



Annual General Meeting

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Approved Minutes EFCL Regular General Meeting December 5, 2023

Held virtually via Zoom on December 5, 2023 with an Opportunity Fair to Meet the Friends and Neighbours of EFCL from 5:30- 6:20 pm, and the meeting from 6:30-9:00 pm.

Voting Representatives and Observers of Community League Members in Attendance

(Representatives = R, Observers =O)

<u>Central District</u>	<u>Jasper Place District</u>	<u>Millwoods Ellerslie District</u>	<u>Northeast District</u>
<u>Inglewood</u> Niedermayer, Daryle (R)	<u>Canora</u> Lovell, Tony (R)	<u>Leefield</u> Patterson, Jacky (O)	<u>Delwood</u> Carol Bishop (R)
<u>McCauley</u> Storheim, Betheiah (R)	<u>Crestwood</u> Lorincz, Cheryl (R)	<u>North Millbourne</u> Hensel, Rick (O) Pahl, Trevor (R)	<u>Belvedere</u> Kleparchuk, Michael (R) Prockiwi, Alana (O)
<u>Oliver</u> MacDonald, Larry (O) Rosland, Allison (R)	<u>Lynnwood</u> Bamford, Jocelyn (R) Sim, Dustin (O)	<u>Woodvale</u> Krywko, Cheri (R)	<u>Fraser</u> Kalisvaart, Liz (R)
<u>Woodcroft</u> Huhn, Arlene (R)	<u>Rio Terrace</u> Olsen, Andrew (R)		<u>South Clareview</u> Dunn, Karina (R)
	<u>McQueen</u> Eerkes, Ken (R)		
	<u>West Meadowlark</u> Jobber, Greg (R)		
	<u>Parkview</u> Hirst, Sarah (R)		





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<p><u>Northwest District</u></p> <p><u>Athlone</u> Hoehne, Damaris (R)</p> <p><u>Kensington</u> Belitsky, Krystal (R)</p> <p><u>Lauderdale</u> Babiuk, Steven (O)</p>	<p><u>Scona District</u></p> <p><u>Allendale</u> Embleton, Mayja (R)</p> <p><u>Pleasantview</u> Turner, Warren (O) Olsen Andrew (R)</p> <p><u>Malmo</u> Gazin, Greg (O)</p> <p><u>Parkallen</u> Wright, Heather (R)</p>	<p><u>Southeast District</u></p> <p><u>Holyrood</u> Embers, Wes (O) Taylor Chris (R)</p> <p><u>Avonmore</u> Leigh, Thomson (R)</p> <p><u>Kenilworth</u> Hartlen, Marshall (O) Wood, Irene (R)</p> <p><u>Forest/Terrace Heights</u> MacQueen, Sonya</p> <p><u>Fulton Place</u> Berry, Miles (R)</p> <p><u>Twin Parks</u> Capsticks, Brenda (R)</p>	<p><u>Southwest Henday District</u></p> <p><u>Heritage Point</u> Zuo, Yuan (R)</p> <p><u>Allard</u> Jenkins, Tricia (O) Steve Pittis (R) Jess Pittis (O)</p> <p><u>Big Lake</u> Elliott, Trevor (R)</p> <p><u>Greater Windermere</u> Haver, Heidi (R)</p> <p><u>Rosenthal</u> Andrews, Paul (R)</p> <p><u>Secord</u> Thivierge, Pamela (R)</p>
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<p><u>118 Avenue District</u></p> <p><u>Highlands</u> Beaton, Caitin (R)</p> <p><u>Bellevue</u> Hays, Fraser (R) Finley, Brian (O)</p> <p><u>Eastwood</u> Sharma, Rahul (R)</p> <p><u>Beverly Heights</u> Keeler, Chris (R)</p> <p><u>Parkdale/Cromdale</u> Palmer, Kristina Thompson, Bronwen (O)</p>	<p><u>West Edmonton District</u></p> <p><u>Aldergrove</u> Woelber, Jonathan (R)</p> <p><u>Callingwood Lymburn</u> Kammermayer, Kathy (R)</p> <p><u>Belmead</u> Woodruff, Liz (R)</p>	<p><u>Whitemud District</u></p> <p><u>Ermineskin</u> Lang, Danielle (R)</p> <p><u>Blue Quill</u> Llanos, Bernard (R)</p> <p><u>Riverbend</u> Raedschelders, Miep (R)</p> <p><u>Oak Hills</u> Jensen, Renee (R)</p> <p><u>The Ridge</u> Powell, Charlotte (R)</p> <p><u>Twin Brooks</u> Northwood, Oksana (R)</p>
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Associate Members

