

EFCL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021 Virtual Meeting Via ZOOM, 6 p.m MST

Attendance

EFCL Board Members:

Ryan Barber, District H (President / Chair)
Martin Narsing, District C, (VP External)
Racquel Feroe, District F
Morgan Wolf, District G
Anita Lunden, District J, (Treasurer)
Jenn Parsonage, District L, (VP Internal / Co-chair)

Guests/ EFCL Staff:

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley (Executive Director)
Bob Butler (Board Development Advisor)
Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes

1.0 Welcome and introductions: (6:02)

With a quorum of board members present, the meeting was brought to order at 6:02 p.m by co-chair J. Parsonage who welcomed everyone.

2.0 Review of Agenda / Work in progress: (6:04)

Motion 2021-10-12-01: Approval of Board Meeting Agenda

By: M. Narsing / M. Wolf

Carried

L. C-Shpeley reviewed and commented on the following action items:

- **Ref. 4.0** L. C-Shpeley will send out an email updating progress. **(Action)**
- **Ref. 5.3** Draft Operational Plan expected distribution date set for January/February 2022. L. C-Shpeley is reviewing EFCL's Strategic Plan.
- **Ref. 5.4** Still in progress.
- **Ref. 6.3** There is a problem getting all district maps to overlay. One suggestion was to email a copy of the shared folder of existing information to all the leagues for comparison with their records. Further discussion of possible solutions will be tabled for a future meeting.

3.0 Review of Minutes (September 8, 2021 Draft): (6:28)

The minutes were amended to read: **“C. Shannon stayed for part of the discussion then left the meeting.”**

Motion 2021-10-12-02: Approval of September 8, 2021 Draft Minutes

R. Feroe / M. Lansing

Carried

4.0 News from the City, Chantille Shannon: (6:31)

C. Shannon was not present at the meeting but sent an email request to remind Leagues to complete the Tripartite Agreement which they can do using the online form. Twelve Leagues have complied so far.

5.0 Decision Items: (6:34)

5.1 Fall General Meeting Agenda (Draft)

- Land recognition / acknowledgement possibly done by a Community League Truth and Reconciliation Director.
- External speaker: M. Narsing agreed to prepare a video for presentation at the meeting.
- L. C-Shpeley will invite the City to send greetings.
- Motion to rescind the motion of October 29, 2018 on sponsorship, freeing the Board to proceed with the development of sponsorship policies.
- Board elections to fill league vacancies.
- Possible pre-meeting activities from 5:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m: chat rooms with specific topics (up to 5). L. C-Shpeley will send out a request for ideas. **(Action)**

(M. Narsing left the meeting at **6:58** p.m.)

5.2 Volunteer 100 Thank yous: (6:58)

The event, planned for February 15, 2022, will most likely need to be held online due to the existing COVID-19 regulations, but reservation of a hall will be made as a backup plan.

(R. Barber joined the meeting at **7:03** p.m and assumed position of Chair.)

Several suggestions for recognition gifts to be presented to leagues included coffee table books tied to the EFCL 100th Anniversary, coffee mugs with a 100th Anniversary logo, baskets with assorted items such as coffee mugs, packages of coffee and hot chocolate mix. The final choice was for baskets to be distributed in person by League presidents to their League.

Motion 2021-10-12-03: President of each League will present, in person, a basket of appreciation to their league.

M. Wolf / J. Parsonage

Carried

5.3 Fundraising Policy of EFCL: (7:16)

This item was moved to Discussion under 7.3

Motion 2021-10-12-04: Amend the agenda to move item 5.3 to item 7.3 under Discussion.

J. Parsonage / M. Wolf

Carried

5.4 Complaint Policy for EFCL: (7:17)

B. Butler created a draft Complaint Policy for Board review. Discussion resulted in the following recommendations / additions:

- Accepting written complaints only, either by mail or email. Anonymous complaints not accepted.
- Interact with the President of the League first.
- EFCL President and Vice President Internal should receive a record of complaint.
- Review bylaws of the involved League prior to acting on the complaint.
- When a complaint regards public health and/or safety, a third party representing these areas should be involved.
- Minor revision required- Board requested this be done and circulated with an electronic motion- **ACTION**

5.5 Board Recruitment - Options for Board boundaries / recruitment options: (7:30)

Options discussed for Board boundaries and recruitment included:

- Aligning Board boundaries with City boundaries could create better relationships with Councillors.
- Re-aligning boundaries was recommended at the Funding and Development meeting.
- Elected representatives should reside or have an address in the district they represent.
- Consider honorariums for Board members.
- Create a recruitment marketing campaign which would appeal to civic-minded individuals who are genuinely interested in serving the League. Suggestions included candidates who did not win the municipal election and articling students.
- The Board was encouraged to think of more options to be discussed at a future meeting.

6.0 Motion for exemption: (8:14)

(A. Lunden joined the meeting)

The following items were exempted for discussion: **7.2, 8.2, 10**. Items **7.1, 8.1, 9.0, 11.1 to 11.4** were deferred to a future meeting.

7.2 Creation of Recreation Standing Committee: (8:18)

L. C-Shpeley shared a document outlining guidelines for the proposed committee. Suggestions for additions included the need for revenue in the form of for-profit recreational opportunities which could be set at 30% of total recreational offerings. Partnering with non-profit organizations as well as volunteers could make up the remaining 70%.

8.2 Executive Director Report: (8:29)

L. C-Shpeley reported that a pilot program to develop a walking group is in the planning stage. Sources of funding are being considered.

The online Mayoral debate, a joint project of EFCL and Edmonton Public Library held on October 6, was a great success and well-attended.

10 District Updates: (8:32)

District G: There have been incidents of arson at Alberta Avenue. Elmwood continues to have problems with encampments and used needles and it appears to be escalating. M. Wolf suggested help is needed from the City in the form of such things as free bus passes, as an example. Highlands has experienced break-ins at Mom and Pop establishments.

Districts F, J and L: Continued contact with Leagues in the form of updates, document sharing and COVID-19 information is being offered.

District H: The new Ridge Community League Building and Rink was officially opened on September 18 and was well attended.

12.0 Adjournment:

R. Barber thanked everyone for their input and adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Marjorie Stefanyk

