



Greater Avalon Community Association

MINUTES

Re: Meeting of June 12, 2018
Location: François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room,
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Danick LaFrance Brendan Walker
André Arsenault Alain Bourgeois
Rachelle Lecours Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory
Ian Baker-Gregory Gail McQuaid-Bohémier
Denis Bohémier

Regrets:

Justin Chan
Stefan Baginski
Cyan Berkel

1. Welcome

The President welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of the agenda

The Councillor's office representative could not attend the meeting. Therefore Item 5 will be reported by the Secretary from information received from the Councillor's office. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was proposed by Alain Bourgeois seconded by Ian Baker-Gregory. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

3. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Alain Bourgeois moved to accept the May minutes as read, seconded by André Arsenault All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$12,800.00. A payment was made in the amount of \$329. for the Yoga in the Park and \$450. for the GACA Insurance.

Action Item: The Secretary will provide the Treasurer with the copy of the General Liability Insurance which still remains to be paid.

5. Update from City Councillor Stephen Blais

a) Avalon Pond response to letter from Bonnie Lacroix

A letter was sent to Mrs Lacroix by Councillor Blais explaining that the Pond is an "engineered infrastructure for protection of the environment and property and do require maintenance to ensure continued functioning according to Provincial operating licenses". The GACA judged this item.

b) FDRC Proposal to extend the Park

The Secretary reported that she and Cyan Berkel attended the open house held at the FDRC. Comments on the new park concept were provided to Luc Généreux at the City. It was noted that even though the concept had many sport fields and game/activity areas, it lacked a quiet space.



- c) Art work Station 55
The Secretary mentioned that a committee had met to review to the art work and make a recommendation. The results have not been made public so far.

6. BBQ Planning

- a) Review Planning Document
The document was reviewed and further tasks assigned.
Action Item: Brendan will prepare a draft letter identifying the food required ie hot dogs, buns chips condiments napkins etc. and the quantities required for the BBQ and meet with Mrs. Fauvel, Store Manager at Metro.
Action Item: The Secretary will provide the contacts for businesses that historically have provided gifts certificates for the draws for all the members to follow-up.
The Vice-President mentioned that we could add another activity – Neuron Upgrade Training Station. André Arsenault moved to budget \$600.00 for this activity seconded by Alain Bourgeois. **Motion Carried.**
Action Item: Brendan will work out the details with the company.
- b) Review Partnership Document
The Secretary reported on behalf of Mr. Baginski. The Treasurer mentioned that the partnership levels were the best he has seen so far and the funding was adequate to hold a great BBQ.
Action Item: Gail and Denis Bohémier will follow-up with CAA to get a gift donation for the draw.
- c) Participation of Service Clubs such as Chevalier de Colomb, Kiwanis, etc.
The members did not want to add more volunteers to the mix and preferred to continue working with the high school students, adult volunteers in the community and the Army and Air Cadets as well as the Scouts.
- d) Discuss partnership level for major sponsor ie \$2K+.
This item will be discussed after the BBQ in preparation for the new year partnership renewal campaign.

7. Update on Edible Forest Project

- a) Community Environmental Project Grant Program (CEPGP) application
The secretary announced that unfortunately the grant had not been approved on the grounds that the budget was not strong enough. The Association was encouraged to apply again next year.
- b) A photo opportunity will be held on May 25th. The Secretary attended on behalf of the Association. An article appeared in Le Droit. Information was also sent to the Orléanais and Orléans Star for publication.

8. Other Business

- a) **Update – Yoga in the park**
The first session was rained out however the second session held at Provence Park proved to be a huge success. 57 people enjoyed the Yoga class under a clear blue



sky under the direction of Tree of Life Yoga. Ecology Ottawa provided snacks and small trees to the participants.

b) Park Month – Les amis des parcs (Ecologie Ottawa)

The Secretary informed the members that Ecology Ottawa was proposing to sponsor a one day francophone gathering in a park on September 23rd. No decision was been made to support this event.

9. Round Table

a) HST recovery for the GACA

The Secretary asked if anyone had experience in claiming HST from Revenue Canada.

Action Item: Brendan will check with someone he knows and get back to us.

10. Date of next meeting

No meeting has been scheduled for July however the Secretary requested that everyone continue to provide and update on the action items and tasks they were assigned.

11. Adjournment

The President called the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.