

**The Meadows Community League Association
Minutes of Special General Meeting**

September 25, 2011 at Ridgewood Community League Hall

1. Call to Order

President, Harman Grewal, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Upon arrival membership was confirmed. Quorum confirmed. Voting completed by secret ballot.

Ad hoc committee was struck July 2011 to provide recommendations to The Meadows Community League membership for revision of the bylaws. Members: Joanne Teasdale, Amy Cooper, Sandy Marsh, David Nogue, Chris Thibert

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve agenda as presented. Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Ken Tuckey. Carried.

3. New Business

a) Boundaries – to keep the boundaries as stated in The Meadows Community League Association Bylaws as of April 18, 2011

Motion: I move by special resolution that Article 2: Boundaries of current The Meadows Community League Association Bylaws remain unchanged. Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Amy Cooper. Carried (39 for -10 opposed)

b) Changes to Bylaws:

Motion #1 - I move, by special resolution that the current objects be withdrawn and replaced by the following objectives:

The Objectives of the Meadows Community League are as follows:

1. To provide for the recreation of TMCL members and to promote an affordable opportunity for friendly and social activities.
2. To encourage, foster, and develop among its members recognition of the importance of community.
3. To develop an informed public spirit among the members.
4. To encourage and promote amateur games, exercises and activities.
5. To encourage and facilitate members to develop projects that enhances and beautifies the function and appearance of TMCL.
6. To represent the interests of the members with all levels of government, the media and other individuals, organizations, corporations or groups whose activities might affect the use, value, enjoyment or amenities of the residents.

7. To acquire lands, by purchase or otherwise, erect or otherwise provide a building or buildings for social and community purposes.
8. To provide a meeting place for the consideration and discussion affecting the interests of the community.
9. To acquire and provide the necessary equipment and furniture for carrying on its various objectives.
10. To sell, manage, lease, dispose of or deal with the property of TMCL.

Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Devin Gray. Carried (46 agreed – 1 opposed)

Motion #2 – I move, by special resolution that article 4 of the current TMCL bylaws be withdrawn and replaced by the following article 4:

Article 4: Membership

4.1 Any resident within the stated boundaries may be a full member upon payment of the appropriate membership fee, provided he/she agrees to abide by the bylaws of TMCL.

There will be the following types of memberships for sale:

4.1.1 Family: A family will consist of up to two adults and all of their children living in the same household provided they are 18 years of age and under or are a student 22 years of age and under.

4.1.3 Single: for an individual of any age.

4.1.4 Associate Membership – a non-voting member. Any business or institution located within the defined boundaries of TMCL or non-resident person who wishes to support TMCL **and enjoy the benefits of a community league membership.** Associate Members may volunteer for TMCL in a non-governance capacity.

4.1.5 Honorary Life Membership - **a non-voting member.** Honorary life membership may be conferred upon anyone who has provided outstanding service to TMCL or has made significant, positive contributions to TMCL. The decision for presenting candidates for life memberships will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. **This type of membership will be extended at no charge.**

4.2 Membership fees will be reviewed each year at the Annual General Meeting and determined by the members of the TMCL.

4.3 The membership year will be from September 1 to August 31 of each year.

4.4 In any and all types of memberships, there shall be a maximum of two votes per household. The types and fees of memberships can be reviewed at an Annual General meeting.

4.5 Withdrawal or Expulsion from Membership: Withdrawal must be in writing to the Secretary of TMCL, or by non-payment of annual fees, or by moving out of the defined boundaries of TMCL. Termination of membership for just cause will be dealt with in the manner prescribed in Article

Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Amy Cooper. Carried (47 agree – 0 opposed)

Motion #3 - I move, by special resolution that article 5 of the current TMCL bylaws be withdrawn and replaced by the following article 5:

Article 5: Meetings

5.1 General Meetings

5.1.1 Notice: At least 21 days' notice of all General, Annual General Meetings (AGM) and Special General Meetings will **be given by any one or more of the following methods:**

a) by publishing a notice in a newsletter;

b) by delivery of a paper copy notice to each member or household of a family member;

c) by ordinary mail, addressed to each member or household of a family member;

d) by email to each member or household of a family member;

e) by posting a notice on a TMCL sign board located within the community;

f) by posting a notice on the TMCL website

g) any other means that the board sees fit

5.1.2 Quorum: A quorum for all Annual General or Special General Meetings will be seven (7) **full** members.

If a quorum is not present at a meeting, then a second meeting will be called one week later for the purpose of passing a specific motion(s). During that time, all effort will be taken to inform all Directors and/or members of the meeting and encourage their attendance. If there is still not a quorum at this second meeting, then the number of people present at the time of the vote will be considered a quorum.

5.2 Annual General Meeting: TMCL will hold an Annual General Meeting within six months after the financial year-end of TMCL for the presentation of the financial report and the election of officers.

