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Annual General Meeting

Minutes: June 20, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Attendees

Current Board Members, Directors and Staff	
VACANT – President	Dwight Hunter – Vice President
Tanya Fedora – Treasurer	Beth van den Elst – Secretary
Teri Muiselaar – Hall Manager	Norm Godbout – Director at Large

Community Members:

Shonna Mitchell	Brenda Doucet
Jason Burke	Ed Doucet
Steff Levy	Amy Johnson
Angie Ewanchuk	Helen Engels
RoseMarie Sumka	Marg Day
Lillian Babiuk	

Guests:

Chris Nielson - MLA

Meeting Chair: Beth van den Elst

Minutes: Beth van den Elst

1.0 Call to Order

Beth van den Elst called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Quorum was established.

Beth van den Elst welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked that the board introduce themselves. Beth also introduced special guest, Chris Nielson, our MLA.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Marg Day. Seconded by Angie Ewanchuk. Unanimous.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of Annual General Meeting held September 28, 2021 was made by Norm Godbout. Seconded by Helen Engels. Unanimous.

4.0 Review of Bylaws

The executive presented a list of proposed bylaw changes as follows:

Bylaw 38.d.		
Current Wording	A Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the League and shall keep proper books of account, receipts and vouchers of the same. The Treasurer shall be responsible for obtaining an audited statement from the approve auditors on finances of the League and for the presentation of such audited statements to annual October general meeting for the preceding fiscal year. He/She shall report the financial standing of the League to every general meeting.	
Proposed Wording	A Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the League and shall keep proper books of account, receipts and vouchers of the same. The Treasurer shall be responsible for obtaining an audited statement from the approved auditors on finances of the League and for the presentation of such audited statements at the annual June general meeting for the preceding fiscal year. He/She shall report the financial standing of the League to every general meeting.	
Rationale for Change	In 2017, we changed bylaw 11 from: “cause an Annual General Meeting of the members of the League to be held prior to the 31st day of October each year” to	

	<p>“cause an Annual General Meeting of the members of the League to be held prior to the 30th day of June each year.”</p> <p>Changing this bylaw keeps the bylaws in order (June instead of October).</p>	
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Motion #1

Marg Day motions to accept the proposed wording of Bylaw 38.d, Seconded by Jason Burke. Carried Unanimous.

Bylaw 39.a.		
Current Wording	The League shall maintain a bank account and whenever possible make all expenditures by cheque.	
Proposed Wording	The League shall maintain a bank account and whenever possible make all expenditures by cheque. The league shall permit hall rental fees and damage deposits to be paid by Interac e-transfer. When the damage deposit is paid by e-transfer, the league is permitted to return the damage deposit to the renter using e-transfer.	
Rationale for Change	<p>E-Transfers are a common, secure way of transferring money quickly.</p> <p>Returning a damage deposit to the renter, via e-Transfer allows the quick return of money to renters.</p>	

Motion #2

Conversation took place about wording. After discussion, decided on the following wording:

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*Norm Godbout motions to accept the proposed wording of Bylaw 39.a as amended,
Seconded by Jason Burke. Carried Unanimous.*

Short discussion took place about the accounts held by the league. Tanya (treasurer) stated that the league has 4 accounts:

- Bingo account,
- Casino account,
- Chequing account and,
- Holding account.

5.0 Election of Board Members

Beth van den Elst reported that at the last AGM, the entire board had been up for reelection. It was decided that the position of President and Secretary would be nominated for a one year term ending today.

Beth reported that the league president, Angie Ewanchuk, vacated her position in January of this year, and this position has remained vacant. Beth added that she would also be resigning from her position as Secretary as her term had ended.

Beth requested nominations from the floor for the position of President:

Jason Burke nominated Beth van den Elst for the position of President. Beth accepted the nomination. Seconded by Marg Day. Unanimous.

Beth requested nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary:

Tanya Fedora nominated Shonna Mitchell for the position of Secretary. Shonna accepted the nomination. Seconded by Jason Burke. Unanimous.

Rose Marie Sumka thanked Beth and Angie for their years of service on the Board.

6.0 Sub License Agreement

Beth van den Elst presented the following:

As many of you are aware, city consent is required for a community league with a tripartite license agreement to enter into a sub-license with another organization for space on the licensed site.

The league would like to present two long term renters for long term rental consideration:

The first is Dickensfield Amity House. Prior to COVID, Dickensfield Amity House ran a drop-in program out of this social room on Monday's, Wednesdays and Fridays. They have a small

office as well as a shared storage room. Although not currently running programming out of the hall, their belongings have remained on site.

We would also like to continue a weekly rental to Living Hope Baptist Church. They will have a storage room on the main floor for their equipment and supplies, as well as access to the social room for Sunday worship.

Before we continue with our agreements, we would like to proceed with a vote to ensure that the community we represent are on board with these long-term rentals.”

