
Valley Gardens Community Centre Inc.
Virtual 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes via Zoom:
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

<p>Attendance: Attendance of VGCC Board Members and Community Members was done via a registration process. Registrants received an AGM package and Zoom meeting link via email. Registration attendance is attached. Please note that there were 36 participants in attendance for the AGM 2021.</p>

- 1. Call to order at 7:04 p.m.**
- 2. Introductions of Board Members:**

VGCC President Karen Kummen-Diak welcomed and thanked Wendy Hein, Community Center Liaison with the City of Winnipeg and Lora Meseman, Executive Director for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centers for joining us and on-going support.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: to approve the Agenda by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by Natalie Desautels. All in favour. Carried.

- 4. Approval of AGM 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: to approve the Minutes as presented from the 2021 AGM Wednesday, April 21, 2021 by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by James Franz. All in favour. Carried.

- 5. Report of the President:**

Karen welcomed all the community members and thanked them for their time in participating in the virtual AGM. She acknowledged and thanked the current VGCC Board of Directors and all the volunteers past and present, for their hard work and dedication this past year. Special acknowledgement was made to past VGCC Board Members who made an important impact on the club and VG community. Karen highlighted just some of the major projects and celebrations that have been completed at VGCC along with the loss of Shane Fox. The optimism of continuing to improve VGCC in the year ahead was recognized, as well. Please see her full introductions and report below:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Karen Kummen-Diak, President

Thank you once again for joining us tonight. 2021 started off with many restrictions in place and ended the year much the same way. However in between and even with the ever-changing restrictions and protocols the club was able to host several sports teams and programs and one very special outdoor event our first-ever Skate with Santa!

A BIG Thank you goes out to all of you who are attending this evening. I would also like to express our gratitude to our City Councilors and MLAs for their ongoing support. Thank you goes out to Matt Wiebe, Andrew Micklefield, Jeff Browaty, Shawn Nason and Jason Schreyer.

I'd like to take a moment to say a special thank you to our Club General Manager, Cher Hebert. Cher has navigated the ins and outs of the pandemic rather remarkably. Cher will be retiring from her position later this year which leaves us with some pretty big shoes to fill. I want to express my sincerest thanks to Cher and all she has done for the club and community!

Under Cher's management, the club saw many beneficial upgrades, aside from the everyday maintenance and repairs that come along with running a center. We have refurbished lockers that look as good as new, complete with installed USB Chargers. The dressing rooms have all been painted with shelving installed. New exterior doors are soon to follow. We have also upgraded our aging security system. Some of you may know Shawn our Building and Grounds Keeper. Shawn's friendly and can-do attitude is enjoyed by all who visit the club. With Shawn's experience and the new welder we recently purchased; we can keep more of the repairs and upkeep in-house.

The VGCC Board of Directors is looking forward to the coming year. We continue to look for ways to provide programs that are relevant, enriching and enjoyed by our community. We are also always looking for ways to improve community spaces. The Ball Diamonds continue to be our focus as we apply for funding in hopes to give a much-needed upgrade to our beloved ball diamonds.

Before I conclude, I'd like to take a quick moment to thank the VGCC Board of Directors, both past and present. Our board devotes countless volunteer hours to the club and often goes without thanks or recognition. A huge part of VGCC's success and presence in the community is because of these people and for that as a community member and volunteer, I thank you.

6. Report of the Treasurer

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by: James Franz, Treasurer

For the year ending December 31, 2021, the below is a brief summary of income, expense and improvement projects for Valley Gardens CC. The comprehensive reviewed financial statements are included in the AGM package.

Income & Expense	2021	2020
Income	\$258,275	\$227,571
CEWS	\$39,220	\$28,856
Total Expenses	\$296,318	\$218,508
Net Income	\$1,177	\$31,667

Year-end cash available after 2022 loan repayments.	\$136,327	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$80,706	\$20,241

2021 summary:

Another highly unusual year in the books. I am pleased to report we ran a nearly perfectly balanced budget over the course of 2021 and that all things considered 2022 should be somewhat of a return to normalcy and we are in a good financial position to ensure that we can deliver the services expected in 2022. Payroll costs returned to roughly pre-Covid levels and we are grateful that CEWS meant that we were able to keep the center operating without rental income from socials, sports and such which is why it is highlighted above. In 2022 we invested in tractor repairs, door replacements, paint, dressing room upgrades, shelving and more. These investments are bringing renewed and extended life to both facility and equipment. At the end of it all we were left with approximately \$135,000 available funds which is about 6 months' worth of expenses in a normal year and a strong position to operate a stable and effective community center in 2022.

