

Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association
Minutes for January 9, 2017

1. **Introduction of Board and guests**
2. **Approve agenda** : Approved by consensus.
3. **Approve minutes** : Moved by Nick , seconded by Lisa, to approve minutes as amended. Carried. Amendment: Keith Merlo in 5.2 and other places needs to have name spelled correctly.
4. **President's Update (Miranda)**
 - 4.1 **New Year's Levee**: Miranda attended. It was not overly well attended because of weather. Most of the questions were about when we might get more money for transit.
 - 4.2 **Rink team planning update**: Lisa reported that temperature has been an issue this year. Under -15 and over 0 is a problem. Our snow blower broke down and we had to pay \$15 to pick it up. We had to have heavy equipment come in to remove snow and the city is charging us for that out of what they pay us. A potential new volunteer has requested that we purchase 4 lighter plastic shovels. So far two more people have volunteered to help David. We expect that this shovel purchase would fit within our rink budget. It was suggested that we post pictures of the rink on our Facebook page and our website. We can also promote other rinks in our area there. Nick suggested that perhaps next year we should try to recruit a roster of potential volunteers so we have replacements ready to go if some volunteers drop out mid season. If we do a winter carnival, we should definitely show pictures of the rink where the carnival will take place.
 - 4.3 **Federation of Citizens Associations update**: The next meeting is next week 7 pm on Wednesday, Miranda cannot go but we are entitled to send two people. So far no one is available at this time.
- 5 **Website redevelopment (Nick)**
 - 5.1 The website is now quite badly out of date.
 - 5.2 Nick is planning to set up a meeting with Mario Deller (Teacher at St Matts) soon to change the banner image with our new logo and the menu options. He is going to clean up the tab links so that one link doesn't lead to more links. He is also planning to add community info, bio of community members and what they've done, parks and recreation (like where off leash parks are, where good places to toboggan are) and a section for archives. Miranda has requested that a presentation be made to the executive on paper at some future date. Nick has explained that it was difficult to create the template because he was unable to meet with Mario during the holiday season. He hopes to have the changes to the website ready for the end of January.
 - 5.3 **Communications update**: Nick would like to see more transparency in minutes and agendas i.e. that they come out sooner than they have been. He's also suggesting a Facebook chat be set up so that board members can communicate between meetings. Nick likes that it keeps a record of who has

seen the communication and how they have responded or not responded. Miranda has suggested that our understanding of Nick's role was that he was to improve communication with the board and the community, not so much among board members. Lindsay has suggested that she is more likely to respond to a Facebook chat message than an email. There was a lengthy discussion about whether we should use Facebook or email for communication. The general consensus is that we should be doing more communication between meetings. Nick will send us an outline

6 Financial Update (Lisa)

6.1 Lisa asked about when the info went to the bank because they have reset the password and she can't get in. So, we don't know actually what our bank balance is. Karen is going to re-send the info just in case the bank has misplaced it again.

7 Community Winter trails (question from the community)

7.1 Gary Bradshaw has noticed that Westboro community association has initiated having groomed cross country ski trails. Jean Lepage is going to go check out their trails and talk to their volunteers. Gary suggested we find someone with a snowmobile who can pack a trail along the river. We would need both City and NCC permission to use a snowmobile in the parkland.

8 Winter Carnival (Lisa) Jan 28 is a go

8.1 Lisa has done some research on the supplies available for running a Winter Carnival. Lisa has arranged to pick up games and return them. 10 am for activities, 11 am to pick up pizza from Aroma, city is willing to provide insurance free of cost. Lisa will have announcement ready by Thursday at noon, in both French and English. We expect to communicate by Facebook, MailChimp, local papers and a notice posted at the rink. We also would like to communicate it directly to the local schools. There will also be a sign-up sheet and iPad on site at the carnival to sign up for the mailing list.

9 Green's Creek Point (Louis / Jean / Ian)

9.1 Update on NCC response No new information at this time.

10 New Business

10.1 No new business.

11 Next Meetings

11.1 February 13 We will book this date if we are able.

11.2 March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11

11.3 AGM Monday September 25

12 Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.