



Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Wednesday, June 9, 2010

1. Welcoming Remarks (call to order)

The June 9, 2010 Highlands Community League Annual General Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15.

Motion: Andrew Anderson moves to call the Highlands Community League Annual General Meeting to order. Arlene Blood seconds the motion. All approve.

Peter Klassen offered introductory remarks and welcomed members.

Present: Andrew Anderson, Nickela Anderson, Ghys Bailey, Tyler Bedford, Arlene Blood, Christine Bremner, Tom Bremner, Shannon Butters, Jason Cioran, Yvette Cioran, Daniel Clark, Heather Dubie, Boyd England, Laurel Erickson, Candace Farrer, Brian Finley, Conny Franzke, Gilda Frizzel, Shawn Frizzel, Micheael Grant, Megan Karius, Cherie Klassen, Peter Klassen, Jim Krisko, Carmen Lawrence, Howard Lawrence, Daniel Loeffler, Allan MacDairmid, Ray Martin, Brian Mason, Donna McGougan, Gord Mercier, Mark Milne, Darrell Nordell, Valerie Pachal, Linda Poignant, William Pretie, Susan Prettie, Ann Romanow, Michelle Runnett-Bailey, Tony Spencer, Lynn Spyker, Bill Storey, Alexandra Thomson, Cam Traynor, Lianne Traynor, Kim Trebilcock, Joylynn Tuston, Martin Tweedale and Heather Workman.



- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of 2009 AGM Minutes

Motion: Christine Bremner moves to approve, as circulated, the 2009 Highlands Community League Annual General Meeting Minutes, the 2010 Annual Report and the 2010 Agenda. Shannon Butters seconds the motion. All approve.

The 2009 Highlands Community League Annual General Meeting Minutes, the 2010 Annual Report and the 2010 Agenda are attached.

- c) Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes noted.

2. Guests

- a) Valerie Pachal – Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL)

Valerie is the Assistant Director / Communications & Events Coordinator for the EFCL. She introduced the EFCL to the members and offered the website as a resource rich tool to assist community members and leagues in growing communities. She introduced EFCL staff members and departments and encourages members to contact the EFCL offices for areas involving multi-cultural initiatives, treasurer training and planning and development issues.

Some of the EFCL initiatives are Next – Gen, the Green Challenge, educational programming and Living Local that promotes the idea of communities hanging up the car keys.

Another exciting initiative is the Edmonton wide Community League Day which is being held on September 18. A kick off event will be held on September 13 at Churchill Square which will feature an aerial photograph event of a city of Edmonton representation that is created by students holding up signs representing communities with a blue ribbon representing the North Saskatchewan River.

Valerie thanked all community league members and volunteers for the participation and invites any and all enquires. Valerie's email is communications@efcl.org



b) Tony Spencer - Highlands Lawn Bowling

Tony is the President of the Highlands Lawn Bowling Association. He spoke on game itself and offered a brief history of the club and the relationship between Lawn Bowling and the Highlands Community League.

Due to the agreement with the Highlands Community League and their agreement with the City of Edmonton, Tony explained the need for approvals on any alterations to visible elements belonging to Lawn Bowling. It was commented that revisiting the agreement to make the process less complicated might be worthwhile as any improvements made to the Lawn Bowling property is an improvement to the Community League Property.

It was announced that the shed permit has been approved and will be completed by year end while placement of signage was also approved and completed. The new sign was well received by members and plans are underway to attach it to the South fence to the East of the main gate.

Tony requested that two motions be passed in regards to the replacement of the backboards and to move forward in researching potential lighting solutions with the intention of replacing them. Neither replacement will pose incurred expense to the Highlands Community League.

Motion: Christine Bremner moves to approve the replacement of the backboards around the lawn bowling green with the conditions that there is no cost to the Highlands Community League. Andrew Anderson seconds the motion. All approve.

Motion: Tony Spencer moves to move forward in researching potential lighting solutions over the lawn bowling greens with the intention of replacing the lighting fixtures. Motion tabled.

