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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 15, 2017**

**CALGARY CURLING CLUB**

**2:00PM**

**In Attendance:**

Andrea Bergen (Office Coordinator), Kevin Chaney (4), Paul Hassett (6), Richard Harrison (18), Philip Cox (22), David Broadhead (744), Sarah Stephens (748), Karol Garner (762), Rose Ing (763), Janusz Pol (766), Jane Roberts (767), Myrtle Lambert (768), Peter Clyne (771), Eric Moschopedis (803), Buzz Viberg (805), Laura Doram (811), Herta Fidler (821), Belle Auld (825), Helen Wirrell (839), Robert Perry (845),

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Robert Perry.

1. **November 18th, 2016 meeting minute approval:**
   1. Richard motioned
   2. Eric seconded
   3. All in favor
2. **Social: Ice Breaker:**
   1. There were several SHC artifacts laid out in the center of the room. Everyone was asked to take a few minutes and come up with a story that is personal to them about the artifacts and discuss with someone they don’t already know. The artifacts were:
      1. A rock from the dry river bed
      2. The meeting guidelines sign from the office
      3. SHC 2003 coffee cup
      4. Large tea pot
      5. Blue kids car
      6. 2 photo albums
   2. Unit with a pizza oven installed update:
      1. In the 80’s there were Members that lived in #14. These Members also worked at Community Natural foods. Community customers were requesting organic sourdough bread so the Member asked the Board if they can install a pizza oven so they can supply Community Natural foods with organic sourdough bread. The request was approved by the Board at the time. They began to produce 80 loaves of bread a week. When the Members moved out in 1984 the pizza oven remained in the main floor of the unit.
3. **Education: Roberts Rules**
   1. Richard Harrison discussed the basics of Roberts Rules.
      1. The actual book of Roberts Rules is over 500 pages thick so Richard will give the basics at this meeting.
      2. General Robert founded the Roberts Rules in 1876 for his church group.
      3. Roberts Rules is continuously evolving.
      4. SHC started adopted Roberts Rules about 5 years ago.
      5. These rules were created so that nobody can get pushed around and not given the chance to speak at meetings.
      6. The chief point of these rules is that conversation is centered on motions.
      7. Richard will enter an article in the newsletter every month. Each piece will outline an important aspect of Roberts Rules.
      8. Point of Privilege is basically a time out to ask our questions or clarify.
4. **Business**
   1. **Grant update**
      1. There is no grant update at this time.
      2. The province has energy efficiency grants out and more coming from the province.
   2. **Automatic Withdrawal for Housing Charges**
      1. SHC will start using automatic withdrawal as an alternate for paying Housing Charges starting in June 2017.
      2. Cheques will still be accepted for anyone that does not want to use automatic withdrawal.
      3. In order to get set up for all you have to do is submit to the office a void cheque from the account that you want your Housing Charges withdrawn from.
   3. **Conversation Café:**
      * 1. There were 6 tables set up, café style, and Members were asked to join a table for 15 minutes and discuss the question at each table. After the 15 minutes are up then switch to another table. There will be 3 switches. The is one question with 6 sub questions:
           1. How should volunteerism look at SHC? How do we encourage this?
           2. How should we act to live green at Sunnyhill?
           3. Where can we trim expenses without compromising quality of life?
           4. What more is there to do to be ready for the next emergency?
           5. What do we have to contribute to discussions about affordable housing (city/province/country levels)?
           6. What can we offer to and expect from the larger Co-op movement?
        2. Final wrap up, high points from each table:
           1. Encouragement not punishment. Contact Members to ask why they have not been volunteering.
           2. Education on composting and recycling. Community gardens, roof gardens, wind generators.
           3. Reduce paper. Fix windows, quality vs. cheap, auditing committees to see if they are doing things the best way.
           4. Improving communications and emergency strategy.
           5. SHC model works and needs to be promoted. We need CHF and SACHA liaisons.
           6. Working with other Co-ops.
        3. The Board will use this information for an annual planning session.

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Meeting adjourned 4:00pm