

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

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Karen Kummen Diak (President), Subhdeep Sidhu (Vice President, Programming), James Franz (Treasurer), Mike Buenaventura (Softball), Terra Fehr (Hockey), Nancy Krahn (Basketball), Jason Moniz (Senior Soccer), Ryan Watson (Mini Soccer), Dishant (Bingo/Festivals), Cher Hebert (Office Manager), and Sue Atkins (Secretary) Please note that Aamina Malik (Publicity) has resigned her position on the Board. Karen will resume the Publicity Director duties until the position can be filled.
<b>Regrets:</b>	Shane Fox (Hardball)
<b>Absent:</b>	Eugene Beaucage (Ringette), Roly Jolicoeur (VP Operations)

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 Nancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subhdeep. All in favour. Carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

**Motion:** to approve Minutes from February 17, 2021 by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

**5. Approval of Last Month's Finances:**

**Motion:** to approve February Finances by James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subhdeep. All in favour. Carried.

**6. Directors Reports:**

- **GCWCC Report/Update:** Karen reminded the Board that the GCWCC AGM will be held via zoom on Wednesday, April 17, 2021.

Designated Human Resource Representatives will be assigned to support community clubs when dealing with specific issues or concerns.

The Covid19 grant is still available to offset additional costs for following public health guidelines.

North Kildonan CC does not currently have a Senior Soccer Convener and VGCC will most likely be taking on some of their kids once registration has been completed.

- **Publicity** – Aamina has unfortunately resigned from the position after one month. The Board greatly appreciates the work she recently did updating the VGCC social media platforms, and wishes her all the very best.
- **Hardball** – Shane submitted his report via email in his absence from the meeting.

Baseball Registration through NESAs is now open. (Registrants can visit <http://redrivervalleybaseball.ca/> to register using the RAMP InterActive Program – Details and links can be found on the VGCC Facebook page). The Registration fee is due at the end of March.

VGCC will need to comply with restrictions set forth by Baseball Manitoba. Signage will need to be posted. Diamonds will need to be maintained better than last year.

As soon as possible we need to schedule field maintenance (Aeration of the field, diamonds raked, fence repaired, weeds removed, etc.)

Registration is down across the area as winter sports (carrying on past their typical end dates) are creating a conflict.

Questions to consider: Would there be able to have in-person registration dates if required? If so, what protocols for having people enter the club be outlined? (Sign-in, contact info, wearing a mask, 2m apart and anything else in order to comply with health guidelines?)

- **Softball** – Mike reported that NESAs has started registration through the RAMP InterActive Program. Currently there are 16 registrants at a variety of ages. NESAs is being very active in organizing and promoting the sport. Mike is adding his assistance to promoting the sport through Facebook advertising, etc. Learn To Play clinics and skill development sessions are being organized out of Oxford Heights CC.

Registration is \$40 for the club fee plus \$20 for the renovation fee, which will come back to VGCC.

**Motion:** to move \$5.00 from the club fee over to the renovation fee to be recorded in our journal entry by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen. All in favour. Carried.

- **Hockey** – Terra reported that given the most recent easing of Public Health Orders teams are now allowed back on the indoor ice rinks. Strict protocols must be followed for each rink, such as kids and coaches being required to wear masks at all times, including on the ice. Most teams seem to be practicing anywhere from 1 to 4 times/week. Spring hockey has also started so many kids are quite happily busy getting back on the ice and practicing even though that can't play any games yet.

Hockey Manitoba has extended the insurance for hockey teams until the end of May.

Reimbursements from REHMA will start going back to families. There is only one VG team that needs to return jerseys/equipment.

- **Basketball** – Nancy reported that the WMBA is offering a high level spring plan for ages 7-17 starting. Registration has opened for participants to enjoy skill development/instructional or practice sessions as well as 3 x 3 games. Full details on training and game days dates etc. can be found on the VGCC Facebook page. April 11, 2021 is the deadline to finalize teams. The hope is to transition into outdoor competition depending on how the Public Health Guidelines evolve. \$30/player will be received back to the VGCC.
- **Senior Soccer** – Jason reported that VGCC will continue to move forward with the SQS (Soccer Quality Standards) under the Phoenix umbrella as he had previously emailed and outlined for the Board.

Senior Soccer registration is up and running. The deadline to register is April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Transfer Meeting of players will take place around April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Mini Soccer** – Ryan is currently waiting for Pointstreak to get up and running with the opening of registration. The deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Ringette** – Nothing to report at this time.

- **Special Events** – Subhdeep spoke on Dishant’s behalf that he is very much looking forward to hosting events again hopefully in Fall 2021, depending on how the vaccination roll out continues and what the Public Health Orders will look like in a few months.

## 7. Manager’s Report: Presented by Cher Hebert

**Motion:** to accept Directors’/Convenors’/Manager’s Reports by Nancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terra. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion:** to hire Geoff L’Heureux as the new grounds keeper by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike. All in favour. Carried.

## 8. Unfinished Business:

**Terry Sawchuk Arena RFP Update**– Subhdeep was able to review the past financial records of Terry Sawchuk Arena from the City of Winnipeg. Discussion included the significant financial losses that the rink has incurred yearly. Consideration for taking over the rink included having financial/business supports in place to run programming out of the arena as well as the need for the city to continue subsidizing the cost of running the rink. Discussion are on-going.

**Diamond Upgrade Update** – Karen has reached out to 7 different companies regarding the repairs required to upgrade the diamonds. She has only heard back from one company so far. It was noted that there is significant difficulty during these Covid19 times to secure materials, so more time is required to get quotes.

**Sport Convener Budgets** – Karen is requesting that all Sports Conveners submit their program budgets to Cher prior to the AGM (ideally at least a week before the AGM to allow enough time for the information to be included in the AGM packages).

**Annual General Meeting** – Reminder that the AGM is on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 via zoom. Like last year, participants will register with Cher on-line and they will receive a zoom address link at the time of the AGM. Details and reminders regarding the AGM are displayed on the digital message board as well as on the VGCC social media sites.

## 9. New Business:

a) **Off Leash Dog Park** – Discussion regarding Cher’s vision to utilize one of the rinks for an enclosed off leash dog park.

**Motion:** to go through with the Off Leash Dog Park as planned by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. All in favour. Carried.

b) **Vacant Board Positions** – Karen will continue to post/update empty Board positions – Publicity and Fundraising on social media.

10. **Adjournment:** **Motion:** to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terra. All in favour. Carried.

*Next Meeting booked for April 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom*