

# Minutes from the CGOWCA Meeting

11 mai 2020 – 19h

## Zoom

Present: Toby Bossert, Louise McLaren, Garth Williams, Gary Bradshaw, Miranda Gray, Mireille Brownhill

Regrets: none

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the agenda
  - Approved unanimously
3. Approval of minutes
  - From January 13, 2020: Minutes are approved with the following corrections:
    - i. inverting Gary and Garth's names
    - ii. replace "elected volunteer duties" with "assigned volunteer duties"
  - From March 9, 2020
    - i. Minutes approved, one abstention
4. President's update – Mireille
  - councillor reached out to us early on in this crisis and asked if we need anything
  - Mireille asked if we could do anything to help, but the councillor didn't have any ideas at the time.
  - Mireille has been trying to come up with an idea to help fundraise online such as a bottle drive or an online bingo, but we lack equipment/software.
  - It was suggested that we do a Facebook live event with the councillor and perhaps a representative from Ottawa Public Health. Mireille to reach out to councillor.
5. FCA update – Miranda
  - FCA presentation to the joint Planning committee/ARAC meeting on the urban boundary will be tomorrow (May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
  - the AGM has been deferred to September.
6. Financials – Gary
  - not much to report, other than we received our final payment for the rink from the city.
7. Rink update – Garth
  - The rink coordinator at the city (Emma) was very impressed with the community involvement with our rink this year.
  - Our equipment has been stored in the bunker, Jeff (one of the volunteers) has the gas can.

- Garth and David (another volunteer) have the keys to the rink. We've been given the OK to hold onto them this year.
- The two benches won't fit in the bunker. One bench was picked up by the city. The other bench has been labelled city of Ottawa.
- Garth has the signs for Myers.
- Volunteer recognition
  - we were planning on taking them all out for supper.
  - Garth Proposes gift Cards equally distributed as a recognition of our volunteers.
  - Garth makes a motion to thank the 14 volunteers each with 25\$ gift cards each for a total of \$350.00. Motion approved.
- Upcoming repairs
  - Repaving the surface, Emma said she would add that to the lifecycle service for the fall.
  - Mireille raised a concern that the city may not be able to afford repaving the rink due to the current pandemic. She is concerned that the city will be short on funds and as a result repaving, our rink will be low on the cities priority list.
  - The idea was floated by Mireille that we could ask permission to use money from our sponsor to repave the rink.

#### 8. Communications – Miranda

- Newsletter (June edition)
  - i. We are getting lots of positive feedback on our newsletter.
  - ii. Miranda proposes a motion that we give Fran a gift Certificate for 50\$ for adult drinks to thank Fran for all her hard work on the newsletter. Motion approved. Miranda to purchase gift and give to Fran.
  - iii. Topics - we don't have any ideas for it except for COVID updates.
- Website
  - i. Miranda and Louise will coordinate to upload the minutes on the website.
- Facebook page
  - i. More Board members should start conversations to help set the tone of the group.

#### 9. Events

- Dog walk – cancelled
  - i. talked about trying to do it in the fall instead depending on restrictions
  - ii. Gary thinks in theory we could socially distance with the dog walk. But this is dependant upon the removal of the restriction on gatherings.
- July 18 – Community BBQ

- i. briefly discussed that as well, we will make a final decision on the BBQ next meeting. Louise had an idea where we could invite people to have lunch in their driveways to have some sort of community involvement.
- Yoga in the park
  - i. It's a wait and see as well, we may be able to do yoga in the park.
  - ii. Mireille is planning it just in case we are able to still do yoga in the park following the new social distancing guidelines.

#### 10. Development – Miranda

- Nothing official happens with the city application process until the contractor submits a file
- We could be waiting for a while
- The trucks that service LRT construction are disruptive to the community, they hit potholes and are causing Miranda's house to shake. Miranda has communicated with the councillor.

#### 11. New Business

- Do we need to set a date for the AGM?
- According to Miranda due to COVID 19 and the state of emergency we can postpone the AGM.
- We could possibly take the opportunity to modify the bylaws. Mireille asks that everyone take the time to read them before the next meeting.

#### 12. Forward agenda items

- A date for the AGM
- Modifying the bylaws

#### 13. Next meeting

- June 8, 2020 – online

#### 14. Meeting adjourned