7. Motion to accept Financials:

Motion: to approve the financials by James Franz, 2nd by Subhdeep Sidhu. All in favour. Carried

8. Directors Reports

YEAR END PROGRAMMING REPORT

Submitted by: Subhdeep Sidhu, VP Programming

Year in review:

2021 presented challenges with sports registrations and sports programs. Covid protocols made for seasons that did and some that did not materialize. Again, as with last year, many refunds were issued.

Beginning with the fall season of 2021, Phoenix Soccer Club took over managing soccer for U7 and up at our club and most of the other clubs in the North east. This means that the only sport still being managed in house is the U4-U6 Mini soccer program. Registrations and scheduling for other sports are handled by:

Basketball	Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association WMHA
Hardball	Red River Valley Baseball RRVSL
Hockey	River East Minor Hockey Association REMHA
Soccer U7+	Phoenix Soccer Club
Softball	North East Softball Association NESAs
Ringette	River East Ringette Association RERA

We continue to supply space to the following regular renters:

Premier Taekwondo	Monday/Wednesday evenings
Bulla Arts International	Friday evenings, Saturday mornings
Aquatica Synchro	Thursday evenings
Kildonan Christian Fellowship	Sunday mornings
East Kildonan Garden Club	Every second Tuesday of the month, evenings

We are excited to be able to once again offer our hall, The Lodge, and other areas for rental by our community members including hosting Off-leash dogs in our hockey pens over the summer.

YEAR END OPERATIONS REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn for VP Operations

In 2021 the community center updated the dressing rooms with fresh paint, shelving, and hooks. This was part of a Reno Grant through the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC). The grant also included the installation of new exterior/interior double doors however due to supply chain issues caused by Covid, this project remains incomplete but we are working on it.

The club remained closed into February of 2021. Once office staff returned, so did some of our regular renters however the club was not opened to the general public citing our inability to monitor proof of vaccination.

In the common area lockers were installed for community members to leave their valuables locked while using the facility/grounds. Each locker includes a USB charging cord.

Equipment purchased for the community club included a paint sprayer for lining of the soccer fields. Items on the list to be purchased would be a paint sprayer to paint the building and a welding system to make repairs to the tractor, trailer, and Zamboni equipment.

We look forward to sharing the improvements to the dressing rooms, the new lockers, and a fresh coat of paint everywhere else with our community in 2022.

YEAR END PUBLICITY REPORT

Submitted by: Nina Thach, Publicity Director

In 2021, Valley Gardens Community Centre (VGCC) expanded our online presence by creating an Instagram and Google My Business account, on top of our already established MailChimp and Facebook accounts. Over the past year, our MailChimp subscribers list decreased by 2.66% and our Facebook members increased by 26.24%. Furthermore, we currently have 81 followers on Instagram and a 4.2/5 star rating on Google My Business (see Table 1).

In 2022, publicity is hoping to continue to grow these social media accounts, as well as building and launching a brand new website for VGCC. The new website will aim to improve our online registration platform, provide an online hall rental request form, and include an updated photo gallery of our facilities (ex. ice rinks, halls, etc.).

With 2021 being my first year on the Valley Gardens Board of Directors, I would also like to extend my thanks to our General Manager, Cher Hebert, and our President, Karen Kummen-Diak, for being so helpful throughout my entire onboarding process.

