

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Present:

Douglas Beardshaw
Riley Brockington
Rolf Calhoun
Carolyn Gauthier
David Johnson
Howard Keck
John Kruithof
Joe Parchelo
Barb Squire

Guests:

Erwin Dreessen
Nicola Hemstock
Veronica Leigh
Joanne Lynn
Maria McRae
Jane Mosgrove
Irene Ross
Dan Saikaley
Bill Smith
Mary Smith

The proposed agenda was slightly altered to welcome a brief presentation from Bayview School Council.

Approval of May Minutes

There were some amendments put forward which were accepted.

MOTION: "That the amended May minutes be approved". BS/JP CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Joe circulated the monthly statement of 'Net Worth' and 'Register Report'. The Association's net worth as of June 1 was \$17,696.72. A GIC worth \$8609 has recently expired and Joe suggested reinvesting part of that sum into another GIC. A reporting error in May for membership funds should read \$30 for deposit, not \$25.

Joe then revisited the RPCRA Donations Plan which was discussed at the May meeting. It was suggested that \$1500 be set aside every year to use within the community. The sum will be broken into three equal parts. Brookfield High School will receive \$500 to use as a bursary for a graduating student. The Hunt Club Riverside Community Services Centre will receive \$500 to assist youth who come from households of limited means and the third recipient will be the St Pat's Home. Joe will contact St Pat's Outreach Dept and determine what their most pressing needs are. The high school and CSC will receive \$500/year. The third recipient will change every year, as determined by the Board. This new fund will be known as The RPCRA Benevolent Fund.

Joe then proposed a budget structure for the Association to ponder over the summer. Doug asked if the three separate expense categories identified as, *Communications*, *Newsletter* and *Website*, could just be identified as *Communication*. Joe agreed with the suggestion. Further input on the proposed budget may be provided to Joe over the summer.

MOTION: "That the RPCRA create *The RPCRA Benevolent Fund*, which will disperse \$1500 annually".

JP/DJ. CARRIED

MOTION: "That the RPCRA invest \$5000 into a one-year GIC". JP/RB CARRIED

Bayview School Council

Nicola Hemstock, a member of the Bayview School Council informed the Board that they were not invoiced for the park bench that the RPCRA committed to paying, during the playground renovations. Nicola asked if there were any other projects we wanted to direct the \$400 to and it was decided that the Bayview School Council is best to determine how to use the funds. Nicola also stated that Bayview had not yet received a cheque from the RPCRA. Joe will verify his records(it was believed RPCRA had written a cheque in the spring of 2002) and if it is found that no cheque was provided, will write one to cover our commitment to Bayview School.

President's Message

Carolyn provided an update on the hedge fire that occurred on a private residence on the evening of the Victoria Day Fireworks Gala. Carolyn visited the homeowner, whose cedar hedge was badly damaged by fire. This incident was not caused by anyone associated with the Fireworks Gala or RPCRA. Joe has contacted our insurance company, Halpenny. This matter is now between the homeowner and the City of Ottawa, whose Community Groups' Claims Office is looking after things (RPCRA insurance is purchased with many other associations via the City). The homeowner was pleased that Carolyn made the effort to speak with him. The Fire Dept did not determine what caused the fire, however witnesses stated that individuals with sparklers were seen near the scene.

Carolyn then read a prepared statement which expressed sincere regret and remorse for the tense relationship between the RPCRA and VDFGC as of late. Carolyn recognized the long standing relationship held between the two groups and hope that there could be a reconciliation. Doug then thanked Carolyn for taking responsibility on behalf of the RPCRA and he too apologized for his actions that lead to a public disagreement. He asked to be included in the meeting that is being scheduled between some members of the two groups, so he can address the VDFGC as a whole.

HCRCS Update

Maria McRae provided the following verbal report: This Saturday, June 7, the Centre will host a car seat clinic in the A&P parking lot. On June 23, a senior's picnic will be held from 12-4, organized by Flo Ladds. Camp Spirit is almost full. The full day camp will run for 8 weeks in Riverside Park and Hunt Club this summer. Sometime in July, the Centre will host its 2nd annual cross cultural potluck luncheon, date/time to be announced. The final meeting pre-summer will be June 11 in the CSC Boardroom at 6:30pm. A basketball program will run one night a week in Bayview School. Enbridge has stepped forward and offered to sponsor a bbq to kick-off the fundraising campaign for the expansion fund. This will be held in McCarthy Park. Date/time, to be announced. The Hunt Club Riverside Community Centre will host its AGM on June 10. Questions regarding the AGM can be forwarded to Linda Poulsen.

Lebanese Festival Update

Dan Saikaley provided an update on the organization of the festival. A ride/site layout was provided to Carolyn via email. There will be seven rides; four small and three large. Ride

Operators will be at the St Laurent Mall this weekend if anyone wants to take a look at their operation. Three rides, known as the "Round-Up", "Spider", and "Para Trooper" are large. The rides will be pushed away from the Dupont fence. There will also be trailers parked between the fence and the festival which will help deflect noise from the festival. Ride generators will be stationed on the grassy median that slices the parking lot. The craft tent has been slightly altered in location to provide a buffer to the McNutt house.

