

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLUE QUILL COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Held Virtually via Meets on Thursday, October 28, 2021

Members in attendance:

Ray Bessel	Simone Desilets
Samantha (Sam) Tomte	Olivia Fata
Tamara Arnold	Kris David
Garth Williams	Jennifer Rice
Andrew Happer	Heather Warkentin
Wanda Krieger	Bernard Llanos
Trevor Gerbrand	Tim Battle
Richard Hughes	Norma Lorincz

Staff in attendance: Kathryn Fernandez

Call to Order and approval of agenda: Sam Tomte(Treasurer) called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm when quorum was reached. Moved by Richard Hughes, seconded by Garth Williams.

Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes: Moved by Wanda Krieger, seconded by Garth Williams: carried.

Guest Speaker: Newly elected City Councillor, Jennifer Rice attended the meeting and said a few words, thanking the community for our support in her and in the community. She looks forward to working with us.

Year in Review

- Several key board positions vacant
- Change/ reduction in rentals, programming, events, soccer, tennis, memberships due to pandemic
- Successfully ran a basketball program under new guidelines
- Community League Day, ran by Skyrattler was a success-Hope BQ Estates will take this on in 2022
- Casino held in September, also a success
- Newly appointed Mark Morris(BQ), and Rebecca Braun(Skyrattler) are now reps for Edmonton Neighborhood Watch-Looking for reps from BQ Estates and Sweet Grass
- Three long term renters: Blue Quill playschool, art collective, and Southwest Seniors Association (SWESA)
- Hoping for Opioid Training, Indigineous Programming and a winter carnival
- Primary focus for the new year will be The Community Garden Project
- Community garden (temporary installments) pilot launched this year

Wanda provided updates on the Community Garden

Our concentration for the coming years will be the community garden. Documents have been submitted to the city and construction will commence in 2022.

Garth provided updates on facilities.

Mentioned were the success of the BQ Classic, the replacement of the Furnaces, as well as the tables and chairs in the building. We also completed Phase 1 of replacing the locks and keys to the building. A grant from the Edmonton Oilers Foundation allowed us to purchase new hoses and a snowblower for the rink. Repairs done to the solar system under warranty, as well as installation of TED System to track usage. We also redid the lines in the parking lot. We will look at replacing the security cameras in the next 18 months.

Details of year in review available in the PowerPoint on the League's website:

<https://www.bqcl.org/agm/>

Approval of 2020-21 Financial Report:

The Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2021, for Blue Quill Community League were supplied by RSM Canada LLP. This chartered professional accountancy firm reviewed the financial position of BQCL. Financial statements were handed out to all that were present at the meeting and highlights were presented on the PowerPoint, which is available on the League's website. Motion to approve report held via poll on meets: Moved by Richard Hughes, seconded by Olivia Fata: carried. 8-0 Motion passed.

Approval of 2021-2022- Proposed Operating Budget

Samantha (Sam) Tomte (Treasurer) informed us that we have \$40,000 to pay back in a loan, by December 31, 2022, which we intend to split over 2 years, paying \$20,000 back in each of 2021 and 2022.

Prior to voting on the proposed budget, there was a question about program income and expense, regarding the lower amount. Members were informed that the League has not run soccer or tennis in the last 2 years which makes this difference.

Please refer to the League's website for further details about the proposed operating budget.

The proposed operating budget was motioned by Richard, seconded by Ray. Eleven voted to approve the operating budget. Passed.

Our main priority of the upcoming year is to support the community garden initiative. The League has identified a goal of \$5,000 income for fundraising events in support of the garden project. It has also committed \$15,000 funding to the project as identified in proposed 2021-22 expenses.

Our Capital Project budget commitments for 2021/2022 include \$85,000 for the Community Garden Project, \$5,500 to update the interior/exterior cameras, and \$18,500 for the Storage Container Project. In January 2022, we will be applying for grants to support these capital projects.

BQCL Board Positions

Bylaw requirements and vacancies have resulted in the following positions becoming available this year. There were three calls for each nomination prior to voting being held. Voting was conducted via poll on Meets by our NRC, Norma Lorincz.

- President..... Leslie Hierath put name forward via Proxy. Win by Acclamation
- Secretary..... No nominations-VACANT
- Sports..... No nominations-VACANT
- Publicity Director.....Trevor Gerbrand-standing. Win by Acclamation
- Social Director.....Olivia Fata-standing. Win by Acclamation
- Facilities Director..... Garth Williams-standing. Win by Acclamation
- Vice President.....No nominations-Vacant
- Program Director..... No nominations-Vacant
- Membership Director.....Simone Desilet put her name forward. Win by Acclamation
- Civics Director..... No nominations-Vacant
- Members-At-Large (2 positions)..... Bernard Llanos put his name forward. Win by Acclamation; One vacant position.

Congratulations to the above individuals. Votes were unanimous and they were all awarded their positions. League Members who want to fill any vacant positions may do so by attending one of the monthly board meetings and putting his/her name forward. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month (except for July) at 1900h. All League members are welcome to attend.

The executive committee of the League is composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. These individuals have signing authority.

Motion to adjourn:

Ray Bessel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Seconded by Garth Williams. Thank you to Sam and Trevor for moderating the meeting.