Table 1: Online Presence (2020 vs. 2021)

ONLINE PRESENCE	2020	2021
<i>MailChimp</i>	865 Subscribers	842 Subscribers
<i>Facebook</i>	850 Members	1073 Members
<i>Instagram</i>	—	81 Followers
<i>Google My Business</i>	—	4.2/5 Star Rating

YEAR END SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT 2022

Submitted by: Cher Hebert in the absence of Director, Special Events

Another area where Covid impeded our fun and entertainment side. Although we were unable to hold any bingos or quiz nights, we were able to save our Christmas time event but just in a different way. Our traditional Santa Breakfast was logistically impossible so we improvised and brought Santa outside and onto the ice. Santa walked around handing out candy canes and posing for pictures, our board members and some club staff offered up hot chocolate and TimBits while a music man played Christmas songs and Carols. The turnout was great and included past and present board members, councilor Jason Schreyer and his wife who brought along a few Christmas wreaths (hand made by his mother) for us to auction off. MLA Matt Wiebe and his kids were on hand to visit and hand out oranges to the community members attending.

We received financial support from all three of our city council members; Jeff Browaty, Jason Schreyer and Shawn Nason as well as advertising support from our MLA Matt Wiebe. Their generous support gave us the ability to bring a fun afternoon to our community members. It was a great day.

YEAR END FUNDRAISING REPORT

Submitted by Cher Hebert in lieu of Fundraising Director

As mentioned above, we were provided funds that helped us to put on the Skate with Santa event. We also were awarded a Reno Grant through GCWCC in the amount of \$68,703.78 for work around the club as elsewhere described.

GCWCC provided a \$1000 grant to help pay for Covid expenses such as masks, gloves, and sanitizing supplies. We used part of the funds to purchase a Disinfecting/Sanitizing mister gun that continues to be used daily in our main building after daycare and other events.

A further grant was approved for VG to employ someone to check vaccination status but came just as the Province lifted Covid restrictions so it was not used.

YEAR END BASKETBALL REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn, former Basketball Convener

2021 Year End Basketball Report- Nancy Krahn Basketball Convenor

Spring 2021 season: 28 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

10 year-old boy team
12 year old boy team

Winter 2021 Season: 29 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

11 year old boy team
15 year old boy team

I would personally like to thank all the coaches, parents, and athletes that helped out along the way. As always we cannot operate without you!

YEAR END HARDBALL REPORT

Submitted by Cher Hebert with thanks to Allan Mozel, RRVB

Valley Gardens hosted 3 teams (9U, 11U, 18U).

Registrations initially VGCC had 47 registrations but 18 refunds were requested with the delay to the start of the season. That left 29 registrations that actually played the season.

With the late start (pushed back a month due to COVID lockdowns, we saw a significant amount of refunds from registration.

YEAR END HOCKEY REPORT

Submitted by: Terra Fehr, Hockey Convener

The 2021-2022 hockey year was a successful year, although many tournaments were cancelled due to COVID. All in all, it was a great season and everything ran fairly smoothly.

Valley Gardens had one U9 team and two U7 teams. These teams each received two allocated outdoor ice times for practices at the Valley Gardens rinks. Valley Gardens also hosted outdoor ice practices for five Royals U11 teams.

I received a lot of positive feedback from parents on the Valley Gardens teams and everybody seemed to have a fun season! The U7 teams both had new head coaches who did an awesome job. The u9 coach was a returning coach and lots of praise went his way as well. Thank you very much coaches!

The hockey volunteers put in countless amounts of volunteer hours throughout the 5 month season. Without these volunteers our hockey season cannot run and it is a major commitment to the volunteer and the volunteer's family, so a huge thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches and managerial staff for stepping up and making the season possible for our community.

If anyone is interested in coaching for our Timbits or our 7/8's House League come September 2022, please contact Terra Fehr at vgchockey@shaw.ca.

YEAR END MINI SOCCER REPORT

Submitted by: Cher Hebert in lieu of convener

In anticipation of a spring season, Mini Soccer registrations were taken in February/March of 2021 however due to Covid-19 the season did not precede and full refunds were issued to parents.

We are looking ahead to a successful spring 2022 season.

YEAR END RINGETTE

No Ringette teams for VGCC in 2021.

YEAR END SOCCER REPORT

Submitted by: Jason Moniz, Soccer Convener

2021 proved to be another challenging year for soccer at Valley Gardens. Early registration numbers had 30 boys and 19 girls registered out of Valley Gardens for the Spring/Summer Outdoor Season.