5.3 Special General Meeting: MAY be called at the discretion of the President, and MUST be called, within 14 days of receipt of a written request to any Board Member, for such a meeting

provided the request is signed by at least twenty (20) members of TMCL, or, is signed by at least four (4) Board Members. Any call for such a meeting must include specific reference to the item(s) to be dealt with.

5.4 The Board of Directors will meet each month from September to June and at the discretion of the Board in July and August. The Board shall set the day and the month at the first meeting after the AGM.

5.4.1 The Board has the right to delegate its authority to the Executive Committee of the Board during months when it does not meet.

5.4.2 Special Board Meeting: The President will, upon receipt of a written request signed by at least four (4) members of the Board of Directors, call a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of written receipt of the request. At least four (4) days' notice, by e-mail or telephone, will be given for any Special Board Meeting. Any call for such a meeting must include specific reference to the item(s) to be dealt with.

5.4.3 Quorum for any Board of Directors' Meeting will be 50%+1 of the current Board of Directors. Any business transactions conducted at a meeting where quorum is not present will be ratified at the next regularly called meeting of the Board; otherwise they will be null and void.

Moved by Sandy Marsh. Second by Joanne Teasdale. Carried as amended (42 agreed – 3 opposed)

Motion #4 - I move, by special resolution that article 6 of the current TMCL bylaws be withdrawn and replaced by the following article 6:

Article 6 Voting

6.1 Any full member as specified in Section 4.1, who is of the age of majority and is in good standing, is entitled to vote at any General, Annual General, or Special General Meeting of TMCL.

6.2 Voting must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.

6.3 Any member may attend the Board of Director's meeting, but will not be allowed to vote. The Board may, by resolution, determine the members' ability to speak to a matter on the agenda.

6.4 Only members of the TMCL Board of Directors have the right to vote on TMCL Board Matters, unless otherwise specified.

6.5 A Board Member holding more than one (1) position on the Board of Directors' will only have one (1) vote.

6.6 A show of hands will be adequate for voting, except for contested elections, significant financial questions and any controversial matters as identified by any Board Member. In these instances a secret ballot is required. Also, any Board Member may request a secret ballot for any specific matter.

6.7 An emergent situation may be dealt with by email provided the majority of the current Board of Directors registers a vote by email.

6.8 Resolutions passed at ALL meetings shall be by simple majority of the votes cast.

Moved by Amy Cooper. Second by Sandy Marsh. Carried (45 agreed- 0 opposed)

Motion #5 - I move, by special resolution that the name "The Meadows Community League (TMCL)" be reviewed and revised, and that the board initiate the action to change the name with a recommendation to the next General Meeting.

Note: The current name is confusing.

Moved by Laura Thibert. Second by Sandy Marsh. Carried (42 agreed – 2 opposed – 1 abstained)

Motion #6 - I move, by special resolution that we rescind the money budgeted (\$150,000) at the AGM in April 2011, to support the Tamarack Playground, and amend the budget accordingly.

Note: As the committee looked into the objects and bylaws, we found that we did not have authority to budget this money

Moved by Laura Thibert. Second by Joanne Teasdale. Carried (40 agreed – 8 opposed)

Motion #7 - I move, by special resolution that we ratify all other decisions made since the AGM April 2010.

- a) **Motion-** To continue with the free swim program at the Millwoods Recreation centre from September 2001 to June 2012
- b) **Motion-** To move signing authority of The Meadows Community League bank accounts to treasurer- Andree Boyd
- c) **Motion-** To use \$210 994 gaming proceeds (previously allocated and approved to be used for a community league development) to the Larkspur playground project (2011) and Larkspur Rink Project (2012) since the community is allowed space in the new Silverberry Recreation Centre.
- d) **Motion-** To increase the voucher amount from \$75 to \$100 for the Labor Day weekend bingo
- e) **Motion-** To have TMCL cover the cost for Board Training up to a maximum of \$200.00 per board member.

- f) **Motion**- To increase the cost for West Edmonton Mall Choice Passes to \$22.00 for the member of TMCL.
- g) **Motion**- To move transfer signing authority of The Meadows Community League bank accounts to treasurer Andree Boyd

Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Amy Cooper. Carried (43 Agreed – 1 opposed)

- c) Resignations:
 - Communication Director – David Nogue
 - Adult Program Director – Andrew Liu
 - Children Program Director – Laura Thibert
 - Sport Director – Chris Thibert
- d) Elections:
 - Secretary- Laura Thibert. Acclaimed
 - Treasure– Andree Boyd. Acclaimed
 - Civic Director – Kelley Peeling Acclaimed
 - Children Program Director - Heather Downey. Moved by Kendra Black. Second by Marg (??)Carried.
 - Sports Director – Devin Grey. Moved by Tracey Grey. Second by Lisa Read. Carried.
 - Communications Director – Kendra Black. Moved by Heather Downey. Second by Marg ?? Carried.
 - Hockey Rep – Lisa Read. Moved by Kendra Black. Second by Tracey Gray. Carried.

4. Adjournment

Moved by Joanne Teasdale. Second by Amy Cooper. Carried.

Minutes by Laura Thibert