

Dovercourt Recreation Association: Board Business for April 2016

Potential New Board Members:

The board welcomed Loren Skelly and Bill Ransom, who are considering joining the DRA Board as of our AGM in May. They have been recommended by the nominations committee as our slate of candidates for this year.

Report on Parks and Recreation Ontario conference:

The board heard from Senior Directors Steve Nason and Mike Tait on their recent participation in the PRO conference. They attended a Trade show on registration software and noted that there are now more players in the market – 4 or 5 compared to a year ago when there was only one. It is a changing market place. Dovercourt was very popular at the conference as we have moved to the new Legend Software, and there are many others considering that option and curious about our experience. We also received the Provincial Accessibility and Inclusion Award for our Last Minute Club program to include those who face physical or financial barriers to participation.

Preparation for the Annual General Meeting:

The board had a virtual meeting to confirm the recommended slate of board candidates for our upcoming election at the AGM. Loren Skelly and Bill Ransom are confirmed as the candidates that best meet the needs of board skills set. We also discussed a minor amendment to our bylaws that would allow a Board member to complete their term at the board's discretion, should they move out of the defined catchment area. This will be advanced as a recommendation at the AGM.

Building Expansion

With no success to announce to date in terms of significant Government contribution to our project, the committee has put some of the community fundraising initiatives on hold. These are best done as "gap funding" initiatives, and some of the energy and momentum required will only come with the trigger event of announcing that most of the funding is in place. The funding report card was presented to the board.

Dovercourt's 30th anniversary:

Staff alerted the board that November 2017 will mark Dovercourt's 30th anniversary in the building. We will plan on having a special logo and commemorative items for our pro-shop and staff wear, a birthday party for the public of all ages in the fall of 2017, and also expect to hold a gala reunion evening as we have had very successfully for previous anniversaries.

Subcommittee reports:

There are four standing subcommittees of the board, Finance and Accountability, Governance, Community Development, and Nominations, and one ad hoc subcommittee, Building Expansion and Fundraising. Each committee presents a brief report at the board meeting on their activities for the past month, and has the opportunity to place items for discussion, decision or information on the Board agenda.

- Finance and Accountability: Presented the annual financial audited reports for approval at the board, and led the review of our risk register.
- Governance: Presented for approval the annual list of members that would be eligible to vote at the upcoming Annual General meeting.
- Community Development: did not meet this month
- Nominations: Reported on the interviews that led to the identification of the slate of candidates for this year.
- Building expansion and Fundraising: Updated the board with the fundraising report card.
- Executive: did not meet this month.

Dashboard:

Due to the new Legend software implementation and the workload of completing the audit in March, no dashboard was issued this month.