Fiedlen, Theresa- Sage Seniors Association
Jackson, Punch- Men's Shed

EFCL Board

Parsonage, Jenn (President) (Millwoods Ellerslie District)
General, Giselle (Vice President Internal) (Jasper Place District)
Morgan, Jonathan (Vice President External) (South West Henday District)
Lunden, Anita (Treasurer) (Southeast District)
Gaudet, Steven (Northeast District)
Mansaray, Kemo (Northwest District)
Olsen, Lesli (Scona District)
Parmar, Thu (West Edmonton District)
Wolchansky, Joshua (Central District)
Wolf, Morgan (118 Avenue District)

EFCL Staff and Invited Guests

Cunningham-Shpeley, Laura (Executive Director)
Berry, David (Communications and Engagement Advisor)
Dudley, Darlene (Membership and Operations Advisor)
Good, Shaun (Infrastructure and Amenities Advisor)
Gurnett, Jennie (Community Activator)
Harinath, Priya (Human Resources and Project Assistant)
Johnson, Colin (Deputy Executive Director)
Johnston, Sandra (Board Development Advisor)
Olefeldt, Erin (Climate Resilience Advisor)
Tanasichuk, Kim (Communications, Strategy and Engagement Senior Advisor)
Cassano, Serge (Entandem)
MacLean, Colin (Accountant on contract with EFCL)
Nutting, Kristine (City of Edmonton)
Riquinha, Helen (NFP)
Andrew Knack, Ward Nakota Isga Councillor

Minutes

Marjorie Stefanyk





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1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Jenn Parsonage, EFCL President and Chair. She introduced herself, thanked everyone for joining the meeting, and reminded the voting members to identify themselves as such.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

The acknowledgement was delivered by Giselle General, EFCL Vice President Internal, first in Tagalog, her native tongue, and then in English.

3.0 Welcome and President's Message

J. Parsonage welcomed everyone and congratulated League members on their hard work throughout the past year. She reviewed some of the projects and work the EFCL Board and staff had undertaken in 2023. This included:

- Working to find a reasonable solution to increasing costs of insurance coverage. Leagues are encouraged to reach out if there are any questions about maintaining or repairing halls. EFCL staff will be trained in crime prevention and will help provide guidance to Leagues in deterring crimes in their communities.
- Compiling results of the survey sent to all Leagues based on 5 principles and asking for socio-economic information that will be used by the City of Edmonton in developing a new Community League Operating Grant formula.
- The Board participated in an anti-racism program and are preparing a statement expressing EFCL's commitment against racism that will be presented at the 2024 AGM.
- The new district boundaries go into effect as of today with the bylaws stating that a minimum of 2 district meetings are required annually. Meeting with your District Representative is encouraged.
- In recognition of International Volunteer Day, J. Parsonage thanked everyone for all the hard work they do for their communities.

The message was followed by a short video that had been created in honour of EFCL's 100th anniversary but still rings true today.

4.0 Greetings from the City of Edmonton (Andrew Knack, Nakota Isga)

J. Parsonage introduced Kristine Nutting, Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator from the City of Edmonton, who was appointed to conduct the election in the Whitemud District. She then





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introduced the EFCL Staff, the Board and District Representatives. She also thanked Bert Richards, former District D Representative, who had recently stepped down from that position.

