

**Ellerslie Community League Association Annual General Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

November 18, 2013  
Grace Point Church

Chair: Denie Goulet  
Minutes: Jessica Mihaly

Attendees: Jessica Mihaly, Alicia Staub, Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe, Jerry Pasternak, Amanda Goulet, Denie Goulet, Katie Patterson, Imy Bhatti, Christine Lim, Jennifer Parsonage, Dan Schultz, Peter Franz, Allan Klyne, Kuljit S. Bassi, Gemma Dunn, Joshua Pantoja, Donna Molloy, Andrew Graves, Eric Plouffe

Guests: Melanie Gizowski, City of Edmonton Community Services  
Naresh Bhardwarj

Quorum: Has been reached.

Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes from last meeting
5. Announcement from Naresh
6. Elections
7. Reports From The Board
8. Presentation of 2012 Financial Report
9. Adoption of 2013 budget
10. Questions

1. **WELCOME**

Denie Goulet introduces himself as Chair and welcomes everyone for coming out to the AGM.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The members of the Community League were introduced. Guests CRC Melanie was introduced and Naresh Bhardwarj

3. **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

m/s                   Imy Bhatt/Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe                   CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Motion to adopt previous minutes as amended

m/s                   Dan Schultz/Andrew Graves                   CARRIED

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NARESH**

Naresh explains that the Charlesworth Park Committee was short \$50,000 for the park project and he presented them with a cheque to cover the short amount.

6. **ELECTIONS**

Denie Goulet vacated the Chair which was assumed by Melanie Gizowski.

Melanie explains that she would ask for nominations from the floor for each position listed. The members can choose whether they prefer a secret ballot or show of hands.

List of Vacancies

Vice President, Treasurer, Programs Director, Civics Director Membership Director, Communications Director, Neighbourhood Watch Director, Fundraising Director and Volunteer Director

Nomination from floor for Vice President: Stephanie Markakais-Plouffe –  
acclaimed

Nomination from floor for Treasurer: Amanda Goulet – Acclaimed

Nomination via e-mail for Programs Director: Dan Schultz - Acclaimed

Nomination from floor for Civics Director: Jerry Pasternak - Acclaimed

Nominations from floor for Membership Director: Christine Lim – Acclaimed

Nominations from floor for Communications Director: Katie Patterson -  
Acclaimed

Nominations from floor for Neighbourhood Watch Director: Joshua Pantoja –  
Acclaimed

Nomination from floor for Fundraising Director: Gemma Dunn – Acclaimed

Nomination from floor for Volunteer Director: Jennifer Parsonage - Acclaimed

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## 7. **REPORTS OF THE BOARD**

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#### Reports from the Board

##### **President – Denie Goulet**

This Year has been a year of growth for the board. For myself this year marks the first year that I have been president and I have enjoyed it. I have had the privilege of being involved with some very hard working people and that has made my job easier. Everyone on this board works hard and knows what needs to be done.

Some accomplishments that I have achieved while being president are:

1. Becoming a member of and attending Millwoods Presidents Council meetings
2. Attending EFCL meetings
3. Working with various levels of government
4. Helping out with community league events
5. Being a liaison to the community businesses
6. Dealing with community issues

With the launch of our new web site at [www.ellersliecommunityleague.com](http://www.ellersliecommunityleague.com) (thanks to Katie Patterson for all her hard work), the creation of the new Ellerslie Community League logo and the growth of our Face Book group, now over 400, we strive to reach as much of the community as we can. We still find it a challenge but we are working on new ways to get information out there. One method that we currently use is the newsletter Community League News but we have had reports that the distribution is not up to par. As such we are trying to think of creative ways to get the newsletter out to more of the community on a more regular basis. This is a work in process and we are still working to solve this issue.

As this year draws to a close I look forward to a new year with new challenges. As we are such a young community we have some long term goals in mind and we are working hard toward them. With support from a great community I'm sure we will achieve our goals and make this the best community to live in.

##### **Vice President – Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe**

Over the past year we have done the Greenshack program which has brought in 2350 participants in total compared to 1452 from 2012. This program was held in the summer months at the Ellerslie Crossing Park.

We also have our swim program which is currently being held at the Millwoods rec centre until the end of November and then we will be going to Terwillegar rec centre every Sunday between 5-7pm.

#### **Membership Director – Christine Lim**

For the 2012/2013 year which ended August 31, 2013, we sold a total of 214 memberships. As of November 4, 2013 we have sold 127 memberships for the 2013/2014 year.

Memberships are sold during hockey registration in June, indoor soccer registration in August, and outdoor soccer registration in February. Memberships are also sold online at [efcl.org](http://efcl.org) and this is becoming increasingly popular.

#### **Social/Events Director – Alicia Staub**

This past year I have put on a number of activities and events. These include the Snowflake Festival with the Summerside Community League, the Community Garage Sale, League Day and many more. This year coming up we will be doing the Snowflake festival again in February, a Garage sale in May and every month having a Movie night where you get free drinks and popcorn with your Ellerslie Community League Membership.