Due to low registration numbers across the district, teams were formed by amalgamating with other community club registrants within our district, allowing us to form 5 teams hosted out of Valley Gardens.

Unfortunately, due to provincial health regulations, there were delays to the start of the outdoor season, restrictions regarding tournament play and the amount of spectators attending games. This ultimately led to the withdrawal of 2 of our teams due to players dropping out late once a start to the season was approved and not being able to fulfill a "minimum roster".

For the fall indoor season, Phoenix soccer club piloted a trial of centralized registration where any child aged U9 and up had to register with Phoenix and they would form the community club teams. This gave us the opportunity to host a girls' team out of Valley Gardens for the winter session.

2022 already looks to be a promising year with 20 teams playing out of Valley Gardens across all age groups.

I would like to thank Cher Hebert, the volunteer coaches who we cannot host a team without, and the parents who have been understanding and accommodating throughout these unprecedented times.

Respectfully submitted,

YEAR END SOFTBALL REPORT

Submitted by: Mike Buenaventura, Softball Convener

Below are the numbers for registration and comparison to the year prior. A nice uptick in both VG and overall NESAs Numbers. All teams aside from LTP will be run under the NESAs umbrella. We will host a few teams out of the club. I am excited to see the growth of the overall softball numbers after a couple of down years. There are always camps available through NESAs so keep your eye open!

I would like to thank all the volunteers, board members, coaches and of course parents!

Here's to a safe and successful 2022 Softball Season

2022

	VG	TOTAL
LTP	10	66
U9	0	25
U11	2	39
U13	8	38
U15	4	24
U17	3	28
U19	1	11
Total	28	231

2021

	VG	TOTAL
LTP	5	72
U10	2	29
U12	7	35
U14	6	28
U16	2	27
U19	2	22
Total	24	213

9. By-Law Constitution Changes

BY-LAW/CONSTITUTION CHANGES

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VGCC CONSTITUTION 2022

CHANGES BELOW TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VALLEY GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE, APRIL 20, 2022

Article 20 – Board Composition:

Existing wording:

The Board shall be composed of the following positions:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President – Operations
- 3) Vice President – Sports Programs
- 4) Fundraising
- 5) Special Events
- 6) Hockey Convener
- 7) Ringette Convener
- 8) Soccer convener – Micro-Mini
- 9) Senior Soccer Convener – 9 to 18
- 10) Softball Convener
- 11) Baseball Convener
- 12) Basketball Convener
- 13) Secretary
- 14) Treasurer
- 15) Publicity Director
- 16) Bingo Director

Proposed Amendment:

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- 13) Treasurer
- 14) Publicity Director

Rationale: To merge positions of Micro-Mini and Senior Soccer Convener, and merge Bingo Director with Special Events Director.

ARTICLE 7 – GOVERNMENT:

Clause 7.1:

Existing Wording:

7.1 The business and affairs of the Centre shall be managed by a Board consisting of sixteen **(16)** voting members, which have been elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Directors may reside outside of the Centre boundaries, as defined in Article 4 if no one from the Center boundaries steps up to fill the vacant position.

Proposed Amendment:

7.1 The business and affairs of the Centre shall be managed by a Board consisting of fourteen **(14)** voting members, which have been elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Directors may reside outside of the Centre boundaries, as defined in Article 4 if no one from the Center boundaries steps up to fill the vacant position.

Rationale: *Change number from 16 to 14, to reflect the changes made in Article 20.*

Motion to accept changes to constitution:

Motion: *to approve the minutes by Natalie Desautels, 2nd by Subhdeep Sidhu. All in favour. Carried*

10. Election of Officers:

The slate of officers was scrutinized by Wendy Hein, City of Winnipeg.

- a) President – Karen Kummen Diak let her name stand but noted full term would not be completed. No other nominations – Carried.*
- b) Vice President of Programming –Subhdeep Sidhu let his name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- c) Secretary – Natalie Desautels let her name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- d) Publicity Director – Nina Thatch let her name stand. No other nominations noted. –Carried.*
- e) Soccer Convenor – Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill positon.*
- f) Hardball Convenor – Dave Fraser let his name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- g) Special Event Director - Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill positon.*