

(draft) MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2005)
Plant Recreation Centre (PRC) - February 15, 2006, 7:00 pm

The following people were in attendance:

Current PPRA Board members: Paulette Dozois, Carol Sissons, Doug Gabelmann, Richard Thomas, Alan Amey, Nathan Gordon, Jan Teevan, Robin Hembruff, Ida Henderson

City of Ottawa representatives: Councillor Diane Holmes

Community representatives: Archie Campbell, Maija Kagis, Barbara Wilker, Kathleen Wilker, David Seaborn, David Culver, Erin Hetherington, Paul Dewar M.P.

1. Greetings

Doug Gabelmann, current president of the PPRA, chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm; current Board members present were introduced.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting, the financial report from Jan. 2004 to Dec. 2005 and an attendance sheet were distributed. The agenda was accepted.

Secretary Ida Henderson apologized for not having the minutes from the last AGM, Dec 6, 2004 available for adoption. The notes from the meeting have been misplaced in her home renovations; she hopes to have them available for the next AGM.

2. President's Report

Doug reviewed some of the PPRA's activities in 2005 (see attached) and highlighted interesting new efforts including the first ever Strawberry Social fund raiser, the joint Somerset West Community Health Centre-PPRA effort seeking financial support for youth activities from local businesses, and the purchase of table tennis tables. Relations with Plant Recreation Centre staff, other city staff and Councillor Holmes and her staff continue to be good. Doug recommended the PPRA consider changing its name to the Plouffe Park RA and undertake a 'scoping exercise'.

Ida noted that the March 13, 2005 Dessert Party had been successful both financially and in terms of community-building. Carol Sissons reported on the PPRA's achievement in accessing the Bell Canada True Sport fund for \$5000 to used to promote soccer for children and youth not presently included in soccer programs.

Moved by Doug Gabelmann, seconded by Jan Teevan to approve the President's report including Ida's and Carol's contributions.

3. Financial Report

Jan Teevan presented the financial report covering the period December 1, 2004 to January 31, 2006. [Copy of the detailed report is attached. Among the major items were the following:

- total receipts for the period were \$32,894.81
- total disbursements were \$23,259.64
- total assets now stand at \$28,954.45 comprising our chequing account (\$9635.17) and \$19,319.28 in a GIC that will mature in May 2006

Moved by Jan Teevan, seconded by Richard Thomas, to approve the financial report.
Passed.

4. Possible Highlights of coming year

Fundraising - dinner/auction event tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2006: Doug noted that Sally Rutherford, the dinner's main organizer, was in Montreal on business and had sent him a draft proposal re the plans to-date for the dinner. Theme: "having fun, raising funds for kids"; cost \$40 of which \$20 will qualify for a charitable donation receipt. Committees are required re tickets; publicity; programs; prizes, etc.

Gardening project with Ottawa Horticultural Society (OHS) - The OHS, which has a annual community gardening project, has approached the PPRA about establishing a garden at the PRC, possibly behind the Vietnamese monument. The PPRA will work with the OHS and the Vietnamese Monument Committee in the coming year to beautify the grounds of the PRC.

5. Other Business

Members agreed that a sub-committee of the new Board will be established to review and propose revisions updating the PPRA's constitution to rid it of inconsistencies and typos.

Carol recapped the PPRA's efforts last year in establishing green grass in Plouffe Park: the city re-seeded and Doug watered it almost daily. Volunteers are needed to help watering this spring to keep the field green. PRC will help by providing sprinklers.

Kathleen Wilker asked if PPRA has input to programming at the PRC. Carol noted that PPRA is focussed on programming that the Centre can't do; more involved with suggestions re free programming. In response to David Culver's query concerning other associations that have more involvement with recreation centres, e.g., Dovercourt, Carol reviewed the range of interactions possible between rec associations (RA) and city rec centres - the RA and the city enter in to a purchase-of-service agreement and the RA runs the RC (Dovercourt); the RA and the city both run programs, but entirely separately re administration, financing, etc., in the RC (Jack Purcell and the JPRA); or there may be no RA (as in Hintonburg where the Hintonburg Community Association works with the RC). For the PPRA, raising money to complement city programs, as in providing free summer day camp in Plouffe Park which PRC staff managed for us, has seemed a good fit for our community needs and resources.

Councillor Holmes expressed her on-going pleasure when using the PRC's pool with family and emphasized the importance of the community's continued involvement in the PPRA, to strengthen the PRC's links to the neighbourhood. Member of Parliament Paul Dewar also noted the importance of people working in the community at the recreational level and commended the PPRA for their efforts.

6. Election of Board of Directors for 2006-2009

Archie Campbell presided over the election of board members. One third of the Board is replaced each year, i.e., five positions. However, Meghan Maack had recently resigned (but remains available for special events) so six positions were open. Three candidates, all current board members, had been identified prior to the meeting as willing to stand for election for a new three-year term: Nathan Gordon, Robin Hembruff and Alan Amey. There was one nomination from the floor, David Culver. Archie declared elected the slate of 4 candidates.

Carol Sissons moved and Maija Kagis seconded a motion that the elected slate be accepted for the new Board of Directors for the PPRA. Passed

The newly-elected Directors join current members Doug Gabelmann, Carol Sissons, Susan Scruton, Richard Thomas, Sally Rutherford, Jan Teevan, Paulette Dozois, Maureen McEvoy and Ida Henderson on the PPRA Board.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm on a motion by David Seaborn, seconded by Jan Teevan.