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CHCA Directors Meeting

2023 March 29

I. Call to order

Tara Godwin called the regular meeting of the CHCA Executive to order at 7:10 PM on April 26, 2023 at Fred Schubel's house.

II. Roll call

Tara Godwin conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

- Fred Schubel
- Tara Godwin
- Patti Fulton
- Jessica Samuels
- Tracy Rullkotter
- Granger Evans
- Ralph Smith
- Peter Finamore
- Michael Latimer was missing due to a business appointment that went longer than expected.

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Tara apologised that she did not get the minutes of the last general meeting 2023-03-28 and the AGM minutes out prior to this meeting. She provided paper copies and asked people to review them for any corrections.
- The agenda for this meeting was approved with no additions.

IV. Update on Current Business

- **Treasurers Report:** The bank balance is \$2,223.96 including the \$20 shares. The church rental has been deducted and Tara has paid for the sign rental, but several other expenses are still outstanding from the

AGM. The increase from last month is due to new memberships and \$110 donations for the FireSmart program. Fred has prepared a list of 23 members and gave that to Tara to update the membership roster (currently 190 email addresses). Fred still can't access monthly statements at Prospera Credit Union online. Fred has also prepared a package for the handover to the new Treasurer as he is stepping down from CHCA after this meeting.

- The bulk mailer was cheaper this year at \$106 because it goes out based on the Post Office's routes and unfortunately the mailing we use no longer includes the homes at the bottom of Rio. There is still the problem that anyone with a No Junk Mail label will not get the CHCA flyer.
- Jessica indicated the Strong Neighbourhoods report has gone to City Council. She will try and follow-up to see what it says. Councillor Loyal has brought the traffic issue up, but action is a long ways out since the motion is for staff to report back on a timeline to conduct a review. Tracy offered to see if she could get traffic data for the Okanagan and she will follow-up with Councillor Loyal to see if he is interested in continuing to discuss.
- The annual CHCA picnic will be held on Sunday June 11th between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Because both Peter and Ralph are away until June 5th, there will be a preliminary meeting between Patti and Tracy to discuss details before then. Jessica will approach the chef at the Holzey B&B as to whether they might be interested in helping out. Tara has offered to help out by sending an email to the City's Strongneighborhoods to see if they can attend and if we can get the Fire Department to bring one of their trucks. A group meeting to finalize the event will be held June 7th at Ralph's house.
- Granger provided an update on his discussions with the RCMP. Traffic Management has been using the same approach for the last 6-9 years and the staff sees no reason to change their approach despite meetings and suggestions as to what they could do differently. The SpeedWatch program is likely to be shutdown due to a lack of enthusiasm from both the RCMP and the volunteers. Dave Carter has been the contact person, but there is a new person in traffic (Tiffany Ticarry ? sp) who seems to have more enthusiasm and willing to change up existing procedures.
- Patti has a lot of enthusiasm about Parks and Connectivity. She has been exploring the land between the Holzey & Melcor properties to see if a "trail" could be put in for waterfront access. There is clear outline of where the donated space is and if people could even get to it. Patti explained that it wouldn't be an official trail until the City builds stairs, etc and who knows when that will be.

- Unfortunately, because Michael wasn't able to attend the meeting, there was no discussion about the FaceBook web page. Jessica has offered to meet with Michael and get him up to speed on what has been done. Jessica mentioned there had been a deer killed in her backyard by a cougar and it was not easy to get rid of the carcass unless the animal was on City property. She felt it would be worthwhile to put the same information that the Glenmore Community Association has about cougars on their FaceBook page onto the CHCA FaceBook page to provide a warning to residents.
- The approach for FireSmarting in CHCA will transition to collecting donations and then hiring the Rutland Secondary students enrolled in the Forestry program, instead of getting residents out to help to do all the work. When the Fire Department was in charge of the program they would come out and do a free assessment to assist CHCA with prioritizing the areas that need work. No indication if the City of Kelowna who has taken over responsibility for the program, will offer the same service.
- Now that the changes to the CHCA Bylaws have been approved, Ralph will follow-up with the BC Societies to understand the next steps and how we get then to review and approve the changes.
- A discussion was held about the \$20 CHCA annual fee and how we could make it clearer what the Community gets in value for that membership. The fee will be used to support the FireSmart program but would it be worthwhile to outline CHCA's strategy for the coming year in our communications with residents. We need to tie in our approach with the Kelowna 10 year capital plan, the 2017 traffic survey, discussions had with City councillors and show how all these issues are related. Patti suggested we should include a link for FireSmart donations in any future emails.
- Discussions were then held as to who would replace the CHCA retiring members. Ralph Smith offered to take over the Treasurer position and to host future meetings at his house. Patti Fulton volunteered to be Vice-President and to assist wherever she could. Tracy Rullkotter will take on President's position and Peter Finamore will become the Secretary, with Ralph providing assistance and alternating if Peter should be away.

V. Next Steps

- Tara will file the annual Societies report.
- We need to provide Prospera Credit Union with the minutes showing the new Directors, remove both Tara Godwin and Fred Schubel from a signing role and replace them with Tracy Rullkotter & Patti Fulton.
- Jessica will connect with Michael about the FaceBook website.

- Ralph will follow-up with BC Societies regarding the revised Bylaws.
- Tara will start pulling together a list of documents, member lists and contacts for her handoff to Tracy.

There being no other business to discuss, Tara Godwin adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

The next meeting is to finalize the community BBQ and is scheduled for 7:00?? PM on **Wednesday June 7, 2023** at Ralph's house (167 Wizard Court).

Minutes compiled by: Ralph Smith