

Minutes of the Meeting of Silverspring Community Association

September 21, 2010

Attendance: Robin Spence (Membership Coordinator), Bob Stadnichuk (Civics), Suzanne Larsen (Soccer Coordinator), Carmen Allen (Secretary), Brian Webb (MAL), Mike Bendel (Youth Coordinator), Aman Abid (Communications – Newsletter), Sherri Denis (Indoor Coordinator), Cam Hazen (MAL), Sheldon Sies (Basketball Coordinator), Charlene Wallace (Football Coordinator), Nadine Schueller (Treasurer), Art Urbanowski (Softball Coordinator)

**** Rick Garman (Principal, Mother Teresa School), Marieke Knight (Area Recreation Consultant), Bryan Conrad (Ebenezer Baptist Church), Joanne Lukash (visitor)**

1. Call to Order:

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Nadine and seconded by Charlene to add Halloween Party to New Business. Carried.

3. School News:

(a) *Mother Teresa School* – Rick reported that Mother Teresa School has had a good start to the new school year with their BBQ, opening mass, and their meet the teacher event. He also briefly discussed the Learning Improvement Plan which outlines their goals for the year. Mother Teresa School was honoured by the Nutana Rotary Club today at the Peace Plaza in recognition of International Day of Peace and Mother Teresa's past receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize.

(b) *Silverspring School* – No report.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Cam and seconded by Brian to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2010, meeting. Carried.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Nadine circulated a statement of profit and loss and stated that fall registrations brought in the following approximate amounts: soccer - \$13,000; basketball - \$7,000; indoor - \$9,500; football - \$4,000; membership - \$5,000. She has issued many refunds due to unintentional duplicate payments at registration and teams disbanding due to lack of coaches.

Motion made by Mike and seconded by Sherri to accept the finance report. Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- (a) *Fun Day in the Park (September 12)* – Robin reported that the weather was favourable for Fun Day, but there was a smaller crowd than last year. Many were first-time attendees. One reason for the decreased turnout may be that there was less advertising done for Fun Day than last year. About \$2,200 was spent on Fun Day for Singing with Sylvia, jumpers, Sno-Cone vendor, Port-a-Potty, etc. An iPod Touch was found at the park that day. The owner should contact Robin to claim it.

- (b) *Registration Evening (September 8)* – Sheldon stated that it would have been helpful for the volunteers to have about a half hour of training before registration began. Also, it would be nice if the online registration process could be streamlined to make it even more user-friendly for those who are not completely computer literate. Perhaps Ross could help. There was also the issue of people from other areas trying to register in our programs. This is a problem with basketball, for example, because players must live in our area to register for basketball through SCA.

Robin mentioned that it would be helpful for a list of full classes to be posted so that people know this information before they purchase a membership at registration night.

The Leisure Guide does not mention online registration. It refers the reader to the SCA website where information is available about online registration.

Sherri will speak to Ross to ensure that correct start dates for programs will be listed in the e-mail confirmations.

Sherri also mentioned that the SCA could provide more programs, but we are limited by lack of facilities in the evenings.

There was considerable discussion about programs such as soccer and basketball which are limited by the lack of volunteer coaches. Suggestions for promoting volunteering were brought forth: increase fees so that we could hire kinesiology students as coaches and have an honourarium for them; generate a master list of parents that volunteer (so that other parents can be approached to take their turn); each coordinator could keep a list of coaches and share the list among the coordinators of the other sports so that they are all aware of the parents who volunteer.

7. New Business:

- (a) *Rewarding of Volunteers Policy* – After some discussion, there was general agreement that coaches no longer need to be provided with free SCA memberships.

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Cam to approve the Rewarding of Volunteers Policy as written. Carried.

- (b) *SCA Refund Policy* – There was lengthy discussion about the \$30 administration fee. It was felt that \$30 is too great and, instead, suggestions of a lower administration fee or a percentage of the registration fee were put forth. Another comment was that the registration fees could be increased to cover the credit card service charges incurred when refunds are made.

- (c) *SCA Late Policy*

Motion made by Joanne and seconded by Brian to defer any decisions on the Refund Policy and the Late Policy until the next meeting. Carried.

- (d) *Halloween Party* – Mike said that the Princess Tea Party (October 2) and Motor Sports Spectacular (coming in February) are intended to replace the Halloween party which has seen dwindling attendance numbers in recent years.

Motion made by Joanne and seconded by Sheldon to donate up to \$200 to share the cost of the Princess Tea Party. Carried.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

No report.

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

- (a) *Indoor* – Sherri reported that there were a record number of registrations this fall and no classes were cancelled. Zumba was especially popular. Four teens registered for Teen Zumba, so adults were added to the class to fill it and it is now a Teen/Adult Zumba class. She thanked Ross for all the preparatory work on the website. Indoor coordinators are planning activities for the winter session as their deadline is October 7.

- (b) *Membership* – Total number of memberships (paid and free) is 605. Robin stated that sport coordinators and indoor coordinators need to remind late registrants to purchase their memberships online. All memberships are purchased through our website and need to be paid by credit card even though registrants may be paying by cash or cheque for their sport or program.

- (c) *Rink* – No report.

- (d) *Communications* – Robin read Aman’s report stating that the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is September 24. There was discussion about the newsletter and that it would be nice to see it lengthened to about four pages. The added length would make it easier to accommodate more advertising.
- (e) *Football* – Robin read Charlene’s report stating that there are 88 players registered in fall football. There are two Grades 1-2 teams; three Grades 3-4 teams; and three Grades 5-6 teams.
- (f) *Soccer* – Cam reported that there about 113 indoor soccer players this fall. There are 11 teams and one disbanded team due to lack of a coach. Players’ schedules will be available soon.
- (g) *Softball* – Art reported that the softball season was very wet and he is working with the city on the condition of the ball diamonds.
- (h) *Civic* – Robin read Bob’s report stating that there will be free access to the Fitness Circuit at the SaskTel Sports Complex on Nelson Road this weekend (September 23-26).
- (i) *Volunteer* – No report.
- (j) *Basketball* – Sheldon reported that there are a total of 65 players this year (one Spud team, two Mini teams, and two Bantam teams). Eight Midget players and three Juvenile players were referred to other communities.
- (k) *Youth* – Bryan mentioned that Ebenezer Baptist Church would have some space available over the supper hour now and then, if it were needed (but not on a regular basis due to lack of staff at that time of day). Mike said that the youth drop-in program at Ebenezer will run on a bi-weekly basis beginning on October 3. Dates for this fall are October 3 & 17; November 14 & 28; and December 2. He is interested in applying for winter lottery grant money for programming.

Motion made by Cam and seconded by Joanne that Sue Larson be named a Soccer Coordinator. Carried.

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Joanne that coordinator reports be accepted.
Carried.

10. Area Recreation Consultant Report:

Marieke introduced herself and said that she will be in the ARC position until March as she is covering a maternity leave position until that time. She circulated her report and discussed the items. As well, she described a post-Halloween event called Pumpkins in the Park that some areas are hosting. She asked that we inform her by September 24 if we have any need for university student volunteers to teach programs. She could help match them up with us through the upcoming Volunteer Fair at the University of Saskatchewan.

11. Announcements:

The next meeting will be held October 19 at Silverspring School Library. The following meeting will be held November 16. There will be no meeting in December.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mike and seconded by Brian to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.