

Valley Gardens Community Centre Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:
November 17, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:	Karen Kummen Diak (President), James Franz (Treasurer), Terra Fehr (Hockey), , Nina Thach (Publicity), Subhdeep Sidhu (VP Programming), Mike Buenaventura (Softball), , Dishant Belani (Bingo/Festivals), Shane Fox (Hardball), Cher Hebert (Office Manager)
Regrets:	Nancy Krahn (Basketball), Jason Moniz (Senior Soccer), Ryan Watson (Mini Soccer)
Absent:	Eugene Beaucage (Ringette)

1. Call to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Roll call of members present:
3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: to approve the Agenda by Subhdeep, 2nd by Nina. All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Motion: to approve Minutes from October 20, 2021 by Subhdeep, 2nd by James. All in favour. Carried.

5. Approval of Finances:

James visited Cher to discuss having a bookkeeper look at our Quickbooks files. He is reviewing the “Reimbursed expenses” files and will report next meeting.

Motion: to approve October Finances by James, 2nd by Shane. All in favour. Carried.

6. Directors Reports:

- **GCWCC Report/Update:** GCWCC is moving back to in-person meetings.
- **VP Programming:** Vetted Natalie Desautel who has been invited to take the position of Secretary.
- **VP Operations:** n/a
- **Publicity:** Still monitoring for new board members. Have now posted on Volunteer Manitoba.
- **Hardball:** RRVSL has started a winter session running Dec-Mar at Skylight at East St. Paul. Still awaiting return of some equipment.
- **Softball** – NESAsent a check for transfers this past season. They are also looking at running a winter session.
- **Mini Soccer** – Nothing to report.
- **Senior Soccer** – Nothing to report.
- **Basketball**-Nothing to report.
- **Hockey** –Nothing to report.
- **Ringette** – N/A. It is reported that Eugene was not at the last Ringette meeting.

Motion: to approve Director’s Reports by Nina, 2nd by Subhdeep. All in favour. Carried.

A moment was taken for the board members to introduce themselves to Natalie and she to the board.

7. Manager’s Report: presented by Cher Hebert

Grants & Operations Funds:

We have been offered a GCWCC grant to cover the cost of Criminal Record checks. We will be reimbursed for up to 15 of these and this year we applied for well over that amount. I need board approval to proceed with the application.

Motion: to approve applying for the GCWCC Criminal Record Check Grant by Karen, 2nd Subhdeep.

All in favour. Carried.

Motion: to accept Manager's Report by Nina, 2nd James. All in favour. Carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

Outdoor Family Fun Night – Dec 18: Sleigh rides will not be available but the vendor chosen to help put on this event can provide carnival games, Fire dancers, Santa and a DJ. Subhdeep has contacted the Jets and Bombers about having mascots at the event and is waiting to hear back. Vendor can also supply drive-in movie service at \$1425 +GST however the board believes that the exhaust fumes would hamper this event. Board decides to scale back the event to be a Skate with Santa in the afternoon of Dec 18 with hot chocolate. Subhdeep will get more info on costs for this. Board also decides that this should be a free community event rather than paid ticket based like our Santa Breakfast.

Website/potential grant: Before contacting vendors to get quotes on website development, Nina would like the board members to all consider what features they would like to see on the new site. Once we have compiled a list we will go to vendors for quotes and present to the board. Nina will send an email to the board members as a reminder. The \$5K grant offered by the province has been closed but it is expected that it will open up again in January so we want to be ready to apply as soon as possible.

Dishant will review the quotes to ensure they are legitimate and within known costs for this service.

9. New Business:

Meetings moving forward: Karen asks who would like to see us go back to in-person meetings. All present agree to proceed with in-person meetings beginning with our next meeting in December where we will enjoy some "holiday cheer"/food and drink while conducting board business.

Pleasure rink for winter season: The city does not provide any funds to flood and maintain the pleasure rink behind the school however it is felt that this is an important offering for the community despite having to bear the costs without compensation.

Motion: to proceed with flooding of pleasure rink by Subhdeep, 2nd Terra. All in favour. Carried.

10. Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. by Karen 2nd by James. All in favour. Carried.

Next Meeting booked for December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the club.