

## **GNAG Board Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

### **1. Quorum**

**Present:** Michel Ouellette, Kate McCartney (present and proxy for Brad, Ian and Nicole), Pete Wightman, Joanne Lennon, Suzanne Joyale, John Richardson, Cathy McCallion, Christy Oliver, Clare Pearson, Paul O'Donnel (proxy for Mary Tsai)

**Regrets:** Heather Irwin, Geoff Kellow,

### **2. Review / adopt agenda – Kate McCartney, Clare Pearson**

### **3. Review / adopt minutes from previous meeting of April 15, 2015 – John Richardson, Christy Oliver**

### **4. Operational Overview**

Chairperson's Report

**Legends Update.** Mary received a first draft of the contract from Legends. It was reviewed by Mary, Neil, Suzanne, Joanne, legal, and feedback sent to Legends. Legends have also consulted with Canadian lawyers and plan to provide an updated version of the contract prior to the June board meeting. The plan is to have the board vote on the Legends proposal during the June meeting (in the event that information is still outstanding, a GNAG meeting will be scheduled in July)

The eRegister fee (paid on an annual basis every September) will be prorated for the 2015/2016 year.

The annual cost of the Legends solution will be slightly more than the current eRegister solution however administrative cost savings are expected.

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Pete Wightman (proxy for Brad Sigouin)

- Full year projection and quarter provided
  - Year over year growth (Despite decline in dance revenue, growth in other areas made up for it)
  - Tight year w.r.t. budget/net (within the bonus range)
  - Additional analysis needed for fundraising
  - Biggest administration cost each year is bank fees; due for renewal; options being looked into (potential savings TBD)
  - GNAG needs to update the Director's List Contact Information for the government

#### **Executive Director's Report (Paul – proxy for Mary)**

- **Shed/Amsted:** Amsted is a large sponsor for the house tour and would like to do more with GNAG; they will cover labor to build a shed to store equipment; target site is where the bbq is between GGC and St James

- **Summer Experience Grant:** The summer experience grant is a grant that Tim, Mary and Grant applied for – it covers one staff position for 7 weeks (\$2875) paid for by Ontario Sports and Rec; 12 returning staff; and 6 new staff. Looking to make a proper process to become GNAG student staff. Numbers are looking good for summer programs (\$500K currently)
- **General Liability Insurance renewal:** The City of Ottawa’s general liability insurance is changing; GNAG/ City is transitioning to a new insurance company. Submitted May 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Outdoor Rink / St. James Tennis Club:** Rink was a huge success again this year. Liner was sponsored by BMO and worked well (liner is a necessity for each year). Question re where the liner can be stored for the summer. Options continue to be looked into
- **St. James Tennis Club Summer Program:** Mini tennis program cannot happen at First or Mutchmor due to school switch. Planned to happen at Glebe HS though they are re-sodding; location still TBD.
- **Ontario Sports and Recreation grant:** Big grant tied into Glebe Fit; 2 year grant for substantial funding. No decision has been made yet; there was someone who came to tour the site. (It came to light that a requirement of the grant is the applicant must have completed a full audit every year. This is not feasible for GNAG/most not-for-profit organizations given the significant cost of an audit. Discussions are ongoing)
- **Programming** – Soccer up and running. Neil Brock is running the program. GNAG has a partnership with the Fury so all soccer kids get a free season pass to the Fury games. GNAG is working on getting a community group rate for sports events at Lansdowne.
- **Upcoming GNAG events**
  - o **May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Camp day at GNAG; all the camps are showcased; games, face paints etc. 10 – 1pm
  - o **June 5<sup>th</sup>** – G-factor – licensed event; music event

Any other Standing Committee Reports

- **Risk Management (Michel)**

First risk management meeting a couple of weeks back. The working group identified high level areas to focus on. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for next week.

- **Strut Your Stuff (Clare)**

Strut was mediocre (as it has been for the last couple of years)  
There is confusion regarding the name / what the event is.  
There is a need to re-evaluate event / brainstorm ideas for next year

**Glamour in the Glebe (Clare)**

Less people & less vendors; less people on Friday night  
Financially – less than last year  
Similar to Strut - need to regroup to brainstorm on ideas for next year

**Lobster (Cathy)**

Special guest/music ☺ Got to attend to find out who  
Entertainment alone makes the ticket price worthwhile

– even for those who dislike lobster  
Ticket sales are slow to date  
Everyone asked to promote

**House Tour (Cathy)**

Currently at 4 out of 5 houses

If anyone knows of a potential fifth house, let Cathy know

**- Board nomination update (Kate)**

Needs to be approved at the next board meeting

If you have not responded to Kate already, please do

Non-voting member options

**-Community Partners Report (Geoff K)**

No report (Geoff not at meeting so no humor 😊)

**- Close meeting: Kate McCartney; Suzanne**