

EFCL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021 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

Morgan Wolf, District G

Jonathan Morgan, District K

Guests/EFCL Staff:

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director

Chantile Shannon, City of Edmonton

Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes

1.0 Welcome: (6:00)

The meeting was called to order by R. Barber. There was not a quorum of board members at this time and it was noted that voting could not take place until the quorum was met. R. Barber welcomed everyone and thanked L. Cunningham-Shpeley for arranging the distribution of Skip the Dishes gift certificates to board members and staff/guests. He announced that the gift baskets were ready for pickup and distribution to Leagues by representatives.

2.0 Agenda: (6:05)

Additions/changes/approval of the agenda was delayed until the quorum could be met later in the meeting.

3.0 Work in progress: (6:06)

With no items requiring attention, discussion was deferred to the next board meeting.

4.0 Minutes: (6:07)

No changes were required to be made to the minutes of the last meeting.

5.0 News from the City: (6:07)

- C. Shannon joined the meeting, having provided a written news update previously. She announced that 81 Leagues had completed the form to sign the Tripartite Agreement. The original signing deadline of December 20 will be extended to January 1, 2022. L. Cunningham-Shpeley will act as an intermediary to clarify to Leagues the reason for signing the agreement.
- Currently there are 3 religious groups renting halls under the program title of “Spiritual Recreation”. The City is preparing paperwork and permits that will ensure the programs are not being used as religious services.
- C. Shannon clarified that fire pits and barrels in parks are regulated by City bylaws and supersede Tripartite.
- (G. General and R. Feroe joined the meeting at 6:16)
- R. Barber thanked C. Shannon for her contribution towards completion of the Tripartite Agreement. She left the meeting at 6:18.

Return to agenda: With a quorum of board members now in attendance, the meeting returned to item **2.0**. No changes or additions were suggested.

Motion 21-12-09-01: That the agenda be accepted as written.

By: J. Parsonage / G. General

Carried (6:19)

R. Barber reminded everyone that the Parks and Facility Development Team within Citizen Services has established an Advisory Group to help provide input and guidance into the City’s Parks and Facility Development (PFD) and to possibly consider volunteering.

6.0 Presentation: Avison Young - Scott Varga - Community League Infrastructure Database - 8:30 - Time Specific (6:23)

It was agreed to defer the presentation to the January board meeting.

7.0 District Updates: (6:24)

District D: Leagues are hard at work preparing skating/hockey/snowbank rinks. Rio Terrace Community League is joining Rio Terrace Moravian Church in hosting Illuminights, a fundraiser for the Jasper Place Wellness Centre on December 12th.

District L: Rinks, including snowbank, are being prepared and should be completed soon. Mill Woods PC is advocating for reimbursement of funding from the City of Edmonton for the Canada Day celebration fireworks.

District K: There is an upcoming AGM. Royal Gardens is in a recovery process. Rinks are being completed.

District J: Some rinks have opened and others are still being prepared. Not many rink shacks have been opened. Kennelworth has done some great work toward Free Play for Kids.

District F: A celebration is scheduled for December 12th at 2:00 p.m at the Tawatina Bridge to mark the reconnection of the Riverdale and Cloverdale communities after 5 years of separation. A candidate who ran for Riverdale in the civic election has been named president of the Community League.

District H: Rinks are being boarded and completed, including a regulation-sized rink. R. Barber met with district Councillor Tim Cartmell to discuss where Council might aid small recreation projects. They will meet again in January to discuss community hubs.

(Videorecording of the meeting commenced at 6:47)

8.0 Decision items: (6:48)

8.1 Draft 2022 Budget to be presented to membership:

Links were provided to the draft 2022 budget and recommendation. A. Lunden asked if there were any questions concerning the proposed budget. R. Barber inquired about grants for 2022 - 2023. L. Cunningham-Shpeley replied that training grants would be available through the City grant which is just under \$600,000. COVID-19 grants will most likely not be available. The proposed budget shows a slight deficit, but the 2021 budget is ending with a surplus.

Motion 21-12-09-02 That the draft 2022 budget as prepared be presented to the membership.

By: R. Feroe / G. General

Carried

8.2 Associate membership opportunities/rates: (7:44)

A link was provided to proposed associate member rates. A tiered (bronze, silver, gold) membership is being considered. Beginning as a pilot project, it would include the ability to attend league meetings but not the power to vote, and associate members would be required to follow EFCL's code of ethics and align with EFCL values. It could provide alternative revenue along with the building of relationships for leagues. R. Feroe will prepare a discussion paper to guide further input and conversation for the January board meeting.

Motion 21-12-09-03 As approved by the EFCL membership on February 16, 2021 at the Winter general meeting and upon approval by Registries of our updated Bylaws, the EFCL may now expand the type of memberships they are able to sell outside traditional Community League membership, to other registered non or not for profit organizations,

sports organizations and to licensed businesses, under the category of Associate memberships.

By: G. General / J. Parsonage

Carried

8.3 Time capsule next steps: (7:19) (31:56)

(M. Wolf joined the meeting.)

A link was provided for discussion. Enough money is remaining in the 100th Anniversary fund to cover the cost of creating a video of the time capsule installation at the Plaza. L. Cunningham-Shpeley suggested EFCL Board and league members bring their families to the event and possibly provide a brief description of what they contributed to the time capsule and the reason for doing so. A mock plaque will be temporarily installed but replaced in January 2022 when the permanent plaque is received. The date of installation was set for Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

9.0 Discussion

9.1 Creation of Recreation Standing Committee: (7:29) (41:25)

A link was provided as well as website information on various recreational possibilities including an adult fitness report card. There have been no volunteers for the committee as of yet. An offer to set up a non-gender flag football program has been received. The plan is to start small and reach out to those who haven't been physically active. Prescription to Get Active has reached out and is interested in meeting with a few leagues that have active inclusion policies, and would support a welcoming environment for people with activity prescriptions.

9.2 Recommendation from Planning and Development Committee - new Board Boundaries; other option: to have the EFCL districts mirror the Ward boundaries:
Link and map were provided. **(48:56)**

Concern was expressed over possible division of leagues and inequities of districts: some are much larger than others. This could require additional support for the larger districts. The number of leagues versus area population was also pointed out as a factor to consider. It was decided further study and discussion was needed on how to best approach this subject and arrive at a proposal with several options. L. Cunningham-Shpeley will present the final decisions to the Committee within the first quarter of 2022.

9.3 Meeting the new Council; what does EFCL want from this mayor and council
Links were provided for a briefing note and strategic plan. **(7:55) (1:08:31)**

R. Barber encouraged representatives to meet with their ward councillor to discuss the needs and hopes of their leagues, and how they can contribute toward the building of hubs and 15 minute communities, and more localized recreation. L. Cunningham-Shpeley offered to accompany any representative who would like her to join them at these meetings.

9.4 Review of Proposal from Integral Org to support the creation of a charitable organization - the Community League project Centre - any concerns should be identified so that EFCL can move forward. (8:26) (1:38:55)

A link was provided. It was decided to create a plan of action at the January board meeting.

10.0 Reports: (8:35) (1:48:19)

10.1 President's report:

R. Barber had previously discussed his meeting with Councillor Cartmell and the plan to meet again in the new year.

10.2 Executive Director report:

L. Cunningham-Shpeley provided a link to her written report.

10.3 Community Activator report:

A link to the report was provided for reference.

11.0 Letters: None this month

12.0 Adjournment:

Words of appreciation were exchanged by R. Barber, L. Cunningham-Shpeley and board members for the work done in 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:43 p.m.**