It was discussed that low hanging lights over the green would be nice and it was agreed that Tony would be looking into different options and returning back to the board for approval. Darrell Nordell, CRC assured the members that any lights chosen would need to concur with city bylaws before being approved.

c) Laurel Erickson - Highlands Historical Society

Laurel Erickson is Acting President for the Highlands Historical Society until their AGM. Previous President, David Lockey resigned earlier this year.

Laurel took the opportunity to invite members to upcoming events and to share current information on the historical plaque program. There are currently 90 plaques in the area and another round will be put to order soon.



Laurel spoke about the Highlands Centennial in 2012, the book that is being published and the fundraising elements. She expressed interest in creating a joint committee with the community league for the centennial celebrations.

Alexandra Thomson of the Eastglen School announced a historical stage play that is in the works for the Highlands Centennial and requested historical matter which will be compiled by her group to be included in the play. See attached for more information.

d) Jim Krysko - A place to Gather Community

Jim Krysko introduced himself as a recent member of the 3rd incarnation of the Building Committee and recognized that they are a continuation of the previous committee. He identified that the economic climate has changed in recent years and that it may make things more reasonable in terms of renovating or rebuilding.

The group is currently benchmarking with other leagues to see what is possible regarding cost for renovating vs. cost for rebuilding as well as issues such as fundraising. They are currently speaking with Prince Rupert, Goldbar and a third league. What is being discovered is that the Highlands is falling behind other leagues in regards to facilities and is generally lacking.

Mark Milne will be the liaison between the Building Committee and the Board of Directors. Mark will make a presentation to the Board when there is purpose or need.

e) Mark Milne – Neighbourhood Patrol

Mark Milne introduced Jim, Heather, Laurel and himself as the Neighbourhood Patrol.

The group is seeking long or short term volunteers to join their group which walks the streets of the Highlands deterring mischievous persons. The group is non-confrontational, taking notes and reporting to police when issues arise.

Joining the Neighbourhood Patrol is a great way to walk the dog and to meet Highlands' residents. It was noted that group members have very nice looking official jackets and two way radios.

3. Volunteer Recognition

Lianne Traynor stood up to recognize long time and exiting volunteers of the Highlands Community League. Special cards of recognition were offered to members.

Emery Yakowich, for his 10 years of work on the board as Sports and Building Committee Director.



Dale Darrah, for his eight years on the board in the capacity of Secretary and Civic Affairs and Traffic Director. Dale worked with Dan Burden of the US to plan the 112 Avenue Road Diet.

Christine Bremner, for her many years as Social Director and Treasurer. She has been an invaluable member of the Highlands Community League for her ability to keep people on track.

Peiter Spyker for his 5 years on the board as Vice President and then President.

Peter Klassen for his years on the board as Vice President and Acting President.

Boyd and Laura England, for their contributions as Secretary, Facility Director and Fundraising Directors. Their contribution to the community as league volunteers and business owners is much appreciated.

Recognition was also given to Collette Storms who has spent many years as layout manager for the Highlands Highlights that is distributed to the Highlands and Bellevue.

Other members recognized were Donna McGougan, Membership Director, who is moving out of the community and Lianne Traynor who is stepping down from Volunteer Director.

Thanks were given to everyone for making this a great community.

4. President's Report

Peter Klassen spoke to the successes seen in the 2009/2010, as presented in the 2010 Annual Report, in terms of programs, sports and social events. Attendance to events has been higher than expected with people from across a wide spectrum. Communications are being enhanced and new initiatives are in the works. Community spirit is strong and needs to continue.

It was identified that there was a shortfall to funding this year and the league will need to cover the costs for some programs to be continued. A split of the board was addressed with the recognition that all desire what is best for the community and that time will heal.

Peter identified that a fresh slate is needed to lead and requested that members step up and fill open positions on the board.

5. Treasurer's Report

Several accounting firms were approached to do the 2010 audit and Bergeron was selected as they came in at a lower cost. All pertinent documents and information has been handed over to Bergeron.



