



# EFCL Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022 Virtual Meeting Via ZOOM, 6 p.m MST

## Attendance

### EFCL Board Members:

Ryan Barber, District H (President / Chair)  
Jenn Parsonage, District L (VP Internal)  
Anita Lunden, District J (Treasurer)  
Giselle General, District D  
Raquel Feroe, District F  
Jon Morgan, District K

### Guests / EFCL Staff:

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director  
Sandra Johnston, Board Development Advisor  
Deanne Patsula, City of Edmonton (COE)  
Keith Scott, City of Edmonton (COE)  
Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes

### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was brought to order by R. Barber at 6 p.m, with the required quorum of board members present. He welcomed everyone and introduced Deanne Patsula and Keith Scott from the City of Edmonton.

### 2.0 Review of Agenda:

Item 7.7, **Winter General Meeting and Board Roles**, was added under **Decision Items** and item 8.3, **Resignation of District C Director** under **Discussion**.

**Motion 22-02-10-01: That the agenda be accepted as amended.**





**By: J. Morgan / J. Parsonage**

**Carried**

### **3.0 Work in Progress:**

The Partnership Agreement between the EFCL and the COE is proceeding. The first meeting is to be held on February 16, 2022 and will be with Mayor Sohi. Information will be brought back to the Board for their review.

### **4.0 Review of Minutes:**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Motion 2022-02-10-02:** That the amended minutes be accepted.

**By G. General / R. Feroe**

**Carried**

### **5.0 News From the City:**

Keith Scott reported for Chantile Shannon.

- The COE website information on COVID 19 requirements will be updated according to the recent protocol changes.
- There remains only one League left to sign the Tripartite Agreement.
- Park and Facility Development (PFD) External Advisory Group will provide input and guidance, ensuring the needs of residents and community groups are met. The 12 member advisory group includes representation from community leagues, sports groups and an EFCL rep.

### **6.0 District Updates:**

- Several Leagues are having difficulty with their soccer area zones / associations. A few of the soccer associations are not going to require League membership. The Board is concerned about the effect on League membership and is pursuing this issue through the Recreation Committee. The Board required further information on membership sales and this was provided.
- Learn to Play Hockey Programs for Adults is being offered at Terwilliger, Meadows and Clareview Recreation Centres.
- The Knottwood Community League Centre construction is coming along well and plans are underway for hall construction in Terwilligar.



- Concern was expressed over the challenge facing Leagues in the handling of COVID 19 restrictions removal. Many Leagues are holding off until further information is available from the COE.
- It was noted in a few Districts that Community League board members were taking on multiple roles and that is unhealthy for the boards.
- A. Lunden met with Councilor Salvador and representatives of 10 Leagues in District J.

## **7.0 Decision Items:**

### **7.1 EFCL Communibee App**

Created for communication between the EFCL Board and Community League Board members, this app has had little activity since it's introduction in April 2021 at a cost of \$612.50 per month. It was decided there were other less costly means of communication such as Facebook. A suggestion was made to express EFCL's appreciation to Communibee for the help and support they have provided Leagues.

**Motion 22-02-10-03: To discontinue the Communibee App subscription effective immediately.**

**By: G. General / J. Morgan**

**Carried**

### **7.2 In Camera Discussion**

D. Patsula, K. Scott, S. Johnston and M. Stefanyk left the meeting at this point. The Board went in camera at 6:50 p.m. until 7:23 p.m. S. Johnston and M. Stefanyk returned to the meeting.

### **7.3 Recreation Committee Member Appointment**

**Motion 22-02-10-04: That the EFCL Board appoint Jonathan Morgan as the second Board member to the EFCL Recreation Committee.**

**By: G. General / J. Parsonage**

**Carried**

#### **7.3.1 Clarification Document to understand the role of the EFCL Recreation Committee**

A. Lunden reviewed the Terms of Reference (TOR) and created a document in table format for the Board to review and provide input as to how they interpret the role of the Committee, and





what they see as priorities. The Board would like to expand the membership to include Community League members. A revised TOR will be presented at the March meeting.

**Motion 22-02-10-04: That A. Lunden and J. Morgan will take the clarification document to the committee for discussion and report back to the Board at the March 2022 meeting.**

**By: J. Parsonage / G. General**

**Carried**

#### **7.4 Report from Nominations Committee**

Current positions open for Winter General Meeting (WGM) nominations are District A (Castledowns / Calder), District F (Downtown), and District I (South Central. Emails inviting nominees were sent to Presidents in all 3 Districts. Submissions have been received for District I and F. The Nominations Committee will nominate Lesli Olsen from Malmo in District L. The Nominations Committee has yet to meet with the individual interested in representing District F.

#### **7.5 Planning and Development Committee TOR and options for discussion**

A discussion paper was prepared by S. Johnston and J. Lawrence updating the TOR for the Board to review and accept.

**Motion 22-02-10-06: That the EFCL Board review and accept the Planning and Development Committee's updated TOR.**

**By: J. Parsonage / G. General**

**Carried**

L. C. Shpeley pointed out that currently there was no chair for the Committee. The TOR specifies that the Chair is appointed by the Board. However, the Board felt uncomfortable making an appointment, not knowing the wishes of the Committee. It was decided that at the next meeting of the Committee in February, the Committee would elect a nominee for Chair which would come to the Board for ratification in March. The TOR will be amended to include procedures in the election of a chair and setting the term length. The amended TOR will be an agenda item for decision at the March 2022 EFCL Board meeting.

#### **7.6 CLOG Funding Options**

**Anita Lunden joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.**



L. C. Shpeley presented a summary of the COE's calculations of proposed options for the Board to consider. Some of the concerns Board members expressed were:

- Recognition of Leagues that need help
- Disproportionate effect of various Leagues
- Disenfranchisement of some Leagues.
- Fairness of distribution, particularly between Leagues with halls and those without.

The Board also had many questions and requested more information about the current state of League finances as well as more specifics about the dollar effect on each League. The decision was made that L. C. Shpeley would come back to the Board with further options:

1. An option which increases funding and includes no losses in funds.
2. An option which includes infrastructure grants that are separate from events/programming.

At that time the Board will choose a model from which discussion with the COE can be continued. This item will be an agenda item for the March 2022 Board meeting.

### **7.7 Winter General Meeting and Board roles**

Individual Board members will take on the roles of land acknowledgment (G. General), presentation of the budget (A. Lunden), introduction of presenter from Cloverdale CL on energy benchmarking (R. Feroe), introduction of elections (J. Parsonage)

**Motion 22-02-10-07: That the assigned Board duties for the Winter General Meeting be accepted as agreed upon.**

**By: J. Morgan / G. General**

**Carried**

### **8.0 Discussion:**

**8.1 Review of agenda for meeting with Mayor Sohi - to be presented on Thursday, February 11, 2022**

The key items for discussion will be highlighting the work the EFCL has done in the past year, stressing the EFCL's interest in creating community hubs with the City's help, plans for the year ahead and next steps. L.C. Shpeley and J. Parsonage will be attending.

### **8.2 Social Media and Board Members' Conversation**





L. C. Shpeley requested that Board members contact her directly with ideas or requests they may have rather than tagging EFCL.

### **8.3 Accept the resignation of District C Director, Martin Narsing**

The written resignation was distributed to the Board prior to this meeting. R. Barber expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for M. Narsing's contribution to the EFCL Board and wished him well.

## **9.0 Reports:**

### **9.1 President's report - verbal update**

R. Ryan had no report to give at this time, choosing to have provided comments and updates throughout the meeting and in his district update.

### **9.2 Executive Director report**

- Safe walking program continuing to move forward
- Met with external stakeholders: Natural Supports Working Group, U of A Community Engagement External Advisory Committee, COE regarding Partnering Agreement with ERCL, Ron Kuban for update on Urban Villages book, Free Play, Calgary Federation of Community Leagues.
- Met with City Councillors: Michael Janz, Anne Stevenson, Sarah Hamilton, Erin Rutherford
- Presentations: COE with regard to grants, and Community League Infrastructure Database
- Engagements with external stakeholders
- Met with Londonderry Community League to finalize money owing from 2016, which they agreed to.
- Podcast: Walking Alongside - Stories From YEG

### **9.3 Staff update report**

Two staffing positions were posted in January 2022: Safe Walk Program Coordinator, and Sponsorship Development Advisor.



## 10.0 Termination:

The meeting terminated at 8:51 p.m. MST.

