



EFCL Board Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance:

EFCL Board Members:

Jenn Parsonage, District L (President / Chair)
Ryan Barber, District H (Past President, VP Internal / Chair)
Giselle General, District D (VP External)
Anita Lunden, District J, Treasurer
Morgan Wolf, District G
Lesli Olsen, District I
Jonnathan Morgan, District K

Guests / EFCL Staff:

Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director
Sandra Johnston, Board Development Advisor
Keith Scott, City of Edmonton (City Of Edmonton)
Shauna Richard, City of Edmonton (City Of Edmonton)
Marjorie Stefanyk, Minutes

1.0 Welcome and introductions:

The meeting was brought to order at 6:04 p.m by R. Barber, with the required quorum of board members present. L. C-Shpeley introduced Lesli Olsen, the new representative of District I, and invited all the board members to introduce themselves to L. Olsen.

2.0 Approval of Agenda:

Motion 22-03-10-01: That the agenda be accepted as written.

J. Parsonage / G. General

Carried





3.0 Work in Progress:

The City of Edmonton has requested more time to bring forward to the EFCL more CLOG funding options. The suggested time frame is May, 2022.

4.0 Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as written.

5.0 News from the City: (Keith Scott)

- All Leagues have now signed the renewed Tripartite License Agreement. A few more Sub-Licenses have been received for approval in principle. Neighbourhood Services is working on reviewing and clarifying its current documents to provide better information for the Leagues.
- **Municipal Improvement Agreement Pilot for Community Led Projects:** Over the next 6 months (March to August 2022), some Community Groups may be provided an alternate Municipal Improvement Agreement Letter approval for small projects such as a community league hall or an amenity for open space (parks) like a community league rink, which may or may not be located on community league licensed land.
- City staff will continue to work from home if they can until April 4, 2022 at the earliest.
- **Temporary Off-Leash Pilot Program:** Applications are open for community leagues with fully enclosed rinks, tennis courts or other areas to apply to have these areas designated as off-leash from May-September 2022, following certain conditions. The pilot program will be evaluated at the end of the season to determine the future direction of the program.
- **2022 Pop-Up Gardens:** Applications are now being accepted. There will be approximately 25 - 30 garden sites. The exact number will be confirmed later.
- **Green Shack:** The program will begin On July 4, 2022.
- **March Break Day Camps:** Physical activity camps will run during Teachers' Convention, March 3 - 4, 2022 and Spring Break from March 28th to April 1, 2022.
- **Summer Camps:** Summer camps for 2022 will be held at Recreation Centres and in River Valley parks starting July 4, 2022.
- **Wheelchair access to rinks:** L. C-Shpeley responded to a question about wheelchair accessibility to rinks confirming that funds for such projects would fall under the Community League Infrastructure Program Grant.

(K. Scott left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.)

6.0 Resignation of President Ryan Barber:



R. Barber had tendered his written resignation as President effective March 10, 2022. L. C-Shpeley, on behalf of the executive and the Board, expressed gratitude to R. Barber for his great leadership and service to EFCL.

7.0 Elections - Position of President, VP Internal, VP External:

L. C-Shpeley prefaced the elections with a brief introduction to proceedings, explaining that in accordance with EFCL Bylaws, Article 9 & 10, a representative of the City is required to oversee elections of executive members. S. Richard of the City of Edmonton agreed to perform this service. The terms for these elected positions will be interim until after the June 2022 AGM, when elections will take place at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

S. Richard called for nominations for the position of **President**. S. Richard nominated J. Parsonage and J. Parsonage accepted. Second and third calls were put out. With no further nominations, **J. Parsonage** was acclaimed President, leaving the position of Vice President Internal vacant.

S. Richard then called for nominations for the position of **Vice President External**. J. Morgan nominated G. General and G. General accepted. Second and third calls were put out. With no further nominations, **G. General** was acclaimed Vice President External.

S. Richard called for nominations for the position of **Vice President Internal**. R. Barber nominated himself, seconded by J. Morgan. Second and third calls were put out. With no further nominations, **R. Barber** was acclaimed Vice President Internal.

(Newly elected President J. Parsonage took over as chair.)

(M. Wolf joined the meeting at 7:04)

8.0 District Updates:

- Frustration with soccer continues in many Districts. Southeast soccer is being amalgamated with Mill Woods. Communication has been nonexistent with leagues. Leagues are frustrated and will be looking at a new model for next year. L. C-Shpeley confirmed that Edmonton Minor Soccer Association, at their recent AGM, voted to retain the requirement that all players must be current Community League Members in good standing of the community in which they reside. In District H there have been early conversations with recreation providers such as Big Shot Soccer.
- Several Districts reported on League AGMs where there was high rates of burnout and fatigue in evidence and turn over in boards is expected.