G. General introduced Councillor Knack. He congratulated EFCL on their work in transforming League operations including the addition of new Leagues, and going out of their way to ensure that everyone is made to feel welcome in their communities. He commented on EFCL's continuation of bringing in more people into the Community League system and expressed his appreciation of the EFCL team and the membership for all their hard work. He concluded by thanking everyone.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Sandra Johnston reviewed how to engage, how to make a motion, and rules for speaking and asking questions. She reminded everyone that only voting members were allowed to ask questions or speak to motions, that voting members should add a "V" to their name, to identify that they are the representative from their League if that was the case, and to use the virtual hand when requesting to speak or when voting. When speaking to a motion or asking a question, members should identify themselves first by name and League.

J. Parsonage then asked for a confirmation of quorum. S. Johnston confirmed that quorum had been met with 45 Leagues being represented at that time.

J. Parsonage then asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. As there were none, she then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

Motion 23-12-05-01: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as written.

K. Belitsky (Kensington) / R. Jensen (Oak Hills)

6.0 Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 13, 2023

J. Parsonage then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 AGM.

Motion 23-12-05-02: Be it resolved that the minutes of June 13, 2023 AGM be approved as amended.

D. Hoehne (Athelone) / P. Andrews (Rosenthal)





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J. Parsonage acknowledged that identified changes would be addressed and added that previous requests for changes by G. General and M. Berry had been addressed. She then asked for a vote on the minutes as amended. The motion **CARRIED**

7.0 Allard Community League

J. Parsonage invited J. Morgan, representative of the new South West Henday District, to introduce the newest Community League to the EFCL membership. He congratulated the new League, formerly part of the Blackmud Creek Community League, incorporated as a society in September 2023, and having held their first AGM on November 22, 2023. They have already made plans for a rink in their neighbourhood as well as some great programming. He acknowledged members representing Allard that were present for the meeting: Steve Pittis, Jess Pittis and Trisha Jenkins. He added that the EFCL was delighted to recommend that Allard be included as the 163rd Community League.

J. Parsonage asked for a motion by the membership to approve this recommendation as required by Bylaw 3.1.5.

Motion 23-12-05-03: Be it resolved that Allard Community League be granted membership in the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues effective immediately.

P. Andrews (Rosenthal) / M. Berry (Fulton Place)

With no debate the motion was **CARRIED**

8.0 Election of Board Member - Whitemud District

J. Parsonage called upon Kristine Nutting of the City of Edmonton to conduct the election. K. Nutting began by asking if there was a quorum for Whitemud District to carry out the election, the requirement being one third of the Leagues in that District. With regret, S. Johnston confirmed there was not, with only 3 being present and the requirement being 5. K. Nutting then declared that the position would remain vacant and an election would be held at another general or district meeting. She encouraged anyone knowing of someone interested in this position to contact J. Parsonage or L. C-Shpeley.

9.0 EFCL Plans and Priorities for 2024





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J. Parsonage invited L. C-Shpeley to outline the plans and priorities.

- L. C-Shpeley announced that EFCL was able to complete 28 amenity infrastructure assessments with the support of Avison Young and Senaltek, as well as roof assessments in the fall to ensure consistency in reports across the Leagues. These assessments will serve as valuable tools for Leagues in looking at required repairs and renovations given the shift in the CLIP grant timeline.
- Through October and November of 2023, EFCL worked closely with Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society and Ribbon Rouge Foundation in order to provide engaging experiences about culture, racism, and providing welcoming safe places. This began in the Meadows Community League, Strathcona Community League, and Alberta Avenue Community League. In 2024 opportunities will be offered at Oliver Community League, as well as with Sisters Dialogue and Edmonton Multicultural Coalition. An application for a CIP grant from the government of Alberta will be made in hopes of continuing this work throughout 2024. An anti-racism policy is being developed by EFCL to be presented to membership in the spring of 2024 with the hope that it will be replicated or amended by Community Leagues across the City.
- Launch of the New Membership Program: January 2024 will be the beginning of the use of Communal. It is hoped that the new platform and opportunities it presents will ease information gathering, transfer of funds, and the ability to engage more easily and quickly with new members.
- Work on the CLOG formula: In the spring of 2023, EFCL conducted a survey with Leagues about the CLOG formula in order to understand Leagues' knowledge of the current formula and to get feedback on what should be factored into the formula going forward. The following factors were identified:
 1. League infrastructure and amenities
 2. Population of neighbourhood(s) served
 3. Number of programs offered
 4. Number of events offered
 5. Socio-economic information of the neighbourhood

EFCL staff will work with the City of Edmonton administration over the coming months to create a new funding formula that will be presented to the Board in 2024.

L.C-Shpeley concluded by saying she would like to share the impact that the EFCL staff made over the past year. Service requests are not resolved with one phone call or email, but require several, resulting in a lot of time and work. Over the past year, 603 participants were hosted at events, workshops and cafes. Since moving to online platforms there has been excellent





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engagement. Cafe workshops will continue through 2024, with the calendar of events to be released in January 2024.

J. Parsonage thanked L.C-Shpeley and her team for all their hard work in supporting Leagues and the Community League movement throughout the past year.

10.1 Ratification of 2024 EFCL Budget

J. Parsonage invited Anita Lunden to deliver the budget.

A. Lunden began by stating that in 2023, the EFCL Board had created a Finance, Audit and Funding Committee. A chartered professional accountant has been contracted to do a few hours of work each month to ensure that there is an outside knowledgeable person to review financials and advise on setting up tracking and bookkeeping processes. As a result, some changes have been made to the accounts in hopes of continuing to bring transparency to the Board and to the Membership. With the aid of slides she then outlined the expected revenue for 2024:

1. A casino will be held in January 2024 with the profits expected to be received in the second quarter. It is anticipated that \$75,000 will be spent with some of these funds being deferred from the last casino.
2. The base operational grant from the City of Edmonton will increase to \$783,717.
3. An application for a Community Investment Program grant from the Alberta government will be made to continue work on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Anti-Racism after May.
4. Additional funds will be received for the infrastructure projects this year and will have funds remaining from this year.
5. It is anticipated there will be an increase in online sales.
6. Work will continue on growing the Associate Membership Program in 2024.
7. Fees will be collected from Resound and SOCAN going forward (Entandem) on behalf of Leagues.
8. There has been a significant decrease in League supply purchases in 2023 and will be reflected in the budget.
9. The Finance, Funding and Audit Committee has committed to supporting the EFCL with bringing in new sponsorship opportunities for the organization.





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She then presented the expected expenses for 2024:

1. EFCL facility expenses are expected to remain stable throughout the year with slight increases for phone/internet and insurance.
2. General Expense categories include slight increases for office equipment and for advertising and marketing.
3. Governance expenses have increased with the increased interest in in-person meetings. The Board will continue to hold one general meeting online, and one in-person in order to keep food expenses low.
4. Professional fees for 2024 include the expense for Communal membership platform.
5. Salaries - 1.5 positions have been removed from the organization, and one additional contracted salary has been added. The EFCL committed to inflationary increases for staff starting in 2023 using the City of Edmonton's inflationary rates.

A surplus of \$11,396.65 is anticipated for 2024. This will be used to help build up the reserve.

J. Parsonage thanked A. Lunden for the presentation and invited questions from the Membership.

B. Llanos (Blue Quill) asked about utilities expenses for the building.

L. C-Shpeley explained that we pay a percentage of operating expenses of the shared space as rent.

Q: H. Wright (Parkallen): I was just curious if there is an increase scheduled for general meetings. It's just slightly above last year's. Will that be enough?

A: A. Lunden: We hope so. The real cost is food. We've done the best we can in forecasting.

Q: B. Llanos (Blue Quill): There is no mention of the grant advance.

A: A. Lunden: That program is ending. We are at the end of the 3 year program.

Q: H. Wright (Parkallen): I was curious as to why there is a significant jump in the 50/50 projected expenses.

A: C. Johnson: When we budget for 50/50 it is based on how many tickets we sell. So it is based on a projected income of \$20,000. Whereas our income this year was only \$10,000 in ticket sales, our target for next year will still be \$20,000, which is the license we would apply for. Should we reach that level the result will be the level of expenses we have budgeted here.





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Q: B. Llanos (Blue Quill): If you were to cap the revenues from 2023 and maximize the expenses, how bad would the financial situation be?

A: A. Lunden: We know the money from the City will go up. In most cases the revenue projected is pretty guaranteed. We don't know about the grant we've applied for from the provincial government.

Q: B. Llanos (Blue Quill): If you took the worst case, would it still be possible to remain balanced?

A: L. C-Shpeley: The worst case revenue is that we wouldn't receive the Community Initiatives Program grant of \$75,000. Clearly that would have an impact on our expenses. So we would reduce our expenses. I think we would be able to adjust quickly if needed. The only unpredictable revenue is the CIP grant.

A Lunden added that having an outside accountant asking hard questions ensured a better and more stable projection.

With no more questions, J. Parsonage asked if there were any comments on the budget. As there were none, she asked for a motion to be made.

Motion 23-12-05-04: Be it resolved that the EFCL budget is approved as presented.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) / A. Olsen (Rio Terrace)

J. Parsonage then asked if there was any discussion on the budget.

S. Babiuk (Lauderdale): I would like to thank you for this well put together budget. I was wondering how working with an accountant is working for you? You know the costs for that type of consulting is quite high for individual Leagues, so I was wondering if there is some type of model where we can invest in a couple of hours a month and see a significant return on that.

A Lunden: I can't give you an exact amount but it is a couple of hours a month. We're also going to a contractor rather than a person in-house doing the books and we think that will be more efficient. It's been just a few months but it's something I can explore with this accountant.

With no more discussion, a vote was called and the motion was **CARRIED**





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10.2 Approval of Auditor

As per EFCL Bylaw 15.3, the membership must appoint the auditor to conduct the annual EFCL audit. Metrix Group has provided audited services for the EFCL for many years and understands the work of the EFCL.

J. Parsonage invited A. Lunden to present the motion for approval of the Auditor. She informed everyone that EFCL had employed the same auditor, Curtis Friesen of Metrix Group, for many years with excellent results and would like to appoint them again as the auditors for 2023.

Motion 23-12-05-05: Be it resolved that the EFCL membership approve the appointment of Curtis Friesen of Metrix Group as the EFCL auditor for the 2023 audit.

R. Sharma (Eastwood) / C. Krywko (Woodvale)

J. Parsonage then asked if there were any questions or debate concerning the auditor.

A. Lunden took a question from Chat about how much the audit costs and replied that it was \$11,000 projected for next year.

After discussion about the appropriateness of naming the auditor in person as well as the accountancy firm the motion was amended.

Motion 23-12-05-05A: Be it resolved that the motion to approve Curtis Friesen of Metrix Group as the EFCL auditor for the 2023 audit be amended to say be it resolved that the EFCL Membership approve the appointment of Metrix Group as the EFCL auditor for the 2023 audit.

T. Elliott (Big Lake) / B. Finley (Bellevue)

Carried

Several more questions were addressed regarding the EFCL's history with Metrix and the RFP process for engaging an auditor. L.C Shpeley and A. Lunden provided the additional information that Metrix has been our auditor for at least 6 years and that Metrix is well known for their work auditing not-for-profits. We do not do a RFP for an auditor each year as we like to use the same auditor for a number of years.

With no further questions, J Parsonage called for the vote and the motion as amended
CARRIED





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10.3 Music Licensing Fees Agreement with Entandem

A notice of motion on music licensing fees with Entandem was presented at the AGM on June 13, 2023.

EFCL Board member Steven Gaudet spoke briefly on the history of the music licensing fees contract with Entandem. EFCL successfully negotiated with Re:sound who represents performers, writers and recording companies to provide a lower flat fee to Community Leagues for their music licensing tariffs. It was agreed that the EFCL would pay this fee for all Leagues directly to Re:sound and then invoice Leagues to collect payment. The 2017 agreement has expired and those rates are no longer in effect. Since 2017, SOCAN, who represents songwriters and music publishers, was not willing to negotiate a lower flat fee EFCL for Leagues. SOCAN has been billing Leagues directly and requiring Leagues to provide quarterly reporting of usage and events. This means extra tracking and paperwork for Leagues. In 2019, Entandem was formed and given the right to collect tariffs and licensing fees on behalf of both Re:sound and SOCAN. Entandem is now offering Leagues a lower flat fee for unlimited events for Re:sound and SOCAN tariffs and licensing fees. Entandem would then invoice EFCL in January and EFCL would invoice Leagues. After the last board meeting, EFCL was informed by Entandem that rates had been increased. However, in return for these increased rates, EFCL was able to secure a longer rate period of 5 years with an option for a sixth year. This information including the new rates was emailed to Leagues a few days prior to this meeting.

Serge Cassano of Entandem then took questions.

D. Niedermayer (Inglewood) asked how it happened that the rates EFCL initially negotiated were increased by Entandem.

S. Cassano answered that there were certain things he didn't consider when dealing with Re:sound's legal team. Their repertoire is expanding. They have more members. So in accordance, the rates will go up because we'll cover more people. Re:sound came back and said this is based on an outdated model and rates need to change because it doesn't reflect the new reality. This led him to informing the EFCL of what Re:sound is asking and led us to where they are now.

D. Niedermayer (Inglewood) asked how Leagues can be assured that this pricing will be in effect.

S. Cassano assured him that this agreement has a term and that Entandem will stick with that term. These rates represent the latest information we have about the repertoire. The original rates were tied more directly to tariff rates and these rates are slightly removed from that. These





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rates are set by this agreement. It's not as if you're just paying tariff rates and the tariff rates change every couple of years. Upon further questioning S. Cassano stated that the fees are locked into this agreement. After the term, we could talk about it and find out if it's working for everybody. Has there been a massive swell in music use? Are there more Leagues? Are there less? Is there another pandemic? These are all questions that we will raise and that will affect what the rates might be.

M. Berry (Fulton Place) S. Babiuk (Lauderdale) asked about events outside of the League hall or where a League does not have a hall.

S. Cassano answered that yes if they're put on by the League. If a League has an event on a street somewhere this agreement would cover those events because they are put on by the League

G. Jober (West Meadowlark) and M. Embleton (Allendale) asked about Leagues who don't play music or who employ live musicians.

S. Cassano replied that If we had to collect information from all music users about the specific songs and specific people that were playing, it would be an administrative nightmare. So it's why we consider it a blanket license. But the money flows through Entandem to our members and it supports the music system. It goes to the music publishers, the labels and it filters out to the music industry at large.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) J. Bamford (Lynnwood) asked about coverage for Leagues own using their own playlist such as Spotify as opposed to hiring a D.J

S. Cassano confirmed that it would.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) Asked about the difference between this license and the license a DJ has. S. Cassano clarified that D.J's. don't really get a license from Entandem. They have their own set of licensing. They have music that they download from from the D.J pool and they put it on a device and that is a separate license from a public performance license which is what a facility would be paying. So if a hall hires a D.J., the D.J. is not necessarily responsible for that public performance of music, even though he may have some other license. Those are two different things. If you did have an event and you had background music on your own playlist, this agreement would cover that.

S. Babiuk (Lauderdale) was curious if there will be some reconciliation of existing accounts with this new model?

S. Cassano I would assume all the licensing is done on an annual basis. If you're paying an existing fee to Entandem, chances are that the next fee will be due in January. Obviously we'll





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look at all of that and put a stop to any other licensing outside the agreement...We will look at all the accounts and make sure everyone is up to date and ready to go for 2024.

D. Green (Westmount) Confirmed that this is a blanket payment like schools pay and asked if payment only went to Canadian artists.

S. Cassano confirmed that It covers international artists as well. We have agreements with all sorts of organizations around the world.

T. Jenkins (Allard) asked what is the specific legislation that requires licensing to play music?

S. Cassan directed her to the Copyright Board's website and they have all of the tariffs on there for Re:sound and Socan: tariffs for fitness, nightclubs, sporting events.

S. Johnston outlined the necessary course of action according to the rules of order. Motions to be discussed at general meetings need to be distributed to members 21 days in advance. The obligation in the bylaws refers only to the motions themselves, meaning the issues that would be on the agenda, and that was done. Further information on this issue was presented as a notice of motion at the June AGM. She noted that given that updated rates were only sent out a few days before this meeting that the member representatives might wish to move to table the motion until the next General Meeting in June 2024, or they might decide they have enough information and want to vote at this time, both avenues being acceptable according to rule of order.

J. Parsonage then called for a motion to be made before discussion could be opened. If it was decided after discussion to table the motion, that could follow the discussion.

Motion 23-12-05-06: Be it resolved, the EFCL Community League members agree to pay the Entandem licensing fees through EFCL as presented for 2024-2029.

L. Kalisvaart (Fraser) / M. Raedschelders (Riverbend)

K. Eerkes (McQueen) asked why the rates are not based on the size of the League membership.

D. Dudley (EFCL) explained that the fee is based on the number of users in the hall, so yes, capacity. There are three tiers so that the smaller Leagues with smaller ability to get rentals weren't paying as much as much as a League that had a 300 capacity. The more people that are listening, the more it will be. It's like a cost per head versus costs in general. It's a one-time fee. This isn't per month or per event. It's a one-time fee per year.





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D. Niedermayer (Inglewood): I'm asking to table this until the June 2024 meeting.

Motion 23-12-05-06T: Be it resolved that the motion to approve the Entandem agreement be tabled until the June AGM.

D. Niedermayer (Inglewood)/ P. Andrews (Rosenthal)

J. Parsonage moved to debate solely on the question of whether we deal with this tonight or we table it until June. She reminded representatives that we are now not debating the agreement but rather when to have the vote. She asked D. Niedermayer to speak to his motion.

D. Niedermayer (Inglewood): This seems to be a fairly complicated question. I agree with a lot of issues that were discussed. But I think it will probably take a lot longer and we'll get fatigued. I think this is too big an issue to deal with. The June meeting, if I understand correctly, will be an in-person meeting and I think there'll be a better opportunity for us...And also a better opportunity to discuss with our boards how they want to proceed with this in the meantime. Thank you.

S. Babiuk (Lauderdale) asked if there is a compelling reason to vote on the agreement now and if without an agreement Leagues would be non-compliant with the licensing requirements
S. Cassano warned that licensing is still due for music. Entandem will contact Leagues and discuss licensing fees, tariff rates and all of that.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) pointed out that this is a quote and not a contract. We're not guaranteed that these prices are going to stay the same between now and June as we all know the prices of things are shifting and changing. She went on to argue that if anybody were to report you for not having licensing, you could be paying a hefty fine because this is copyrighted music and artists deserve to be paid for their music.

J. Parsonage replied that the last item on the agenda would not take much time, so discussion continued.

C. Keeler (Beverly Heights) agreed with L.Woodruff. I think it would be too difficult to move forward without it. To postpone it to June, I think is just kicking the can down the road.

P. Andrews (Rosenthal) asked if this was for all members to vote on or just those with halls.

S. Johnston opined that this agreement is for 6 years and during that time members without halls may build a hall or build a facility where they play music. She reminded the representatives that it is those who attend the meeting are the ones who vote.





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P. Andrews (Rosenthal) stated that proceeding tonight doesn't give us enough time to review it all and some of us would still like to bring this towards our respective boards to discuss and see what their thoughts are as well.

