

Minutes of the Meeting of Silverspring Community Association

November 15, 2011

Attendance: Robin Spence (President), Jacine Casey (Registration/Membership), Bob Stadnichuk (Civics), Art Urbanowski (Softball Coordinator), Brian Webb (MAL), Nicole Webb (MAL), Janice Hobbs (Vice President), Lanette Kuchenski (Treasurer), Ian Evertman (Rink Coordinator), Carmen Allen (Secretary)

** Mark Campbell (Area Recreation Consultant), Bryan Conrad (Ebenezer Baptist Church), Arlene Lazecki (Silverspring School)

1. Call to Order:

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Bob and seconded by Brian to approve the agenda. Carried.

3. School News:

Silverspring:

- Arlene reported that staff and students were very saddened to learn of the loss of Mrs. Sally Cuell, mother of three Silverspring students, last week. Report cards will be distributed on November 21. Upcoming events include the band concert (December 8); Grades 5-8 carolling (December 13); kindergarten through Grade 2 concert (December 14); and Grades 3-4 concert (December 15). The school is in the process of raising funds for a complete set of cross-country skis. If anyone knows of grants that are available for such a purchase, please let Arlene know. The school has been working with representatives from the University of Saskatchewan on the collection of data related to students' physical fitness. Math information nights have been scheduled for November 21 and 29 and a police officer has visited each classroom to discuss bullying with the students.

Mother Teresa:

- No report.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Jacine and seconded by Janice to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2011. Carried.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Lanette presented a Profit and Loss report (August 1 through November 15, 2011). She may put approximately \$15,000 into a term deposit as there are currently excess funds in the chequing account. Refunds for programs will be issued by cheque and this policy will be posted on the website.

Motion made by Lanette and seconded by Art to accept the finance report. Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) Rink – Artificial Possibility

Robin discussed some preliminary information that she has received from two providers, Synthetic Ice Solution (Canadian) and Global Synthetic Ice (USA, Quebec). This would be a long-term project involving much fundraising as it is estimated to cost approximately \$76,000 for our 5529 sq. ft. rink area. The synthetic surface is reversible (i.e. it can be flipped) and might last as long as 20 years. A person can skate on it as though it is ice, but it might require more energy. It could be used year-round. It can be used outdoors, but it would need to be covered and protected from the elements. The synthetic ice is available in various thicknesses (1/4 to 3/4-inch), and we would want the thickest due to outdoor use. The ground would need to be prepared in advance of the placement of the synthetic ice surface (and this cost is not included in the above estimate). Many questions remain, such as whether it is prudent to flood over it in the winter.

Art and Ian offered to take the information from Robin and look into the possibility of synthetic ice further. They will report their findings at our January meeting.

(b) Aurora Soccer Representative

No report.

(c) Insurance Follow-up

Lanette met with an insurance representative at Rayner Agencies to get a complete summary of SCA's insurance coverage. She circulated a report which provided a listing of the coverage and our responsibilities to ensure that the coverage is in effect. There was discussion about some of the sports equipment which is stored at other sites (e.g. Besco Storage, schools, etc). We probably do not carry liability insurance on the rink and it was thought that maybe we need this type of coverage.

7. New Business:

(a) Resignation of Member at Large

Robin received an e-mail from Vanessa Chesters who wishes to resign from her position of Member at Large.

Motion made by Brian and seconded by Art to accept MAL Vanessa Chesters's resignation. Carried.

(b) *January Indoor Registration*

The refund policy for programs will be posted on the website before registration in January. All refunds will be paid by cheque. Online registration will be open January 2 through 15, 2012. In-person registration at Silverspring School will be held January 4, 2012. Jacine is looking after posting the information on the school's sign and doing the booking.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

Robin received a call from a woman who suggested the SCA hold an indoor used children's clothing sale. It was felt that there are other options for this type of sale (Market Mall's event, used clothing stores, and Kijiji) and that the SCA volunteer base is currently pushed to the limit. It was decided that a sale could be pursued if the woman would agree to organize it herself.

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

(a) *Indoor* – Robin read an e-mail from the Indoor Coordinators. The Coordinators are currently in the process of getting instructors to commit to teaching in the winter session. A few instructors have requested to be paid sooner than the end of the session. This is understandable, but it would create more work for the Indoor Coordinators and Treasurer. The Indoor Coordinators will discuss the possibility of changing the contracts of the higher-paid instructors so that they can receive a payment part way through the session as well as at the end.

(b) *Registration/Membership* – Jacine reported that most memberships were sold at the beginning of the 2011-2012 year. She is currently working on registration for January, and the information will be on the website soon.

(c) *Rink* – Ian has painted over some graffiti and he is going to spend \$150-200 on new shovels. He will probably resign after this year. He feels that the rink needs to be rebuilt (involving new boards, poles, and levelling) after this skating season. A \$7500 grant is available from the City of Saskatoon. Applications are due in April, approval would be in June, and a refund (if approved) would be available next November. He is going to start flooding the rink this week and there should be ice in the next week or two – after 10 floods or so.

- (d) *Communications* – No report. Robin stated that the deadline for the upcoming newsletter is November 21.
- (e) *Touch Football* – No report.
- (f) *Soccer* – No report.
- (g) *Softball* – No report.
- (h) *Civic* – Bob did not attend the most recent Ward 10 meeting, but he reported that issues included the lack of recreational facilities in our area (e.g. swimming pools) and that a North exit from our community is needed.
- (i) *Basketball* – No report.
- (j) *Youth* – A report from Mike was circulated. The Spirit of Christmas event will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. on December 4, as a partnership among the schools, the church, and the SCA. Ebenezer Baptist Church is inviting the SCA to help in an Advent campaign for Good Food Junction. Bryan asked if the SCA would like to donate toward this campaign.

Motion by Bob and seconded by Janice to donate \$500 to Good Food Junction. Carried.

Motion by Brian and seconded by Jacine to spend up to \$400 on treat bags for the Spirit of Christmas. Carried.

Robin will talk to Nadine Madsen for background information about the treat bags.

- (k) *Social* – No report.

10. Area Recreation Consultant:

Mark has brochures available for a marketing campaign for volunteers (i.e. to promote the recruitment of volunteers). He outlined various funding opportunities and highlighted forthcoming workshops for community association volunteers. Mark also mentioned the Role of the Community Association Report (an idea-sharing document) which will be circulated among SCA executive for review at one of our future meetings.

11. Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2011, at Mother Teresa School.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.