



Vars Community Association

Executive Meeting Minutes
March 19th 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Vars CA was called to order at 7:03 PM on March 19th at St-Guillaume School by Jean Séguin.

Present:

Barb Lavictoire, Jean Séguin, Gary Larocque, Christine Flood, Hélène Manning-Lemieux, Guy Laporte (Optimist Club), Mark Wall (special guest)

Excused: Darlene Brown, Nicolina Kingston

Absent: Scot Lemieux

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Conflict of interest

- No conflict was raised

C. Open Issues

- May 1st fundraising event/Supper
 - To promote public consultation
 - Will need volunteers to help for preparation and clean-up
 - To contact the City if could donate a cake, drinks...
 - Rob Jellett will pay for the flyer mail-out
 - Could have a 50/50 draw or small donations from surrounding companies to draw.
- Public consultation on the CCC vision document
 - After the Supper
 - Revision of the flyer to hand out at the Supper on April 3rd
 - Discussion with the City and the CCC planned for March 24th
- July 1st event preparation in collaboration with the Optimist Club
 - Dual application could possibly 'short hand' the partner, but very difficult to find another date to take advantage of the Civic funding
 - The Association will sponsor and volunteer for the event

- Unanimous decision that the Association will sponsor the band/evening entertainment
- Guy Laporte will send his application to Jean to help prepare our application
- Civic funding: DEADLINE April 2nd 2009
 - The Association will apply for the bands and launching of the Vars CA (active Association and website)
 - Jean will contact Rob Jellett to be present
 - Sarsfield and Carlsbad Springs will be notified of the event
 - Need to find the ‘bouncy’ structure that was donated to the community. Scot had apparently lent to someone, but never returned. Barb and Christine will try to find it.
 - Jean and Gary will complete the application for the July 1st funding.
- Update and management of the website
 - No response yet about the minutes sent to Scot on March 5th and March 10th 2009 from the Secretary
 - The Board members have access to the calendar management since February 2009
 - ⊖ No response from Scot if still managing the website
 - A letter will be sent to Scot tomorrow to confirm his participation and membership to the Association.

D. New Business

- Signage at Trudeau Park and Bearbrook Community Centre
 - Opportunity to take over
 - City will provide the lettering
 - Jean will be responsible to receive requests and post the messages. Mark will be helping. Requests to be sent to association@vars.ca
 - City is still responsible of the signs (breaking, letters...)
 - The President needs to approve of the message as per City policies
 - Jean will contact Suzanne Sanford and Linda Payant to get proper lettering for the 2 signs and have them reconditioned.
- Rink report
 - Barb had sent the report, but needs to re-submit because the City has not received the document.
 - Barb will add issues:
 - Frozen piping in field house
 - Door hinges from the rink boards need to be adjusted, boards need fixing and repainting
 - Permanent benches that were already committed needs to be installed
 - Puddle rink
 - New hoses needed
 - Community could provide person-power if City pays for paint and brushes
- Correspondence handed to Secretary
 - Rink operator agreement between Barb and the City
 - Liability Insurance payback letter from the City of Ottawa dated June 30th 2008

- Letter sent to Scot by the Board on February 25th 2009
- ⊖ Response by e-mail from Scot on February 26th
- Multiple messages sent to Scot by e-mail from Jean after the above response
- Draft letter to send to Scot tomorrow

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

- Website update
- Canada Day in partnership with Optimist Club
- Cenotaph update
- Community ideas/suggestions

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM by Jean Séguin. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on April 3rd 2009 at St-Guillaume School.

Minutes submitted by: Hélène Manning-Lemieux

Approved by: Jean R. Séguin