

EFCL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2021 Virtual Meeting Via RingCentral, 6 p.m MST

Attendance

EFCL Board Members:

Ryan Barber, District H (President/Chair)
Martin Narsing (District C)
Rocky Feroe (District F)
Anita Lunden, (District J)
Jenn Parsonage (District L)

Guests/ EFCL Staff:

Chantile Shannon, City of Edmonton
Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director
Emma Chan, Finance Officer
Bob Butler, Board Development Advisor
Jonathan Lawrence, Community Planning Advisor
Barbara May, Human Resources Coordinator
Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes

1.0 Welcome and Introductions:

With a quorum of Board members present, the chair, Ryan Barber, brought the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. He welcomed everyone and provided a brief update on the status of the Tripartite License Agreement, noting that leagues will now have to sign off individually from September to December. He added that there are benefits for everyone including leagues without halls.

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley introduced three new staff members: **Jonathan Lawrence, Bob Butler and Barbara May**. They gave brief descriptions of their backgrounds and what they felt they could contribute to EFCL. Jonathan Lawrence and Barbara May left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

2.0 Review of Agenda/Work in Progress - to be presented at October meeting:

The Chair welcomed any additions/changes Board members wished to make to the agenda. He requested the addition under Discussion of Secretary-Board minute taking.

Motion 2021-09-08-01: Approval of the September 8, 2021 EFCL Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of item 8.7 Secretary/Board Minute Taking.

By: Martin Narsing / Jenn Parsonage

Carried

Work in Progress:

- R. Barber has sent emails to everyone regarding the October 2 Volunteer Event.
- Letters to be sent to the City of Edmonton
- The Building and Finance Innovation Task Force will begin work in October once the Tripartite License Agreement has been completed.
- L. Cunningham-Shpeley previously spoke with the Londonderry Community League, but will reach out again with a further invitation to have a conversation. **(Action)**

3.0 Review of Minutes:

Motion 2021-09-08-02: The June 10, 2021 EFCL Board meeting minutes were approved as presented.

By: Board Consensus

Carried

4.0 News from the City, Chantile Shannon:

C. Shannon shared a report on News of the City with respect to community leagues. In summary:

- Events connected with the City election campaign cannot be held on City parkland, but could be held in community league halls. However, in the interest of neutrality and transparency, it is suggested that any event supporting single candidates be avoided. A forum where all candidates are invited would be acceptable. One way leagues could help their community members' election concerns would be to conduct surveys to share with candidates.
- C. Shannon and L. Cunningham-Shpeley have worked on joint letters to community leagues to be sent out September 9, 2021 with information on the final draft of the Tripartite License Agreement. Leagues that are new and don't have an agreement, will be sent separate letters.
- The process has been set up to allow leagues to sign the agreement through DocuSign with the City absorbing the costs.
- M. Narsing suggested documenting, such as through photographs, the finalization of the amended Tripartite Agreement at the October 2 Volunteer Event. R. Barber suggested meeting together to finalize plans and share with the Board.

- **Action: M. Narsing and R. Barber will meet within the next few days to discuss documentation of the finalization of the Tripartite Agreement to be shared with the Board.**
- L. Cunningham-Shpeley will send a link to the online board training courses to all board members.

5.0 In Camera Discussion:

Everyone present, with the exception of Emma Chen and Marjorie Stefanyk, went in camera for discussion at 6:34 p.m and came out at 7:22 p.m. C. Shannon stayed for part of the discussion and then left the meeting.

6.0 Decision Items:

1) Q2 Financials for approval:

- Documents shared were **Profit and Loss** and **Full Financial Report to the end of June 2021**.
- The CEWS funding has been received and will be included in the Q3 report. It was more than anticipated as revenue was down in the spring.
- \$50,000.00 has been budgeted in the casino account as casino date is confirmed for December 13th and 14th.
- The summer student contracts have ended, but L. Cunningham-Shpeley will try to renew the community activator positions.
- EFCL will begin reaching out to charitable organizations to partner with leagues.

Motion 2021-09-08-03: To accept the Q2 financial data as presented.

By: M. Narsing / J. Parsonage

Carried

2) Letter to Andre Corbould- City Manager- requesting emergency funds for identified Leagues:

The request to the City of Edmonton for emergency funds for leagues struggling financially due to COVID-19 was not accepted, but EFCL was asked to provide more detailed information. Based on operational costs versus revenue, nine Leagues have been identified in need. The amended amount of the request is \$90,700.00 and a new letter reflecting this amount will be sent to Angre Corbould. L. Cunningham-Shpeley will look at a Spring supplemental request which will have to be submitted by January 2022.

Motion 2021-09-08-04: Move to accept the amended letter requesting emergency funds with the stipulation that the funding amount on page 2 be delivered to the Board before sending to Andre Corbould.

By: A. Lunden / M. Narsing

Carried

Break from 8:00 p.m. to 8:05. Meeting resumed.

7.0 Motion for exemption:

M. Narsing suggested that presidents had the power to make decisions on exemptions. B. Butler confirmed that the Chair did. The following items were exempted: **8.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.7, 9.1, 9.2.** Items **8.2, 8.6, 11** were deferred to future meetings.

