for all applicable grants
- Invite Neighbourhood Renewal project team to provide an update on outstanding issues not dealt with by contractors

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- Continue to expand utilization of social media such as Facebook and Twitter
- Maintain hall and rec centre and utilize work bees if necessary
- Rinks to be fully operational with an attendant on duty
- Expanding use of hall.
- Aid Grovenor school with funding as periodically requested
- Invite school principal to Board meeting quarterly
- Carry out Big Bin event in May and apply for grant
- Sustain Grow Forward program with ample volunteers (12 in 2016)
- Support Neighbourhood Watch program
- Monitor, take effective action and report on any Civics and Development issues
- Monitor surveillance systems, watch for and report graffiti
- Host annual volunteer appreciation event in November
- Proceed with Energy Audits & upgrades as appropriate
- Obtain new solar panels for hall roof
- Finalize solar lighting for hall sign

6.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.