

McCauley Community League - Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
December 13, 2020

Quorum declared at the meeting.

Community members in attendance:

Jordynn Vis	Anthony Cardinal
Ruth Sorochan	Mike Siek
David Williamson	Adrian Bruff
Adam Snider	Grace Kuipers
Sara Kelly	Kevin Jones
Rosalie Gelderman	Linn Johnson
Mike Johnson	Alice Kos
Dan Glugosh	Paula Kirman
Todd Janes	Robb Campre
Mark Davis	
Anna	

Welcome and Introductions

President Jordynn Vis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty 6 territory.

Introductions were made of Neighborhood Resource Coordinator Heather O'Hearn, and support staff from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Chris Hyde and Jennie Gurnett.

Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Kevin Jones

Seconded by Rosalie Gelderman

Majority vote to approve the agenda with the following friendly amendment:

Friendly amendment- rink update was mentioned in both old and new business but it only needs to be on the agenda once. Amendment noted and carried.

Carried.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 AGM

Motion of approval by Ruth Sorochan

Seconded by Adam Snider

Carried by majority vote

President's Report

- Jordynn read Greg Lane's report for the 2019/2020 year
- Problem properties, needle debris, illegally dumped junk (League went before the City to represent the community on these issues)

- President Greg Lane sat on the supervised consumption site committee, worked with local not for profits to activate more needle clean up
- Safer McCauley, Boyle Street Ventures and the Mustard Seed, as well as E4C working on litter pick up (more small events throughout the year have more impact)
- COVID-19 interfered with special events
- Goodbye from Greg - it's been humbling and rewarding to work with the League!

Financial Report

The Board did not have access to their full financial information until this past week.

The plan will be to submit all the financial info to a professional accountant now with the support of the newly elected board.

Plan to call a special Board Meeting to review the newly presented financial statement for the year 2019/2020

Motion Regarding Financial Report: That at the next AGM held no later than May 2021, the financial report/review done by a professional from 2019/2020 be presented for approval - Todd Janes

Seconded by Anna

Friendly Amendment about the timeline (Dave Williamson) adjust to end of March
Final Motion on Financial Report (after discussion): "That the Board be given until the end of March to present a professionally reviewed financial report for the 2019/2020 fiscal year"

Voted by the majority *Approved/Carried*

Discussion:

At this time the Board has only just received their bank statements, so it's not compiled anywhere.

As a course of due diligence the new board feels it would be best practice to have an audit done
 Concern from the membership that the financial statements are not ready to be presented

- Board answers again that the situation was a difficult one, with sudden turn over
- Returning to the motion, that they should have to report fully on the financials in due course (current motion that it be on or before May 2021)
- This is why the board is determined to hire a professional accountant to look at the books
- President speaks to the challenge of a swift turn over, COVID-19 also being a limiting factor, AGM was postponed, some issues getting signing authority.
- There was a question about the urgency to have this done in a timely manner. EFCL representatives spoke of their willingness to support this and many other elements (governance, programming) in order to provide assistance to the incoming board members.

Unrelated Discussion:

Casino was held in November but the information did not get to the new board and thus the event was not widely advertised. There hasn't been any information about whether or not the League will receive funds for that event.

Election

The slate of nominees for election was identified as **Jordynn Vis, Linn Johnson** were up for re-election. **Megan Auer** was appointed to fill a vacancy mid-term and needs to be ratified by the membership. Megan was not in attendance but had previously confirmed in writing. The following individuals were nominated from the floor; **Grace Kuipers, Kevin Jones, David Williamson and Alice Kos**.

Robb Campre, who didn't live in McCauley but owned several businesses in the community volunteered to serve as a board member. It was unclear if he could stand to be a board member. The McCauley Community League, citing board vacancies, indicated that they would look into whether Robb could serve on the board and would get back in touch with him.

Todd Janes moved to accept the slate of nominees and Alice Kos seconded. *The motion was carried and the slate was elected to the board for a two-year term.*

New Business

Policies and Procedures

Moving forward the MCL board will be focusing on putting proper policies and procedures in place to ensure stronger functioning and smoother future transitions. This includes better communication and oversight procedures for the rink.

Rink

From the chair - The rink is already flooded for the 2021 season. Dan and the Board is working with AHS and EFCL to make sure all health and administrative requirements are in place. The Board members recognize the rink is a beloved community asset and want it open as soon as possible.

From the volunteer rink operator - MCL's partner, KIDS, is unable to be involved this year due to concerns around COVID - 19. As a result, we have put together a very small budget for this year, \$3 000 - \$4 000 to cover utility costs and small maintenance expenditures.

We've been working with EFCL to make sure it is a safe space, and will be following (at a minimum) the same AHS guidelines as all other leagues with open rinks in Edmonton (ie no programming, signage) League has Insurance through Foster Park Brokers, coordinated through EFCL for all leagues. It will be a different year, but also an opportunity to try something new.

Motion made by Dan Glugosh - That the McCauley Community League open the rink as soon as signing authority is complete. **Seconded by Grace Kuipers**. *After subsequent discussion, the chair ruled that the motion was out of order.*

Discussion

Discussion was held around what barriers are in place for the rink to open and clarification about what needs to happen to move forward. Many community members spoke of the important role the rink plays in the community. The board expressed their support for opening the rink, but is also taking a cautious approach to make sure that as new board members in a year of uncertainty around COVID - 19 related requirements, they have done their due diligence to make sure they are not putting the league or community members at risk. There was consensus from all attending that the rink should open as quickly as possible once the proper signing authority was in place.

A suggestion was made that MCL connect with other leagues in the area with open rinks in the area to explore using their rinks for community members. Clarification was made that all community league members are able to access any league rink, but with the Covid protocols in place limited capacities make finding space more difficult.

Rink Shack Project

Request from the floor that the MCL board bring communication back to the community on progress and next steps for the future of the rink, and the rink shack building at the next AGM.

Operational items

Board meetings are currently held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7. The Chair will be confirming with new board members if this is still the best time and will let the community know when there are opportunities to participate in league meetings.

The MCL Chair is working with Servus Credit Union to proceed with signing authority as quickly as possible. Due to Covid - 19 the bank has new protocols in place around in person meetings which is adding another layer of complexity.

Motion by Grace Kuipers That the following board members:

- Jordynn Vis,
- Meagan Auer
- Linn Johnson

be named as signing authority for the McCauley Community League and all previous signing authorities be removed.

Seconded by Todd Janes

Carried

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:42 PM

Carried.