If you have any ideas to what you would like your league to put on please contact me or anyone else on the board.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Director – Jerry Pasternak**

I joined the Ellerslie Community League in Jan. 2013 as Neighbourhood Watch director. It has been a positive experience for me as I want to see my new community develop into a dynamic safe neighbourhood with activities for everyone. Everyone should feel welcome and aware of the many resources available to ensure their well-being and enjoyment.

Since January I have participated in all our events and I have tried to educate people in safety and crime prevention. As a volunteer with Edmonton Police Service I have gotten them to attend several League events this year to create a positive experience for all attendees. Traffic and speeding are my concern also and I expect improvements in Ellerslie Heights soon when Ellerslie Rd. reopens from 50 St. to 62 St. Also 50 St. and 4 Ave. SW will soon open with traffic lights which will ease high traffic volumes and hopefully some speeding concerns. I am in touch with the City to monitor and improve traffic flow and safety. At this year's AGM I will seek the new position of Civics Director for a two year term.

### **Charlesworth Park Committee – Janna Klyne, Chair**

Received \$30,000 from MLC and \$7500 more from Cameron Developments. We have raised \$455,510 so far but are \$48,000 short due to receiving \$25,000 less for CFEP (we lose the matching NPDP funds). We applied Sept 15 for \$60,000 more and have requested a letter confirming how much more we will receive. The park will be built next year for sure but hoping for confirmation of funds prior to Dec 1st for a spring build. We also applied for \$50,000 AB Blue cross Healthy Communities Grant. We should hear in about 6 weeks or so.

Our mail out just went out to all Charlesworth residents looking for donations. The next event will be park grand opening.

A non-changeable park sign is being placed at park site and we can upgrade to a changeable one when we have the money.

### **Grace Point Church – Dan Schultz**

Grace Point has been striving to be a better neighbor in this community. It is a place where our staff works, but many of the people that are a part of Grace Point are also members of this community. I myself have moved to this community and have loved living here. Grace Point wants this community to be one where people are known, loved, and cared for and we would love to be a part of that. In building this new facility, we wanted people to see it as a community center that brought people from all backgrounds and life stages together. We did not want it to be a church that sits by itself and is only used on Sundays.

With that being said, Grace Point has been taking strides to move in this direction. We wanted to know what the community league was doing in order to better partner with the board to maximize the efforts being made. I took this challenge personally by sitting in on all of the board meetings. It has been great to get to know the board and I have been welcomed with open arms, which I thank the board for. You are lucky to have such committed people that love this community working together. Through this endeavor, we've already partnered together this past year in events like the Garage Sale, September BBQ and Carnival, as well as movie nights.

We have started "Ramp Up Sports" at Grace Point where we have freed up the gym to allow for drop-in sports for anyone interested. Currently, we have WhollyFit on Tuesdays (6:30-7:30m)(which is a yoga alternative for ladies), Badminton on Wednesdays (8-9:30pm), Volleyball on Thursdays (7:30-9:30pm), Basketball on Sundays (5-7pm), and Floor Hockey on Sundays (8-10pm). These are open to anyone and more information can be found on our website or by emailing me.

Along with sports there is an Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting during the week, a kids program called AWANA on Wednesday nights (6-7:30pm), a youth group that meets primarily on Friday nights (7-9:30pm) and more.

We desire to see this community be the best in the city, where those living here do not want to move because of the relationships forged and the community support that they receive. I know this can be difficult with attached garages and our busy schedules, but that is our hope. We are looking forward to continuing to partner with our community and getting to know more people from this community.

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\*Please note that any reports that are not in the minutes were not included because they did not get received by the given deadline.\*

- Motion to adopt Reports from the Board  
m/s                      Imy Bhatti/Jenn Parsonage                      CARRIED
8.        **PRESENTATION OF 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT**
- Motion to accept 2012 Financial Report  
m/s                      Joshua Pantoja/Jessica Mihaly                      CARRIED
9.        **ADOPTION OF 2013/2014 FINANCIAL BUDGET**
- Q:**        *What is the cost for a snow bank rink?*  
**A:**        *Approx. \$5,000.00*
- Q:**        *When do we receive the operating grant*  
**A:**        *It comes in around June/July*
- Motion to adopt 2013 Financial Budget  
m/s                      Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe/Jerry Pasternak                      CARRIED
10.      **QUESTIONS**
- Q:**        *Offleash areas*  
**A:**        *311 is a great resource to find these areas in the city*

*Discussion on stray animals*  
*Discussion on traffic concerns*  
*Discussion on crosswalks*  
*Discussion on Charlesworth Park area being closed off*

\*NOTE: THE 4 SIGNING AUTHORITIES ARE THE 4 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS LISTED BELOW

PRESIDENT: DENIE GOULET  
VICE PRESIDENT: STEPHANIE MARKAKIS-PLOUFFE  
TREASURER: AMANDA GOULET  
SECRETARY: JESSICA MIHALY

Motion to adjourn meeting

m/s                      Amanda Goulet/Imy Bhatti                      CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

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Denie Goulet

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Stephanie Markakis-Plouffe

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Amanda Goulet

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Jessica Mihaly