Angie Ewanchuk moved to continue renting to Dickensfield Amity House and Living Hope Baptist Church for one year, to be reviewed at next year’s AGM. Seconded by Brenda Doucet. Unanimous.

Beth mentioned that there is a new application process for sub-license agreements that the league will have to navigate moving forward.

7.0 Presidents Report

Dwight Hunter presented the following:

- Expressed concern about the lack of volunteers helping with the league. Volunteers are needed to proceed.

This report follows these timelines: April 16, 2021 to April 15, 2022.

The last year has continued to be a struggle for our league due to the continuing pandemic.

Over the past year, we were only able to host one community event. In July, we had a Big Bin and Shredding Event. It was an easy option to host as it took place outdoors and we could manage social distancing. 4.7 tonnes of waste were removed from the community.

In September the restriction exemption program came into effect, and we were able to host some hall rentals, but they were far and few between. The restriction exemption program came to an end in February of this year. Our bookings have increased from that time forward.

We applied for a Community League Infrastructure grant. The following projects were completed:

We replaced furnace #F5. This means that all of the furnaces in the hall have been updated since 2016 and we replaced the exterior outlets with outlets that are up to code. We are still trying to get one of the projects completed – installing a 2# backwater valve on our intake water.

Dwight Hunter moved to accept the president's report as presented. Seconded by Norm Godbout. Unanimous.

8.0 Treasurers Report

Tanya Fedora presented the financial reports.

Tanya mentioned that one of the expenses on the financials is called "Other expenses". These expenses refers to the not categorized is the end of our discussions with the EFCL. Stemming back from when the EFCL was operating the hall. We have it in writing that we are paid in full and in good standing with the EFCL.

Marg Day asked to speak from the floor and provided information regarding recent changes with the AGLC. Marg also asked if the league had any knowledge about property tax exemption and COPTER (Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation). The board reported that the league continues to be property tax exempt.

A question from the floor arose regarding whether the board had purchased any GIC's or not. Discussion took place about whether the board should purchase a GIC. Beth reported that the board was concerned about locking money into a GIC due to the pandemic and the on-going uncertainty. Beth asked if the community wanted to purchase a GIC.

Angie Ewanchuk motioned to table the GIC discussion until the next AGM. Seconded by Jason Burke. Unanimous.

Tanya Fedora moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Angie Ewanchuk. Unanimous.

9.0 Gaming

Casino - Beth van den Elst

The league hosted our Casino event at Century Casino in September 2021. We had 19 volunteers over the course of 2 days. The total amount received from the event was: \$ 94,781.20

10.0 Open Floor Discussion

- Rosemarie asked what other leagues are doing to get people in the hall / activities. Dwight shared that other leagues have sports and activity directors. Without volunteers, it is difficult to have programs.
- Marg Day mentioned that Mental health is a big issue for many, and asked if the league would be interested in having a speaker. Everyone was in agreement that if Marg wanted to have speakers in to discuss mental health, the hall would be available.
- Rosemarie asked where the Northeast Voice community newsletter had gone. Beth reported that the paper newsletter had been discontinued due to the high price and limited

engagement. The league has transitioned to an electronic newsletter that has decent engagement – roughly 75% of recipients open the newsletter.

- Helen Engels – reported that she knows of people who are still interested in a coffee group (that was discontinued due to COVID). Helen asked if the league would still be interested in having coffee group – YES!
- Beth mentioned that crib night will not be continuing in the fall, as Beth can no longer facilitate. Beth asked that if anyone knew of anyone who might be interested in facilitating, to have them contact the league.
- Helen Engels asked about the neighbor section of the website. Beth clarified that anyone could from the neighborhood could request to post anything they liked – garage sales, homemade goods and services etc.
- Beth reported that Angie Ewanchuk will be hosting a Garage Sale in the fall, and will likely open it up to the entire community in order to have a community wide sale.
- Discussion took place surrounding what the community would like to see done with the rink (which is too damaged to operate as a rink).
 - Jason Burke suggested that the rink be torn down.
 - Angie Ewanchuk suggested that the league administer a survey to the community.
 - Beth van den Elst suggested that the board will create a presentation to be presented at the next AGM.
- Marg Day asked about the Green Shack program – Beth reported that YES, there will be a Green Shack starting July 4 in the morning. The league needs to have an average of 5 participants to continue in the future.
- Marg Day suggested that the Alberta Safety Council could do a presentation. Marg Day volunteered to organize. Dwight Hunter will assist.
- Rose Marie Sumka asked if the board felt there was competition between NESAs and Londonderry in terms of programming. Beth reported that NESAs have access to paid staff, and well maintained facilities, and a number of volunteers and paid members.
- Helen Engels thanked the board for all of their hard work over the past year

11.0 Adjournment

Dwight Hunter motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Jason Burke. Unanimous.

Beth van den Elst

Secretary

Approved: