

Valley Gardens Community Centre Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:
December 16, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:	Karen Kummen Diak (President), Subhdeep Sidhu (Vice President, Programming), Roly Jolicoeur (VP, Operations), Shane Fox (Hardball), Jason Moniz (Senior Soccer), James Franz (Treasurer), Mike Buenaventura (Softball), Terra Fehr (Hockey), Eugene Beaucage (Ringette), Cher Hebert (Office Manager), and Sue Atkins (Secretary)
Regrets:	Noted: Members who were absent from joining the start of the Zoom meeting – Dishant (Bingo/Festivals), Nancy Krahn (Basketball)

1. Call to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Roll call of members present:
3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: to approve the Agenda by Roly, 2nd by Mike. All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Motion: to approve Minutes from November 25, 2020 by Terra, 2nd by Eugene. All in favour. Carried.

5. Approval of Finances:

Motion: to approve November Finances by Karen, 2nd by Mike. All in favour. Carried.

6. Directors Reports/Introductions of New Board Members:

- Karen introduced new Board Member James Franz who will be taking on the Treasurer position.
- **GCWCC Report/Update:** Karen noted that the City of Winnipeg is currently reviewing the renovation grant process. There is currently a PPE (personal protective equipment) grant available for a max of \$1000.00 for each community club. Unfortunately, the grant request for new fencing for the ball diamonds will not be accepted at this time. Donation request receipts for monies donated to VGCC or “gifts in kind” will be made available until the deadline of January 1, 2021.
- **Hardball** – Shane reported that the Red River Valley Baseball AGM is January 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All positions on the RRVB Board of Directors will be up for election and registration is open on their website for those interested in attending the meeting via Zoom. A detailed survey will be going out to membership regarding important future decisions impacting the Pioneer/Giants programs, such as renaming AA and AAA teams. RRVB is also looking at having players purchase their own jerseys to keep rather than reusing jerseys year to year...similar to the AA and AAA hockey programs.
- **Senior Soccer** – Jason advised that discussions and decisions are on-going regarding Covid-19 restrictions and how the indoor soccer season will be impacted. How to manage refunds are also being discussed. Phoenix continues to hold off on refunds until a final decision can be determined.
- **Softball** – Mike shared information from his first meeting with N.E.S.A. (North East Softball Association). Discussions included having softball Manitoba restructuring team names, team logos, branding, colours and playing levels under the umbrella of Manitoba Thunder; unifying registration processes for consistency; integrating East St. Paul participants; and adapting plans to assist with growing the game.
- **Ringette** – Nothing new to report at this time as Covid-19 restrictions continue.
- **Basketball** – Nothing new to report at this time as Covid-19 restrictions continue.
- **Hockey** – Nothing new to report at this time as Covid-19 restrictions continue.

7. Manager's Report – Cher Hebert:

Motion: to accept Directors'/Convenors'/Manager's Reports by Karen, 2nd by James. All in favor. Carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

Vacant Board Positions – Other than the Publicity and Mini Soccer positions, the VGCC Board is almost 100% full. Karen will continue to post the two available positions on social media and the Volunteer Manitoba page.

9. New Business:

Code of Conduct – Cher is still waiting for all Board members to sign off on reading/accepting the updated Code of Conduct. Signatures are requested asap.

Ice Rinks – Discussion on how to move forward with the flooding, reopening, and supervising of the rinks during the current level red restrictions. Cher confirmed that proper signage will be provided by the City to outline current Covid-19 restrictions, protocols, liabilities, etc. of rink usage by the public. Community clubs will be free of liability regarding public usage, gathering sizes, etc.

Motion: to revisit the discussion of rink preparations and usage once the City confirms when and how the outdoor rinks can reopen by Karen, 2nd by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

Terry Sawchuk Arena RFP – Subhdeep lead a discussion regarding the possibility of VGCC taking over the operation of Terry Sawchuk Arena. Currently it requires approximately \$140,000 in operation grants to run the arena. The deadline to make an application is March 31, 2021 which will allow the Board time to ask questions and clarify their understanding of what is involved.

Motion: to create a sub-committee to look at making application to take over Terry Sawchuk Arena by Karen, 2nd by Subhdeep. All in favour. Carried. The sub-committee will consist of Karen, Subhdeep, Roly, Terra, Mike, Shane, Eugene, and Sue.

Gift for Geoff in Recognition of Service – Ideas were discussed and suggestions shared on how best to recognize Geoff Archambault's incredible work, commitment, support, and years of community service on the VGCC Board. Cher will do some research into the ideas discussed, and report back to the Board via email.

Motion: to spend up to \$200.00 on a special recognition gift for Geoff by Karen, 2nd by Mike. All in favour. Carried.

10. **Adjournment:** **Motion:** to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. by Karen 2nd by Subhdeep. All in favour. Carried.

Next Meeting booked for January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Addendum Motions voted via email:

December 12, 2020 Motion: to accept Aamina Malik's application to take on the Board position of Fundraising Director by Subhdeep, 2nd by Karen. All in favour. Carried.

January 5, 2021 Motion: to accept Ryan Watson's application to take on the Board position of Mini Soccer Convenor by Subhdeep, 2nd by Terra. All in favour. Carried.