8.0 Discussion:

8.1 Next steps with creating alternative models for leagues:

R. Barber posed the question of how the EFCL can move forward with the new tools available, and opened the floor for discussion. M. Narsing commented that the document focused on sports and felt there is a need to define “recreation”, adding that there are many forms of recreation and cited tai-chi and seniors’ programs as examples. It was noted that there is a decrease in membership and communities are moving away from leagues. R. Barber said that the new Tripartite License Agreement allows for 30% commercial use of land and offers the possibility for leagues to partner with organizations to help create recreational opportunities. This would make things easier for volunteers and provide a chance for leagues to scale up. L. Cunningham-Shepley stressed the importance of taking care in choosing organizations so as not to appear to show favouritism. It was agreed that recreation helps mental health and could create business opportunities. M. Narsing proposed that a standing committee be formed from which a chosen member, following terms of reference provided by the Board, could approach organizations with the goal of creating partnerships with leagues. R. Barber suggested this be added to the October Board meeting agenda.

Action: add creation of Recreation Standing Committee to October agenda.

8.3 Fall GM agenda ideas:

- L. Cunningham-Shpeley requested that a notice of motion that turned into a motion at an October 2018 meeting be rescinded at the Fall GM. She explained that the Board had

been requested by the membership to draft a policy around sponsorship policies to bring back to the membership. This was not done as yet.

- Approval of the Minutes of the AGM and the Tripartite License Agreement meetings.
- Sharing ceremonies such as ribbon cutting, photographs taken, and/or a video from the October 2, 2021 meeting.
- Planning for it to be online.
- Inviting presenters to speak. Suggestions include the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers or perhaps a newcomer to speak. **Action: L. Cunningham-Shpeley will pursue this possibility.**
- Create breakout rooms based on different topics for attendees to participate in prior to the start of the meeting.
- The agenda will be presented at the October Board meeting before sending it out to the leagues, which must be done 21 days before the meeting.

8.4 League engagement with Indigenous Reconciliation:

B. Butler had provided a memo - C. Johnson had asked him to look at two books and provide *comments: The Circle Way, A Leader in Every Chair, Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea, and Old Stories, News Ways, Conversations About Architecture Inspired by Indigenous Ways of Knowing*, by Edmonton architect Vivian Manasc. B. Butler made some suggestions for start-of-meeting ceremonies that would stress indigenous culture and reconciliation. One idea is engaging an indigenous facilitator to conduct a smudging or another teaching ceremony.

B. Butler suggested this might be done at the start of the GM, and noted that land acknowledgement has been done at the start of League AGMs supported by EFCL since July of this year. R. Barber added that mindfulness coming into meetings is another form of acknowledgement. B. Butler expressed an interest in further pursuing the topic.

8.5 AGLC What We Heard Document:

There was a brief discussion on the changing rules of the AGLC. There is a move of charitable dollars to rural areas. L. Cunningham-Shpeley commented that organizations cannot assume their applications will be accepted simply because they have been in the past. It appears that need is not considered a necessity as many well-established organizations are accepted.

8.7 Secretary-Board Minute Taking:

R. Barber reported that a suggestion was made to have a secretary / minute taker as part of the Board. He noted that the City releases audio recordings of their meetings to the public along with written motions that occurred rather than a verbatim written report, and that could be the model for EFCL Board meetings. He suggested this was something that, perhaps, L. Cunningham-Shpeley could look into. This would include noting the times items on the agenda occurred and recording the motions. He added this would mean a savings of \$3,600.00 for a

minute take and asked the Board to seriously consider the possibility. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 President's Report, verbal update

R. Barber reinforced what he said earlier: the focus is on moving forward with emphasis on recreation modules and implementation of the Tripartite Agreement.

9.2 Executive Director Report:

A written report was included with the agenda.

10.0 Board Elections:

L. Cunningham-Shpeley reminded everyone that there are four positions to be filled: President, Vice President (Internal), Vice President (External), and Treasurer and briefly described their responsibilities. She invited B. Butler to conduct the nominations. He asked if there were any nominations for President. **R. Feroe** nominated **Ryan Barber** and he accepted. As there were no further nominations, B. Butler declared **R. Barber President** by acclamation. Bob then asked if there were any nominations for Vice President (Internal). **R. Feroe** nominated **Jenn Parsonage** and she accepted. With no further nominations, B. Butler declared **J. Parsonage Vice President (Internal)** by acclamation. Bob asked if there were any nominations for Vice President (External). **L. Cunningham-Shpeley** nominated **Martin Narsing** and he accepted. With no further nominations, B. Butler declared **M. Narsing Vice President (External)** by acclamation. B. Butler asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer. **R. Feroe** nominated **Anita Lunden** and she accepted. With no further nominations, B. Butler declared **A. Lunden Treasurer** by acclamation. Congratulations were extended to the newly elected Board members.

11. Adjournment:

R. Barber thanked everyone for their contributions, and the Board thanked M. Stefanyk for the minute taking. The September 8, 2021 EFCL Board meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

