

Valley Gardens Community Centre Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:
September 15, 2021 – 7:00 PM

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

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 Nancy, 2nd by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Motion: to approve Minutes from May 19, 2021 by Roly, 2nd by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

5. Approval of Finances:

James reports that we have available funds of approximately \$144K. AP has been steady, AR still needs some clean up.

Motion: to approve June Finances by James, 2nd by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

Motion: to approve July Finances by James, 2nd by Nancy. All in favour. Carried.

Motion: to approve August Finances by James, 2nd by Nina. All in favour. Carried.

6. Directors Reports:

- **GCWCC Report/Update:** Incidents of anti-vaxxers targeting clubs in the city have been reported. Gateway has been named in a lawsuit because of it. GCWCC asks that we not make a big deal out of it but if someone doesn't have a QR/card, politely ask them to leave and call police if you feel threatened. GCWCC is celebrating their 50 anniversary this year. They will send out more info on celebrations. Staff are: Lora Meseman – Executive Director, Arthur Pearson – CC Coordinator and Elesio Lasuba – Financial Officer. Cathy Schroeder remains as Office Manager.
- **VP Operations:** Happy with Geoff's performance. Cher advised that Geoff is still actively looking for employment in his field and will remain with us until a position is found. Roly has taken a position with NESAs and will be stepping down from his position at VGCC in mid-October. We will need to find a replacement that has knowledge in building management, mechanical and machinery. Nina to post Roly's position on Facebook.
- **VP Programming:** Nothing to report.

- **Publicity:** Nina has noticed a lot of spam posts on our Facebook page recently. Administrators (Nina, Karen, and Cher) should be deleting them when noticed. Nina Rental page on website needs an update.
- **Hardball :** Baseball has wrapped up. RRVSL is looking at a fall clinic taking place between 9/25- mid-October. As always, looking for coaches. Once Shane has more info he will pass it on to the club.
- **Softball** – Mike sent his regrets
- **Mini Soccer** – Ryan reported that there will be no Mini Soccer at VG this fall. All registrations are going thru Gateway.
- **Senior Soccer** – Senior Soccer registration is ongoing. The big change this season is that Phoenix, as the district club is centralizing the whole process. All kids register through Phoenix. Phoenix wants standardized fees which will not include our Club and Reno fees. We will get a per-player fee and an equipment fee back to the club. This change will significantly reduce the role of the Senior Soccer Convener. Club could probably go with one soccer convener for all age groups as Phoenix will deal with refunds, parents, coaches and their coaching credentials, line marking, and refs. Not sure if they will maintain the fields. Jason will get clarification. WYSA will still do the scheduling. Going forward, after this winter season they are looking at a one-season (10 month) model. Jason will get more info as it is available. District soccer clubs are forming an alliance for premier and development but this should not affect us at the club level of play.
- **Basketball** – Registration is on until September 24. VG has only 5 registrations so far. Down a lot! People are still on the fence due to Covid/vaxxing and the delays and uncertainty of the spring season. Nina will send out an email blast to try and drum up some numbers. Nancy says that WMBA is trying to promote more girls into the basketball program.
- **Hockey** –136 kids signed up for hockey this fall. VG is looking at running the U13 tryouts this year. She will need volunteers but they are hard to get because VG no longer provides a volunteer refund. Terra believes we may need to bring the volunteer fee back as all other clubs are doing it.
- **Ringette** – No report.

Motion: to approve Director's Reports by James, 2nd by Nancy. All in favour. Carried.

7. Manager's Report: presented by Cher Hebert

Over the summer, the City asked community clubs that could if they would open their doors and provide a respite area for citizens without air conditioning on the very hot weekends. We agreed and the city sent us 8 cases of water and 4 boxes of masks. Unfortunately, the project was pretty much a bust across the city. They intend to try it again next year if we have the same kind of heat wave, but will advertise better. They told us to keep the water and masks.

I donated about 20 mini soccer trophies to a company in Transcona who will re-plate them and sell them at a discounted rate to teams with tight budgets.

Most of our smaller sized hockey jerseys were donated to VGMS who eagerly and gratefully took them. The bigger jerseys are being boxed up and sent to Nunavut this fall with the last sailings out prior to freeze up. Still waiting for parts to fix the LED sign from SRS Signs.

scholarship annually in perpetuity. Subhdeep wondered if spending a lot of money of a scholarship for just one school and it being a non-sport activity if it is a good idea. Karen would like to see us get fundraising to help pay for this. Karen and Cher will still meet with Baily McIntyre, Vice-Principal at KE to discuss in October.

Cricket Pitch: Subhdeep & Shane were involved in a dispute about use of the Sawchuk diamond by some local unorganized cricket players. This brought to the fore that this sport is growing in our community and we have no pitch in our area. Subhdeep and Shane suggest the mini soccer field next to Terry Sawchuk Arena could be converted to a ½ pitch. Subhdeep will get more info to bring back to the board.

Website: Nina advised that Pointstreak (who hosts our website presently) will only be used for mini soccer going forward now that senior soccer will be run through Phoenix FC so she is looking for another hosting site. So far GoDaddy looks the best with a monthly charge of only \$7.99 (we pay over \$200+/annually to Pointstreak). She is willing to build a new website but would need help. She will look into pricing for a portal for registration.

Reminder: Karen wishes to remind board members that hall rentals afford a 50% discount to board members, a 25% discount to staff but there is no friends and family discount.

10. Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by Karen 2nd by James. All in favour. Carried.

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