J. Parsonage declared that we need two thirds to table. The motion is to table. So if you're voting "yes", you would be voting to postpone this to June. I want to make sure that everybody gets "yes" to postpone, "no" is to deal with it tonight.

C. Keeler (Beverly Heights) clarified that if we postpone to June, does that mean each of the Leagues have to do their independent reporting?

J. Parsonage: Yes, correct.

S. Johnston reminded everyone that in order for the vote to pass, a two thirds majority was required according to Robert's Rules. J. Parsonage called for a vote.

The vote to table was **DEFEATED** and the floor was opened for further discussion.

D. Niedermayer (Inglewood) asked for a count of the votes. 12 voted for postponing the vote, and 22 voted to proceed with the vote this evening. Debate resumed.

L. Kalisvaart (Fraser) reported that in the past when Fraser has applied for licenses it's been just shy of \$50 per license and I have found the reporting to be frustrating. This fee would be lower considering how many events we have each year. I recognize that we are a smaller League, but I would be happy to pay the higher price to not have to do the paperwork.

H. Wright (Parkallen) asked about the rationale for the fees that EFCL is charging the Leagues stating that in the budget, EFCL is expected to make \$15,000 a year on the terms of this agreement.

L. C-Shpeley corrected that the EFCL will only be making about \$3,000 a year on this agreement. It has taken us over a year to negotiate it and it does require invoicing for all the Leagues. Those are administrative costs that we will be passing on.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) stated that just from a cost perspective, this is an annual cost and not a monthly cost. This does enable us to have more events with music that we don't have to worry about. Just to put that cost in perspective, Belmead is not a very high income League. We have a mid-size hall and very low income demographic. But our community board still manages to





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vote to spend a little bit more than the highest amount of fees for a gathering. So in the grand scheme of things, this shouldn't be really that big of a deal.

M. Berry (Fulton Place) asked if we needed unanimous approval for the agreement
J. Parsonage answered that if the motion passes with a 50% majority, EFCL will sign the contract and that it will apply to all Leagues.

M. Raedschelders (Riverbend) opined that at the end of the day for the events that we host both in and outside our halls as far as live music and streaming and our user groups that play any form of music, this is still a cost savings for us. I think many Leagues would find themselves in the same position.

J. Parsonage added that if a League has 5 events, it's \$400.

J. Parsonage called for a vote of those in favour, and then for those against. The motion was **CARRIED**

Due to the passing of this motion, an amendment to the 2024 Budget was then required to include payment to cover expenses and revenue to Entandem.

Motion 23-12-05-07: Be it resolved that the 2024 Budget be amended to include revenue of \$30,730 and expenses of \$26,733 to be paid to Entandem.

L. Woodruff (Belmead) / P. Thivierge (Secord)

CARRIED

11.0 Notice of Motion: Changing Timelines for CLOG Reporting

M. Wolf introduced the notice of motion by providing background information. The Tripartite agreement specifies accountability of Leagues to the City of Edmonton by submitting a report to the EFCL by February 27 each year. The EFCL then provides a report to the City encompassing information on each League by May 31. Currently information from Leagues for the CLOG grant is collected during December, January and February. In reviewing League feedback from the 2022 and 2023 CLOG data collections, EFCL staff have come to understand that many Leagues find this timeline challenging. EFCL proposed a plan that supports Leagues to report at a time after their AGM since at the AGM's League Boards report to members on the previous year. The majority of AGM's are held in the spring, with the second largest cohort being held in the fall. No change to the Tripartite Agreement would be required and the funding for Leagues would continue to be distributed on the same timeline as in the past (spring).

This is a notice of motion that will be voted on at the AGM in June 2024.





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Notice of Motion: Be it resolved that the CLOG reporting deadline be changed from February 27 each year to a floating deadline of three months following each League's AGM.

J. Parsonage asked if there were any questions about the notice of motion. As there were none, she thanked everyone for their time, great conversation, and opportunity to learn and grow together. She added that she looked forward to seeing everyone in person at the AGM on June 5, 2024.

The meeting terminated at 9:01 pm.

