

Minutes of the Meeting of Silverspring Community Association

March 20, 2012

Attendance: Cindy Manderscheid (Basketball Coordinator), Crystal Bernier (Indoor Coordinator), Lanette Kuchenski (Treasurer), Robin Spence (President), Jacine Casey (Registration/Membership Coordinator), Janice Hobbs (Vice President), Bob Stadnichuk (Civics), Peter Brown (Soccer Coordinator), Donovan Swinnerton (Football Coordinator), Nicole Webb (MAL), Ian Evertman (Rink Coordinator), Carmen Allen (Secretary)

** Mark Campbell (COS Consultant), Bryan Conrad (Ebenezer Baptist Church), Don Vogt (Mother Teresa School), Arlene Lazecki (Silverspring School), Garry Gelech (Shercom Industries)

1. Call to Order:

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Lanette and seconded by Jacine to approve the agenda. Carried.

3. School News:

Mother Teresa:

- Don reported that report cards have been distributed and conferences are finished. Indoor track and basketball are winding down. Weekly Lenten activities are continuing. The Stations of the Cross performance will be on April 4.

Silverspring:

- Robin read Arlene's report. April is Antibullying Awareness Month with an assembly on April 2 and Pink Shirt Day on April 4. The Red Cross antibullying material has been an excellent resource for the classrooms. There have been weekly bucket draws for coupons to recognize students for doing good deeds around the school. The 2012-13 school calendar draft has been created but has yet to be approved by the ministry. The Grade 6-8 classes had an excellent ski trip to Wapiti last month. Cross country skis have been purchased and have seen a great deal of use. Report cards were distributed yesterday and will be followed by conferences on March 21 and 22.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Carmen and seconded by Donovan to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2012. Carried.

Robin introduced Garry Gelech, General Manager of Shercom Industries, who outlined the features of a Pour-in-Place surface being considered for the City of Saskatoon playground located adjacent to Mother Teresa School. The SCA is being asked to bear the cost above the standard if it is decided to replace the current playground surface with an “above-standard” surface such as Pour-in-Place.

Garry described Shercom’s Pour-in-Place product which is produced from recycled tires. He has examined the playground site and stated that it measures 6450 sq.ft., it contains a number of 6-ft. platforms, and there is a 9-ft. fall height from the structure. There is an asphalt border around the site which is filled with wood mulch chips. He suggested that Shercom would remove the mulch chips, assess the base (which is likely compacted), put down geotextile, and then install Pour-in-Place. They would let it cure for 24 hours and then would apply a top layer. This process would provide cushion (compression) and a durable surface that would last for years. Shercom would provide an installation that would offer protection for a 10-ft. fall zone. They would rubber pave over the asphalt curb. There are many colours available for Pour-in-Place; however, he suggests the “black fleck” as it is the most durable and would provide the least amount of maintenance. A clear sealcoat would freshen the surface if this ever became necessary in a few years. The driveway at 302 Elm Street was the first driveway to have the Pour-in-Place surface installed (1998), and is still has no cracks. This driveway was sealcoated in the summer of 2011. The surface is quite repairable; damaged spots can be cut out and replaced through repouring. Pour-in-Place surface does not become slippery when wet because the water soaks through.

The City of Saskatoon Parks Branch would decide what to do with the current wood chips. There are two other playgrounds with Pour-in-Place (Everybody’s Playground in Erindale-Arbor Creek and a playground at Blairmore). W.W. Ashley Park off 8th Street will be going in soon. The Kinsmen Park playground surface is not a Shercom product.

The cost of the product is usually \$12.50/sq.ft. Shercom is offering to do this job for \$9.99/sq.ft. (total of \$64,000) which includes the removal of wood chips. There would also be a cost of \$900 for two rolls of geotextile.

When asked about other playground surface options, Garry described bark mulch and nugget mulch and recommended the bark mulch as it stays in place like a mat. If bark mulch were chosen (over Pour-in-Place), 90,000 pounds would be needed, and the cost would be \$26,000.

The time required to replace the playground surface with Pour-in-Place would be six days maximum.

Questions arose from members regarding pros and cons of installing Pour-in-Place, and Garry answered these questions. When asked about warranty, he stated that the compression will not ever change, but there is a 5-year warranty against cracking.

Donovan asked Garry if Shercom offers a product suitable for our rink surface. Garry suggested a 2-inch “Sport Court” option of Pour-in-Place for the 6900 sq.ft. rink. Cost would be \$4.50/sq.ft.

