

GBCA minutes Feb 25, 2025

Attendance: Karl Marszowski, Jason Stanley, Margaret Sambol, Kristina Proulx, Suyin Lee
Regrets: Alexandra Kealey-Morin, Alex McCauley, Kathryn Shaver, Samy Kourdes

Wifi

Margaret met with Andrew from National Capital Freenet to look at the lodge and the pool building for setting up free Wifi for lodge and park. The pool building does not have electricity in the winter. Margaret will share the quote when received from Andrew. He ballparked the capital costs between \$3,000 to \$5,000. We can also ask for another quote from Bell, Rogers or Starlink.

Rink

Frank Ryan was using the snowblower and they broke the shear pins and cables on the snowblower. It cost \$350 for repairs. Karl will talk to them about who is allowed to use the snowblower.

Rink is a puddle now because of the warm weather.

Frank Ryan used the rink the most. They had classes rotating through all day.

Skating party

Food donations were much appreciated at Debra Dynes. All agree to donate all money collected from Fun Day to the food bank.

Kristina to get receipts to Jason.

Sprucing up the lodge

First volunteer day on Jan. 18 was a great success. Painting day is scheduled for April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Margaret will post about it again on Facebook (done March 9). Margaret and Alex K-M will pick up paint and supplies.

Fun Day

Fun Day will be May. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr Sundae booked and will bring lemonade stand.

Kristina to get quote from Runamok asking what they can give us for \$2,500

Margaret to reach out to Yard game guy - Margaret (\$580 last year) - (done March 9)

Jason will reach out to magician.

Kathryn will reach out to firefighters and police, and councillor, and will promote the event.

Last year we didn't get the grant, but Kristina got good feedback and will apply again in March with more focus on DEI aspects. Note: Ottawa Community Housing now owns more houses in our community.

Permit is already done.

Last year we handed out 1,000 pieces of food.

Peter has confirmed the tennis Smash cage.

Margaret will reach out to the Cubs, Scouts and Guides (done March 9).

Margaret to reach out to Margaret from the Barrhaven Lions and suggest alternate route with less traffic. (done March 9)

Kristina to ask Myers Riders football about a flag football demonstration / game.

AGM

AGM will be May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Margaret to invite councillor and ask for Fun Day funding. (done March 9)

Treasurer

We discussed how to use the \$20,000 in the bank. Items we could consider include:

- Keeping the money in a GIC in the meantime and earning interest
- Saving for a new snowblower
- More support for Fun Day
- Fixing up the tennis wall
- Clean up the lodge (more cleaning supplies, paying to wax the floors)
- New tables and/or chairs for the lodge
- Paying monthly charge for wifi for the lodge
- Asking the community for ideas through Facebook and the AGM.