An audit was to be presented at the AGM meeting, however, the account manager recently had family health issues and the audit will be delayed by one to two weeks. An Interim Report was presented by Christine Bremner (see attached).

The account balance is \$204,619 with the largest expenditure being program costs and the facility. The majority of income this year was casino funds and City Operating grant.

We did not receive the CSJ grant this year. A reduction in funding grants was cited as the reason for not receiving the grant. Darrell indicated that the City of Edmonton is meeting within the next week to address the issues of funding as 20 other leagues failed to receive the CSJ grant this year.

Motion: Christine Bremner moves to accept the Interim Financial Report as presented until receipt of the official audit from Bergeron. Tony Spencer seconds the motion. All approve.

Christine announced that she reluctantly took on the position as Treasurer last year and that it is with reluctance, but also relief, that she will be stepping down. She will remain in her position as EFCL Liaison for the next two years and is available for advice.

6. New Business

A historical plaque has been granted to the Highlands in recognition of the historical bearing of our community. A location is required, where the plaque can be installed. Ideas are La Boheme, in a Centennial Garden in Highlands Park with a ceremony to commemorate the 2012 Centennial, at the Henry Martell Park or on the Direct Line mural wall.

It was suggested that the Historical Society be put in charge of finding a location for the plaque. It was also recognized that the 112 Avenue Business Group were raising funds for a 112 Avenue Beautification Project which might include flower pots, a commemorative bench or another feature within the amount of funds raised.

It was suggested that multiply plaques be requested and mounted similar to those in the Westmount Historical District.

Motion: Brian Mason moves to create a committee to make recommendations to the Highlands Community League Board regarding the instalment location of an historical plaque. Rhys Bailey seconds the motion. All approve.



7. Election

Peter Klassen stepped aside to let Darrell Nordell, CRC chair this portion of the meeting. Darrell, who is going into his seventh year as CRC, gave thanks to the outgoing members of the 2009/2010 board members.

Quorum of 20 people was satisfied and all positions were noted as being up for election. Scrutineers for the election included Valerie Pachal of the EFCL and Brian Finely of Bellevue Community League.

Howard Lawrence announced from the floor that because he was party to the issue that divided the board, he would have the elections suspended until September and a Nominating Committee be struck to find nominees.

Motion: Howard Lawrence moves to suspend the 2010 elections until September of 2010 and to strike a Nominating Committee to seek nominees. Cherie Klassen seconds the motion. Motion Denied.

It was noted that should the elections be suspended, there will not be an active board to organize and volunteer for upcoming events. Protocol is to go forward if there was 21 days notice of the meeting, quorum and members willing to volunteer.

One member mentioned a hesitance to volunteer for a board that has seen issues and would like to know what happened. It was mentioned that the point is mute as many board members had resigned. It was indicated that there are others who would like to stand up for the positions and it was asked why they had not attended the meeting.

All criteria being met, the elections proceeded.

President

Yvette Cioran nominated Rhys Bailey for President. Accepted.

Cherie Klassen nominated Howard Lawrence for President. Not accepted.

Vice President

Rhys Bailey nominated Andrew Anderson for Vice President. Not accepted.

2nd Vice President

No nominations.

Secretary

Yvette Cioran nominated herself for Secretary. Accepted.

Treasurer

Gord Mercier nominated himself for Treasurer. Accepted.



Programs

Andrew Anderson nominated himself for Programs Director. Accepted

Facility & Grounds

Michael Gant nominated himself for Facility & Grounds Director. Accepted.

Membership

Michelle Runnett-Bailey nominated herself for Membership Director. Accepted.

Civic Affairs & Traffic

No nominations.

Communications

No nominations.

Sports

Shannon Butters nominated herself for Sports Director. Accepted

Volunteer

Shannon Windsor nominates herself for Volunteer Coordinator. Accepted.

Social

No nominations.

Fundraising

Arlene Blood nominates herself for Fundraising Coordinator. Accepted.

Civic Affairs & Traffic

No nominations.

8. Adjournment