The Lebanese Fun Festival will run from July 16-20 on the grounds of St Elias Church on Ridgewood Avenue. Entrance admission will be \$2. Kids free. Carolyn kindly urged Dan to work with the Mall, so the two parties could come to an agreement on parking and other issues. Dan stated that he would attend a community session in the Fall, providing information on the success/challenges faced by the festival in 2003.

Doug asked if Dan could provide info/graphics for our website and Dan responded that he would send it. Sable Advertising is the festival's advertiser, so they could be contacted as well.

MOTION: "That the RPCRA provide the Lebanese Fun Festival with a letter of non-objection for the their 2003 festival". HK/JP. CARRIED.

New Business-Garden Request

Louise Vincent, a resident of Tubman Crescent, emailed Carolyn with an idea to create community garden plots in the hydro field between the McCarthy Woods and the back yards of Southmore Drive residences. The Board was not sure if this was feasible since Hydro Ottawa owns the property. Carolyn will get back to Ms Vincent.

Community Signs

The neighbourhood of Old Ottawa South is being invaded with cut through traffic due to the reconstruction of Bank Street. The community has distributed *Our Community, Our Children* lawn signs, which are placed on front lawns throughout the neighbourhood as a reminder to motorists to take it easy. Carolyn suggested we buy some and hammer them into lawns in RP, particularly with three main festivals and all the visitors we have driving through the community. The Board thought this was a good idea.

MOTION: "That the Board authorize Carolyn to spend \$200 for the purchase of the *Our Community, Our Children* lawn signs". BS/HK. CARRIED

Community Centre 20th Anniversary

Barb reported that the Centre's 20th birthday bash will be Saturday September 6. A party including a bbq, street parade, baseball tournament, 10k and 5k runs, Centre stage for performances and many others things are to be looked forward to. The RPCRA is invited to take part.

RPCRA Banner/Bayview Fence

Barb brought to the Board's attention that the Bayview School Council, as well as principal, have offered the RPCRA an opportunity to hang our large banner on their fence during the summer. This was first suggested by Lucy Corbin. Although quite windy at times, the banner is well made and can withstand the challenges of the open area. Carolyn stated that we will accept the risk and hang the banner.

Communications Committee Report

The RPCRA newsletter has been postponed until autumn. There continues to be full support for a newsletter, which will now be created as a pre-AGM, 8-page document. A draft copy will be circulated at the September Board meeting. Doug will contact Board members over the summer to acquire material from the committees.

Festivals Report

Most discussion occurred under the time allotted for Lebanese Festival, however, Lorna Donaghy asked for clarification on her email that she sent to Carolyn asking why the final recommendations that were submitted by the Riverside Park West Action Group, were not included into the final draft MOU. Carolyn responded by saying all interested community stakeholders, including RPWAG have had ample time to debate and suggest ideas. Due to the fast approaching date of the festival, the MOU had to be in to the City asap, in order for them and the LFF to negotiate and discuss the final wording of the contract. Some then questioned what the status was between the RPCRA and HOPE and why the community has not yet heard from HOPE, although only 5 weeks remain before their festival. Ads for HOPE have appeared in newspapers, as shown by Dan Saikaley. Due to the numerous issues emanating from this festival(HOPE) it was highly suggested that Carolyn contact the organizers of HOPE to discuss this matter.

Victoria Day Fireworks Gala Committee Report

Mary Smith, co-Chairwoman of the committee, read a brief report highlighting the gala, held on Sunday May 18 on the grounds of General Vanier School. The crowd was larger than last year. There were many entertainers, face painters, children's rides and games. The HCRCS took over the concession stand and Paul Cress and the Otterson Blasters provided the launching of the fireworks. Although new stricter regulations have recently gone into effect regarding fireworks, organizers have only received positive feedback so far. Due to the hedge fire, the committee will place a notice on all future advertising that no personal fireworks or sparklers will be permitted in the park.

AGM-October 22

Although still some time away, Carolyn asked that we keep our AGM in mind. The main topic for this year's AGM could be a Festival Review by the City, including invited guests from the big 3 festivals. This would draw many residents.

Roundtable

The County Grocer will hold its annual customer appreciation night on June 8 from 7-9pm. The Board will get together for a social event in the summer--email Carolyn your ideas.

Howard inquired about getting garbage cans for the neighbourhood, particularly the metal bins which are coated with advertisements. Carolyn will follow up on this with the City.

Bill Smith expressed concern about the amount of speeding on Flannery and how it is posing a serious risk. This issue has been discussed at local neighbourhood watch meetings. Riley will speak with Bill and follow up on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.
Minutes taken by R Brockington