



MINUTES

Present: June Bergman, Darren Bourget, Jérémie Bourqui, Karen Bradshaw, Scott Chomistek, Jennifer Dotchin, Cydney Elofson, Jeremy Gukert, Karen Kirnbauer, Murray Scotton, Monique Tambay-Roest, Darcie Todd, Kay Wilford

Office Staff: Sherry Gavlin, Rita McMillan

Guests: Heather MacKay

Notes taken by: Monique Tambay-Roest

1. Introductions

Cydney

Called to order by Cydney 7:34

2. Remarks from the Chair

Cydney

Cydney shared a big thank you to Darcie for the training on Oct. 27, it was very helpful. Thank you to Karen B., Monique, Kay, Jenn, Karen K., Scott, Jérémie, and Murray (and Cydney!) for their work on the Pumpkin Walk, it was very well done. Thank you also to our community volunteers, Terry Wilford, Gerry Young, and Carol Patterson.

3. Approval of meeting agenda

Cydney

Scott moved to approve the November agenda as presented, June seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approval of October 2020 Minutes

Cydney

Darren moved to approve the October 2020 minutes as presented, Kay seconded. Motion carried.

5. Acknowledgment of Written Board Reports Submitted

Cydney

- a. CTA Manager Update, Rink Budget, EGG Report, BGSS Report, Development update, Preschool Update, Pump track update, Office Report, NPC Report, Counsellor's Report, Safety Update, CPS Report, Building Operations

6. Guest Reports

- a. Counsellor's Report

Ralph Smith

- i. [See Board Reports](#)

- b. NPC Report

Heather MacKay

Thank you to Heather for recommendations around language on amending bylaws. CCG 2020 applications are open until Dec. 30. City Manager, David Duckworth, will be providing more information on the upcoming City Hall realignment on Monday, November 9.

- i. [See Board Reports](#)

- c. CPS Report

Cst. Dustin Williams

- i. [See Board Reports](#)



7. Executive Committee Updates

a. Nominations Committee

Jenn

The majority of members are standing for re-election, Murray Scotton, is stepping down. Murray has been with the Board since 2004. Jenn will post on social media, asking for nominations.

b. Meeting with Counsellor's office

Cydney

Monique, Cydney, and Jérémie met with Ward Sutherland and Ralph Smith on October 29. The Neighbourhood Streets project, the BGSS OLA, and speed limit reduction were discussed. A decision on the speed limit reduction has been postponed until after a report is provided to Council in February. Jérémie and Monique will continue to monitor.

c. Bylaw amendment

Cydney

The amendment Cydney would propose is straight forward, given the current pandemic circumstances, it is possible that the CA may not be able to host an in-person AGM in January. Cydney would like the SSCA to amend our bylaws to allow the CA to host virtual AGMs if needed (or required by Public Health Orders). If the Board agrees, a Special Resolution and the meeting notice would go out on Friday. Bylaws require 21 days notice of a Special Meeting. 25 CA members are required to form quorum 75% of them to vote in favour of the motion for the amendment to pass. Logistics will be determined closer to the date of the meeting to ensure the SSCA is aligned with the current Public Health orders. Cydney moved that we (the SSCA) proceed with amending the bylaws as outlined in her [email](#) dated Nov. 4, 2020, Murray seconded. Motion carried.

8. Financial Reports

Scott

a. [October 2020 internal F/S](#)

October F/S: For two months ending Oct. 31, the SSCA has a profit of approx. \$12,000. The preschool received \$23804 in grant funding. The restricted funds are all in a positive position, and the CA currently has \$175,156 in available cash. There was a discussion about the possibility of doing something to meet needs within the community (i.e. Christmas hampers). Cydney will start an offline discussion to follow up. Scott moved to approve the October 2020 SSCA financial statements as presented, Jeremy seconded. Motion carried.

b. 2020-2021 Proposed SSCA Budget

Scott presented the proposed [2020-2021 SSCA Budget](#) (Sept. 1 - Aug. 31, 2021). There are still a lot of unknowns due to the pandemic, but there is a projected \$7000 deficit for the year (due to decreased rentals). The proposed budget reflects the current limit of 15 people for social gatherings, which will negatively impact rentals. Under current COVID-19 restrictions, both soccer and softball should be able to run in 2021. The SSCA is able to use Casino funds to cover a shortfall if needed. Scott moved to approve the SSCA 2020/21 budget as presented, Jenn seconded. Motion carried.



Business Arising from October meeting

9. Pump track update

Karen B. & Monique

Karen has been in contact with Gord from the Montgomery CA regarding their pump track. The Montgomery CA is currently working on Phase 2, which will include fundraising, working with a landscape architect, and working towards installing a paved path. Building a pump track is a very dirt-intensive project, different dirt (less susceptible to becoming “swampy”) may have to be brought in due to ground water. Monique will clarify with Toole Peet if plans are required for a simplified version of the track. Any Board members interested in joining an ad hoc committee, please connect with Monique and Karen. Murray expressed interest in helping with the project. Board members were asked to connect interested community members with Monique and Karen. Monique, Karen B., Jeremie, Murray, and Cydney will meet offline to discuss inviting other community members to participate.

