

**Convent Glen-Orléans Wood Community Association
Minutes for October 15, 2018**

Attendees: Gary Bradshaw, Louise McLaren, Garth Williams, Fran Childs, Karen Chow
Regrets: Toby Bossert (on leave), Mireille Brownhill (on leave), Miranda Gray (on leave)

The agenda was approved by consensus of those present.

Regular Business Items

1. Approval of the September 24, 2018 board meeting minutes was put forward by Garth, seconded by Louise, carried.
2. **President's Update**
 - Gary attended the Presidents' Council hosted by Bob Monette on CGOWCA's behalf on October 4th and shared some updates about local events that were discussed at the meeting.
 - The Presidents' Council is hosting an all candidate's debate (Wednesday October 17, 2018). It's a joint-effort of Ward 1 community associations being led by Fallingbrook. Garth, Gary, Karen, and possibly Louise will attend and help at the event.
 - Ski Heritage update – Gary attended their AGM on October 11th, they will be purchasing their own equipment to take care of the trail grooming with volunteers.
 - Rink Volunteer plan we will post again on Facebook group and other volunteer sites to get the word out; we should meet with the volunteer team that is recruited before the season starts (**Action:** Fran to post callouts)
3. **Communications team**
 - Communications team members for 2018-2019: Fran will continue to be part of this committee. Garth will help with translations.
 - Newsletter ideas for November newsletter – introduce new Ward 1 councilor, intros of board members; possible caroling event, Remembrance Day events, Santa Claus Parade (**Action:** Fran to draft newsletter by October 23 and send to Garth for translation)
 - Facebook group terms (Louise) – We will post something remind folks of the Facebook group terms, recommendations will stay for now.
4. **Planning upcoming events**
 - Board members should come with ideas of events they would like to champion for the year including time of year and loose budget for the November meeting. Some ideas that were put forward so far:
 - Night ski/snowshoe/walk event - Joint venture with other communities and with Ski Heritage East
 - Winter Carnival – was our best attended event last year
 - Caroling with seniors
 - BBQ in the spring

New Business:

5. Issues from board members

- We discussed the plans for post-election. The CGOWCA will have up to 3 members coming back after the election wraps up on October 22. We are all looking forward to a full complement on the board.
- We discussed that we want to be communicating bilingually when we are promoting events, sending out newsletters, posting on Facebook to make sure that francophones and anglophones all feel welcome at our events and all feel equally part of our community.
- Garth will investigate organizing a meet up for East Ottawa Community Associations so that we could share our processes and lessons learned and discuss collaboration on events and initiatives.

6. Agenda Building

- All board members should come with ideas and rough plans (dates, costs, partners) for events CGOWCA can host in 2018-2019.

7. Next Meetings

- Nov 19th
- Dec 10th