After Garry's departure from the meeting, there was further discussion regarding the playground and the amount of funds the SCA would like to contribute. It was suggested that finer drainage grates could be installed at the spray park to prevent wood chips from entering the drainage system. The issue of wheelchair accessibility at the playground was voiced – how important is the accessibility? The deadline for application to COS for the playground grant is the end of March for installation the following year. The COS maintains the playground now. If we endorse the new surface (by applying for the grant and taking "ownership" of the surface), then we will be responsible for future repairs and maintenance. The ongoing maintenance is a big issue for the SCA because we will be responsible for the surface for the remainder of its life. Do we want to commit to this project? We need a plan to be presented to us by the Mother Teresa School Council so that we can see their plans for fundraising. There may need to be a special meeting among major stakeholders to clarify these issues.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Lanette circulated a Profit and Loss report (April 2011 through February 2012) and stated that the majority of bills have been submitted to her. The net income for the year is approximately \$15,000. She should be able to put another \$15,000 into a GIC at 1% (which would bring the total of GIC funds to \$25,000). The bank account balance is currently about \$45,000.

Lanette has been working with Ross and St Solo to improve the computer system (there have been a number of duplicate credit card transactions). The program needs to be permanently fixed rather than just patched and it is unclear what we would or would not owe for these services from St Solo. We have no copy of a service agreement to fall back upon to ensure that the program is maintained. We have a \$467.50 invoice from St Solo for fall registration debugging and modifying entries in the database for 2011.

Lanette stated that spring programs will go into the next fiscal year.

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

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) Treasurer Resignation

Defer until the AGM. We also need an Indoor Coordinator, Vice President or Treasurer, and a Rink Coordinator.

(b) Mother Teresa Park

Discussed above.

(c) Rink Surface

Grant applications are due to the COS by the end of April for rink enhancement. Ian stated that wire and some boards will need replacing and he will consult someone about the condition of the poles. He will consider getting puck boards for the corners. If an asphalt surface were installed, the

rink would be usable after about two floods. The way it is now, it takes about 10 floods until the ice is ready for skaters. Ian will put a letter in the next newsletter to ask for volunteers. The idea of a community garden in the rink area was suggested.

(d) *Spring Registration*

Jacine stated there were over 300 registrations in the spring registration period. She has received two comments about the computer system not being user-friendly. She feels that the membership button should be changed. Donovan added that there was one computer glitch with football registration but that Ross had it fixed right away.

(e) *Budget*

Lanette has received some coordinator reports but she is still waiting for some more.

7. New Business:

(a) *AGM*

The Annual General Meeting will be at 8 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church on May 15, 2012.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

Robin received a phone call regarding late fee payment for soccer registration and paying by cash for the late fee (the late fee is 50% of the original registration fee).

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

(a) *Indoor* – Crystal stated that most winter programs are wrapping up but some are going into April.

(b) *Registration/Membership* – Jacine said there are concerns with the membership button in the computer program. She was surprised by the number of membership sales after spring registration (these are people needing memberships to register for soccer, football, etc.)

(c) *Rink* – Ian said that this past skating season was the shortest ever. He is applying for the COS rink improvement grant. He has a bill from the rink attendant (\$650) for supervision at the rink and he is submitting this bill to Lanette. He hopes repairs will be less than \$2000. The SCA's share would be 10% for a total of approximately \$200.

(d) *Communications* – Absent. No report. Robin stated that the next newsletter will be out in early April and the deadline for submissions is this Friday.

(e) *Touch Football* – Donovan reported that 62 players have registered for touch football in three age divisions (29 in Grade 1-2; 22 in Grade 3-4; and 11 in Grade 5-6). He will be sending information to coaches and is hoping for no late registrations.

- (f) *Soccer* – Absent. Robin read Peter’s report. The indoor soccer season is almost finished. Equipment return is planned for March 29 at 231 Pobran Lane. Fewer players registered for the upcoming outdoor season than last year (255 vs. 300). Cheryl is managing the equipment and uniforms. There are 26 teams in total: U4 (6 teams); U6 (7 teams); U8 (5 boys’ and 4 girls’ teams; may be missing two coaches for boys); U10 (2 boys’ and 4 girls’ teams). Coaches will be notified about criminal record checks, rosters, and equipment pick-up. Registration fees and team names need to be sent to SYSI by March 26. SYSI will have coaches’ packages and schedules ready for April 19 at the Administration Office at SaskTel Sports Centre. The soccer coordinators are querying the utilization of Facebook for registration.
- (g) *Softball* – Absent. No report.
- (h) *Civic* – Absent. No report.
- (i) *Basketball* – Absent. Robin read Cindy’s report. Basketball has now ended as playoffs concluded on the weekend. It was a very successful season for all five teams. Hopefully we will be able to field a couple more teams in 2012-13 as there is the potential for an increase in player numbers for next fall.
- (j) *Youth* – Absent. Robin read Mike’s report. Silverspring Community Youth Night is averaging 25-35 students. Board and table/card games are being promoted over video games to promote relationship building. Nicole Webb and Dianne Stadnyk have been assisting with the program. Mike successfully applied for the \$500 community grant and these funds will be used mostly to pay the program leaders (Dianne and Nicole). Mike stated that he regrets not being able to attend SCA meetings on Tuesdays as our meetings regularly conflict with youth programs.

10. Community Consultant Report:

Report circulated previously. Mark highlighted the “Volunteers Rock” volunteer appreciation event taking place on March 29.

11. Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012, at Silverspring School.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.