10. Geodome Update

Karen B., June, Kay

An ad hoc committee of seven members was developed to explore the feasibility of building a year-round greenhouse. They have met twice, an update is included in the November Board Reports. After the first meeting, the consensus was that the greenhouse should be open for public use and organically friendly. Activities could be rotated based on season. At the second meeting they discussed potential benefits to the local community and to the City of Calgary. Potential sites have been identified (see [November 2020 Board Reports](#) for map). Heather suggested the committee reach out to Guy Beavers, as well as herself, regarding the possible sites. The committee is continuing to explore the different sites (site visits) to narrow the list down. An update will be provided once site visits have been completed. Public will be notified if a proposal and budget is approved by the SSCA.

11. BGSS Off-leash discussion

Jérémie, Cydney & Monique

June reported that there has recently been some vandalism at the Gardens. Signs were posted on the garbage cans encouraging park users to email Guy Beavers in support of keeping the BGSS as an off-leash area. City and Parks employees continue to remove the signs but they continue to be replaced. There was an incident with an off-leash dog walker getting verbally aggressive towards a volunteer. Duncan (BGSS Board member) reached out to the individual and encouraged them to 311 if they have concerns. Recently, there has been some vandalism occurring in the gardens (see [Board Reports](#)). There is a concern that these ongoing confrontations and incidents will result in the loss of volunteers. BGSS now provides doggie bags at the entrances.

Jérémie updated the Board regarding the discussion with Ward and Ralph. Parks has indicated that there is no plan to initiate any engagement on the issue at this time. The CA would like to move forward with developing a sub-committee to explore various solutions and then re-approach parks. Jérémie is asking for volunteers for the committee, stakeholders not on the Board (who are not dog walkers or gardeners, i.e. school groups, artists, etc.)



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will be approached to participate as well. Cydney has been in touch with a community member who reached out in support of the off-leash area, who may be interested. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email Jeremie. June expressed interest, Monique and Cydney will join the committee as well. Monique reached out to Dustin, CPS was unaware of the incident and encouraged the BGSS to report it.

New Business

12. Crowchild Twin Arena Manager Report

Jeremy

John Helfrich (Manager of CTA) provided an update of how the CTA managed during the COVID-19 shut down. The rink had a fairly strong year despite being closed, and the report is included in the [Board Reports](#). The AGM was held on Oct. 29, Mike McLeod, (Crowchild Hockey President) provided an update on an incident that had been shared on media, and is currently under internal investigation. John will attend an SSCA meeting in early 2021 to review the 2020 financials.

13. Rink Budget

Jeremy

The proposed budget for the CA outdoor rink is included in the [Board Reports](#). At the end of the 2019/20 season there was no volunteer appreciation due to the Covid-19 shut down. There has been some discussion about getting the groups together for an evening (socially distanced and following Covid protocols), or providing some form of volunteer appreciation. The rinks purchased two sweepers (grant was received for the second one). Additional grants that helped cover remaining expenses.

There has been significant interest from a range of community groups in purchasing the Zamboni. They would like to install a security camera, similar to the one at the pool, behind the shed, the cost should be approximately \$450. Other options would be slightly more expensive. Rita installed a camera today (Nov. 4) on the CA building to test the visual range. Jeremy moved to approve the SSCA Outdoor Rink Operational budget for the 2021 season, Murray seconded. Motion carried.

14. Logo

Jennifer

Jennifer proposed the formation of a small working group of two volunteers (in addition to her and Darcie) to work with a graphic artist to develop a new logo for the SSCA. The committee will take the feedback already received from earlier proposed logos, the group will then present a few mock ups to the Board for feedback, and the artist will make changes until there is one the Board approves. She is hoping the project will take about two months to complete. If you are interested in joining the committee please let Jenn know. Jeremy, and Karen K. expressed interest.



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15. Playground

Darren

The CA was approached about an upgrade to a playground at 204 Silver Valley Drive. The playground was assessed several years ago and ranked as a top priority. The same resident reached out to Heather MacKay. Guy Beavers indicated to Darren that the City is developing its 2021 budget, and asked if there were any playgrounds we would like updated. The SSCA has \$20000 in trust in the, The is my Neighbourhood, grant to work with. Guy indicated the City would be willing to put \$35000 in work towards the project. Resources from the community would have to be provided. Darren proposed that the SSCA create a sub-committee to do the research, permit applications, and to partner with Calgary Parks Foundation to get the upgrade. The City needs to be notified as soon as possible of the CA's decision, so it can be included in their 2021 budget. The Community member who reached out is willing to be on the committee. Darren will act as the Board representative on the sub-committee, Karen B. and Monique are interested in joining. Darren moved that the CA support the creation of a playground committee with a focus on initiating a partnership with Parks Foundation Calgary for administration and project support and that we contact the city to confirm that intent, Monique seconded. Motion carried.

16. Next Board Meeting

Cydney

- a. Special Bylaw Amendment Meeting **Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 7:30pm**
- b. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 7:30pm

17. Adjourn

Murray adjourned the meeting at 9:36.