- Activities are starting up in halls which will hopefully promote halls as open for business and bring people in.
- Southeast Community League Association's park work is almost complete
- Lack of funding for affordable housing is an ongoing problem. Board members who have met, or are planning to meet with their district councillors are stressing the need for more funding. In one case, (District G), private sponsorship is being considered. In District J, two supportive housing units being built in the area are now in question since there will be no money for staffing the programs.
- Seven leagues have play schools which don't pay rent. Leagues are questioning whether play schools are really within the community league mandate?
- Zero waste movement is gaining momentum through garage sales and clothing exchanges.
- In District K, a League partnered with Water Warriors for Naloxone training. Other Leagues have expressed interest in training and L.C-Shpeley will follow up. Several Districts expressed continued frustration with the amount of bureaucracy involved in accessing grants, even microgrants. Often the event will be over before the grant is decided.
- M. Wolf, District G, will be meeting with Councillor Salvatore to discuss the CLIP Grant and the need for more action on problem properties and supportive housing. . J. Morgan met with councillors from District K.

9.0 Decision Items:

9.1 Recreation Development Committee

Motion 22-3-10-02: That Terms of Reference be amended to increase the number of Board members from two to up to three.

R. Barber / G. General

Carried

Motion 22-03-10-03: That the Terms of Reference be amended to include 5 representatives from Community League boards appointed by the Board.

A. Lunden / M. Wolf

Carried

9.2 Recreation Development Committee Work Plan (Feedback only)

A. Lunden reviewed the work plan which included goals, resources required, timelines and member responsibilities.



9.3 Recreation Development Committee TOR Amendments

S. Johnston provided two options for consideration under selection of the Chair and Vice Chair:

- Chair (Committee Chair and Vice Chair) will come from membership of the Committee and will be appointed by the Board upon recommendation by the Committee for a term of 1 year.
- Chair (Chair and Vice Chair) will be elected by the Committee for a term of 1 year.

Following discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion 22-03-10-04: That the Chair (Committee Chair and Vice Chair) will come from the membership of the Committee and will be appointed by the Board (upon recommendation by the Committee for a term of 1 year).

A. Lunden / R. Ryan

Carried

(R. Barber and J. Morgan left the meeting.)

10.0 Discussion

10.1 WGM Debrief

Overall, breakout rooms were successful and provided good feedback regarding areas that are working well and those that need help.

As to commercial use, there was a significant disparity between Community Leagues that know the rules well and are actively looking for ways to use the new regime and those with little understanding of the Tripartite Agreement. There was a real call for the EFCL to take a role of central hub for commercial relationships.

10.2 AGM Discussion - In person, online, topics for discussion

The Board discussed potential themes for the meeting building off of the annual report and the theme for Community League Day 2022 “Build Edmonton With Us” The Board noted that Community League Day in September will be the the first large scale event in two years post pandemic restrictions and that this would be good timing to build capacity in Leagues to host such events. L.C-Shpeley reviewed the mandatory agenda items such as the Annual Report, audited financial report, bylaw amendment and the Community League database.



The Board went on to discuss how the AGM will be held:: in-person, hybrid, or virtual. District Representatives will consult with their Leagues and the topic will be discussed again in April.

11.0 Reports:

11.1 President's Report - Verbal Update

There was no report as the President had just been elected. .

11.2 Executive Director Report

- New initiatives: SERVUS has become a sponsor for the EFCL for 2022, contributing \$20,000 to support financial literacy workshops and initiatives.
- Met with CDMFA to discuss moving forward with Flag Football for Leagues.
- Met with Housing for Health to discuss purchase of equipment to share between Leagues.
- Submitted EFCL information to the Mayor's office for their strategic plan.
- The City Plan event run by the City of Edmonton and hosted by EFCL on February 24, 2022 had approximately 80 attendees, and a high level of engagement.
- CLOG Grant: we are continuing to receive CLOG information from Leagues and reaching out as needed. The goal is to have all information submitted by mid-March 2022, with a report to the Board on data in May 2022. 23 Leagues haven't yet submitted their complete CLOG reporting
- Staffing: Leslee Mackey - Safe Walk Program Coordinator (joint initiative with the Sisters Dialogue). Interviews are taking place for the Sponsorship and Fund Development position.

11.3 Planning and Development Committee

The Board received the committee's report and commends the committee on the thoroughness of the report. They had no questions.

12.0 Letters:

None this month.

13.0 Termination of Meeting:

The meeting terminated at 8:13 p.m, MST.



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