

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

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| Present: | Guests: | Regrets: |
| Douglas Beardshaw | Lorna Donaghy | Joe Parchelo |
| Riley Brockington | Joanne Lynn | |
| Rolf Calhoun | Maria McRae | |
| Carolyn Gauthier | Tracey Murray | |
| David Johnson | Linda Poulsen | |
| Howard Keck | Irene Ross | |
| John Kruihof | John Singlehurst | |
| Barbara Squire | | |

A moment of silence was observed for those who lost their lives on the Space Shuttle Columbia.

Approval of January Minutes:

MOTION: "That the January 2003 Minutes be approved" HK/JK-CARRIED

HCR CSC & PRAC Update from Maria McRae

The Centre's AGM will be Feb 26 at General Vanier School. The second brochure from the Centre will soon be distributed. The number of programs has increased from 20 to 40. ScotiaBank will offer a banking workshop to new Canadians. They will also match \$1 for every \$1 raised (up to \$5000) for the fundraising drive for a new Community Centre. Camp Spirit will run again this summer with a \$25/week fee.

PRAC Update: Maria explained her role on this committee. The second draft of the official plan was significantly amended, due to public input. The designation of McCarthy Woods at the moment does not appear to be strong on the side of preservation. Interested groups, including RPCRA, should send in a comment suggesting that there be a stronger designation for preservation of the Woods. John will draft a letter for the RPCRA that will state our strong support for preservation. The deadline for comments is February 21.

Festival Review

In an email, Riley summarized the Jan 28 Festival meeting at City Hall, which he sent to the Board and other members of the community for their input prior to this meeting. Riley stated that the three community groups are working together (RPCRA, RP West Action Group, Bayport Priv) and will soon request a meeting with the Mayor to educate him on the detrimental effects that the Festivals, particularly the Lebanese Festival, have on the Riverside Park West community. A colourful discussion ensued as to what the next course of action should be. Many believed that no noise bylaw exemption should be granted; some believed that there is an incompatible land use at the site, as the Festival has grown far larger than they and the community can absorb. The community believed that after a contract between the Festival organizers and the City was signed last year, many items of on-going concern would be alleviated. Unfortunately, many items in the contract were breached, particularly noise items. The general feeling around the table was if the community knew for sure that the Festival would play by the rules, there would be little opposition in having them return for a lesser duration, however year after year, promises have been made and have been broken. This has left a feeling of distrust with some members of the community. Many welcome festivals in the neighbourhood and the

reaction of the community has been one of tolerance, however basic rules and respect of your neighbour have to be followed. The main issues that were raised were: on-going noise bylaw violations, congested traffic and parking violations, overcrowding at and around the Festival site, litter, lack of police presence, and the duration of the festival, in the number of days and number of hours per day. The Board officially appointed Riley as the RPCRA rep on this issue.

MOTION: "That the Board appoints Riley to represent the RPCRA for Festivals' issues".
JK/BS. CARRIED

Sleigh Ride

The Winter Fun Day will be held on Sat Feb 15, from 1:30-4:30pm at Pauline Vanier Park. Holly Brook Farms will supply the horse drawn wagon for \$275. Prior to the Board meeting, Catherine Hutton, Manager of the ScotiaBank on Ridgewood, donated \$100 to the RPCRA for our Winter Fun Day. Carolyn welcomed Ms. Hutton and Scotiabank as our newest Community Partners.

(Ms Hutton has offered to pick up the hot chocolate and donuts. Doug will pick up a table and coffee urn from the Community Centre. Set-up will begin at 12:30pm.)

As an aside, Barb also mentioned that D&O Insurance has been purchased from Halpenny for \$1000.

Rinks Update-John Kruithof:

John reported that all rinks are running at full speed. The weather has been ideal for ice making and up keep. John reported that a theft and assault occurred at Arnott Rink. Vehicles parking on City property at Pauline Vanier, have now been blocked by the City, after a complaint was lodged. Vehicles must now park on the street. Douglas commented that baseball players in the summer drive across the field all the way to the ball diamonds and that equal enforcement in all seasons should be followed. Douglas also commented that an altercation occurred on the ice at Pauline Vanier that required police intervention. John was unaware of this and would speak with the Rink Coordinator.

Rolf stated that his neighbour, a local insurance agent, could provide us with D&O Insurance. Perhaps when our policy expires next year, we could buy from a member of the community. Carolyn asked Barb to acquire additional quotes over the next few months to be better prepared next year when the policy is due.

Linda Poulsen, President of the HCRRA, reminded the Board that this year is the 20th Anniversary of the Community Centre. There will be a party at the Family Fun Day in September. A meeting to start planning the celebration will occur after the March Break. Carolyn thanked Linda for attending the Open House and for inviting her to be on the Anniversary Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.
Minutes taken by R Brockington

Next meeting: March 5, 2003 7:30pm, Riverside Churches