

**Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association  
Minutes for Nov 20, 2018**

**Attendees:** Karen Chow, Gary Bradshaw, Fran Childs, Miranda Gray, Garth Williams, Toby Bossert, Mireille Brownhill

**Regrets:** Louise McLaren

1. The agenda was approved by consensus of those present with the addition of items 7-10 under New Business.

**Regular business Items**

2. The October minutes were approved. (Garth, Karen, carried)

3. **President's Update**

- Matthew Luloff wants to continue the practice of a Presidents' Council and it may happen on a more frequent basis, maybe every second month, but that is still to be determined.
- Gary met with George and George is interested in returning to the rink as a volunteer again this year. He has recruited two other volunteers. Gary suggested the board visit George at the rink to see the work he is doing
- Updates to associations officers. We discussed the unusual situation this year: that three of our board members were not able to participate in the first two board meetings, specifically the one where the officer positions were determined.

**Motion:** We put all officer positions back on the table at the December meeting to determine official roles for 2018-2019 (Miranda, Karen, carried)

4. **Communications team**

- We discussed potential topics for the December newsletter: caroling, new year's events, rink – rink conditions, volunteers for rink shoveling, safety tip for being away; a word from Matthew Luloff; ways to help at the holidays. Fran will draft this by end of November so that it can be translated and sent out early December.
- We discussed that there have been requests on the Facebook page about allowing businesses to post on the Facebook page at some interval.
  - **Motion:** We will try allowing people to post ads on the first of December and then put up a poll to gather feedback from the group (Miranda, Mireille, carried)
  - Fran will add Toby as an admin to the Facebook group.

5. **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 meeting. Some ideas that were put forward so far:

- Night ski/snowshoe/walk event – Joint venture with other communities and with Ski Heritage East – we need to connect with other players

- Winter Carnival – was our best attended event last year - aim for Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fran will lead, and will bring a budget to the next meeting
- Caroling with seniors – Karen will contact Symphony to get dates and we'll go from there
- BBQ in the spring (Karen) will propose costs and cost recovery
- Dog walkathon – RBC could do a dog photoshoot (Garth and Gary) – need dates and startup money
- Bike Rodeo (Mireille)
- Canada Day at Petrie Island (we will probably contribute volunteers again this year)

6. **Connecting with other East end associations** – Garth

- a. We discussed this idea and Garth will reach out to some people and we will discuss this again next meeting

**New Business:**

7. Bruyère Community Advisory Committee – Mireille has attended a few meetings but feels she does not have anything to contribute as the members are all directly involved in Bruyère's operations and they are generally discussing the strategic direction of the whole Bruyère organization. She will resign from the committee so that they can recruit someone who is a better fit.
  - a. Discuss walkability study for January agenda
  - b. Discuss outreach to seniors for January agenda
8. Mireille is attending the BIA AGM tomorrow night and will represent the CGOWCA.
9. Gary received a request for a donation from Ski Heritage East. We discussed the feasibility of donating this year.
  - a. **Motion:** CGOWCA is not in a position to contribute money to Ski Heritage East this year. (Karen, Fran, all in favour).
10. Miranda will attend the FCA meeting tomorrow. The discussions will be focused on public engagement and participation and woodlands. The FCA's focus for the next two years is to support Community Associations to do their work
11. **Agenda Building**
  - Items to add or remove from next month?
    - The board will review AGM minutes for 2018.
12. **Next Meetings**
  - Dec 10