

## 2021 Corkery Community Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Present (alphabetical order): Lisa Anderson, Stefan Bergstrom, Avery Brennan, Chris Connor, Curtis Boyce, Catherine and Darcy Byrtus, Jake Davies, Eli El-Chantiry, Pierre Gravel, Shazia Hussain, Bob McCormick, Hendrick Ludwig, Andrew Mclsaac, Jacob Milosek, Jenne Stampleskoskie, Katherine Woodward

7:30 -**Meeting called to order** (Bob)

-**Establish quorum** - 10 (Bob)

-**Read/Approval of minutes of previous AGM** (Jenne)

Reviewed and approved. Katherine motioned to pass. Andrew seconded.

-**The Annual Report from the President** (Katherine)

In 2020-2021, most community events had to be put on hold due to the pandemic.

Yoga and Community Skating Rink:

Two activities that were able to move ahead were yoga and the use of the skating rink.

Catherine Brytus, our yoga director not only retained but also increased the participation of members by moving the yoga classes from in-person to online. Further details to follow in Catherine's update.

Andrew Mclsaac, our Vice-President and rink boss coordinated the set-up and ongoing maintenance of the community skating rink, as well as the volunteers and supervisors. There was excellent turnout by families. When restrictions were lifted later on in the season, hockey and shinny could be played. Many residents took part in these sports while adhering to social distancing requirements. It was a successful season by all accounts.

Change of Treasurer:

Last spring, our treasurer Debby Bearnhard left Corkery. We thank Jacob Milosek for taking over this position. Jason is also the T-ball coach.

Emphasis on eco-initiatives:

We placed a greater focus on developing eco-initiatives for the CCA in 2020-2021.

The community centre has become a drop-off point for Earthhub as well as packaging materials. Residents can leave various household items (e.g., milk bags, egg cartons, prescription pill bottles) which are can be repurposed and thus, diverted from landfills.

We also have a bin for reusable packaging materials for residents and local businesses. Residents may take what they need.

A future initiative is the creation of a birthday box that will include reusable decorations, cutlery and plates which can be sign-out by residents.

West Carleton Disaster Relief:

(WCDR) has been continuing to help flood victims from 2019. 3 brochures on disaster preparedness for floods, wildfire and blackouts have been created and mailed to residents. Future efforts will be put into getting FireSmart Neighbourhood recognition status.

**-Motion to pass Annual report from the president-recorded**

7:40 **-Annual financial report from the treasurer (Jacob)**

A lot of activities were not run in 2020 due to the pandemic

We did receive payments from yoga and playgroup.

There were various rink-related expenses and fixed costs such as grass cutting around the community centre.

We invested in the creation of a Canada Day stage. Moving forward, this will be reused every year,

We had a surplus.

**-Katherine motioned to pass the report for 2020. Jenne seconded. Accepted in a vote. Recorded.**

7:45 **-Election of officers (Bob)**

Nominations for:

- President: Katherine Woodward
- Vice-President: Andrew Mclsaac
- Treasurer: Jacob Milosek
- Secretary: Shazia Hussain

Vote for nominees

**-Katherine motioned to pass the nominees for 2021. Peter seconded. Vote passed. Recorded.**

According to CCA bylaws, a president can only be sitting for 5 years. Thus, this will be Katherine's last year.

**-New business** (added to the agenda) (Bob)

**-Building Expansion** (Katherine)

New consultants have been retained and will be working on it in April-May.

Geo-technical evaluation: To be done in April-May and will be sent to us.

Community Partnership grant that we will contribute to cost of building.

Construction will start in April 2022. The duration of construction is unknown.

**-Rink Update** (Andrew)

It has been a fantastic year for the community skating rink. There were 8 weeks straight with great weather. Ensuring the rink was flooded and ready to be used would not have been possible were it not for our crew members: Doug, Darcy, Kieth, Peter and Bob,

The season began with restricted access but when this was lifted, we had very good numbers with respect to participation. We weren't able to hold a hockey day in Corkery this year. We will be looking to continuing this tradition in 2021 if the restrictions lift.

**-WCDR & disaster preparedness** (Katherine)

Further to what has already been mentioned, please refer to the website for the West-Carleton Disaster Relief organization at <https://www.westcarletonrelief.ca/>

We want to build resilience in our community and the way to do this is to engage our community members.

**-Eco Initiatives** (Katherine)

Earthhub has a helpful website. Residents may refer to <https://www.earthub.ca/>

Future eco-initiatives include building upon our new book drop-off and making available reusable gardening containers.

**-Yoga Update** (Catherine)

The cost of participating in the yoga classes was decreased from \$15 down to \$8 per class. This was due to shifting our meeting platform to online. We have done well.

The incentives given by the instructor, Laura were very positive.

Due to the fact that people have the option to turn off their cameras, it has become more of an uplifting experience.

In the summer, classes will continue on Mondays and Fridays. The Friday classes will not be moving to Thursdays, as was done in previous years.

We are actively seeking more participants, especially for the Friday classes.

**-EarlyOn** (Katherine)

EarlyOn runs a playgroup out of the Corkery Community Centre. This will be on hold until the COVID restrictions lift. They have held Storywalks which have been very well received by children and their parents. Their Mobile Toy Library will continue once the lockdown ends.

**-Facebook** (Avery)

We reached over 1000 members, and it has been a great network throughout this. New for this year will be that we will allow advertisements on Thursdays for local businesses.

**-Newsletter review** (Shazia)

We have 376 recipients. We have about 140 who regularly open the newsletter.

In the last year, the open rate of the newsletter fluctuated between 40 to 71% depending on the month released. The highest amount of readership was when the newsletter restarted after lockdown last October with 72 % and in Jan. with 50%.

The click rate, in terms of what is most popular and is opened the most has been the local business profiles written by Gill Foss.

Krystle Kluge writes the recipe and Meghan Good contributes the green tip and Gill for business profiles.

**-Website:** Last month, we had over 1000 page views.

A new page for eco-tips and eco-initiatives and building updates has been added to the website.

**-COVID Vaccines** (Eli)

450 registered people in the West-Carleton region for the pop-up clinic to receive the vaccine. There were 0 cancellations.

Effective April 7, those in the 60+ age bracket will be the next province and city. There is a huge population in the age bracket of 60 +.

The City only uses Pfizer or Moderna and in 2 weeks will be Johnson and Johnson which requires only 1 vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available in a few weeks.

If anyone in the community requires a ride to get their vaccination please contact Eli's office to request it. They must first qualify. They must have mobility issues.

We have over 2000 bedridden people who cannot go get the vaccine, so we are working on getting them access to the vaccine. Avery will post this on FB.

8:20 -Annual General Meeting adjourned.

**Minutes submitted by Shazia Hussain on April 16, 2021**