

Report for Annual General Meeting – June 2013
Vice President of Sports for Saint Andrews Heights Community Association
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This is my third year completed as VP Sports for the St. Andrews Heights Community Association and my fourth year as Soccer Coordinator. Over the last year I have been involved in maintaining three sports activities for our community: Ice rink skating (November to February), recreational soccer (February to June) and tennis court play (May to October). These activities provide an opportunity for children and parents to meet other neighborhood parents and children.

Nik Rasula coordinates the Ice Men Team making and maintaining the ice rink. I coordinate the Young Skaters Program and the Community Soccer League Program activities. Gwen Schaefer coordinates the tennis court activities.

June 2012-2013 update

1. Ice rink:

a. In December a Port-a-pottie was installed and maintenance arranged for by Ice Rink Coordinator; approximate cost \$500?

b. After several repairs to the Ice Rink water hose a new water hose (250 ft. long) was purchased; approximate cost \$500?

c. The Enmax Rinklighter Rebate Program application form was filed and awarded to St Andrews Heights Community Ice Rink; rebate amount \$150?

d. One snow shovel (a new plastic snow-pusher) was lost and a new one will need to be purchased for next season.

e. The Young Skaters Program started in December on Saturdays 2 to 3 pm. 5 families registered and lessons were provided for 7 children age 3 to 5 with parent participation. The Skate Change Room was (generally) opened for use from 2 pm to 4 pm; arranged by the Young Skaters Program Coordinator. This program is free for community members and has been active for 3 years. Hot chocolate drinks (\$6/person/season) are provided for participants. Funding is not required by the Community Association for the Young Skaters Program. Registration for this program begins in November and has declined from 20 children in the 2012 season.

f. Skate Change Room access policy: Currently SAH Community Association charges community members for the use of the Skate Room; average 1 skate room rental every couple of weeks during the winter months. In this regard, there was a question raised by some community members, who use the ice rink regularly with their kids, and wanted to know if they could access the Skate Change Room during the Christmas holiday break and weekends during the winter. This option was discussed by the CA Board and rejected with regard to a need to be careful about allowing community members unfettered access for the Skate Room rather than a coordinated one that could jeopardise relations with some of the main hall rental users by unintentionally disturbing some and the additional consequence of more Skate Change Room usage requiring additional bathroom resources and extra cleaning, cleaning materials and cleaning fees to look after the room.

2. Soccer Season:

a. Registration for the soccer program begins in February. This year the Soccer registration period was 5 weeks long with significant advertising in the February and March newsletters and was posted on the SAH web site with the registration form. In person registration was held Sunday March 10th and Tuesday March 12th. The registration fee includes: jersey, play field rental and maintenance, coaching and referee clinics, referee fees and team and individual photo packages. This year 30 children registered and **\$1,530 was collected** in registration fees and that amount covers the payment for these resources; a decline from 45 registered children in the 2012 season.

b. This year teams were formed for children of ages from 2 years to 8 years old only. Six older aged players that registered had to be transferred to other community teams because the low registration numbers did not enable the formation of any St Andrews Heights' U10 and older teams. One of the soccer fields initially rented for this season was cancelled and re-rented out to the Hounsfield Heights Briar Hill Community; saving \$520.

c. I Attended the 2013 Intercommunity league soccer organization and coordination meetings, beginning in December 2012, where new rules and requirements were established for trading players to other communities. Players now need to be refunded for local registration fees and must re-register directly with an alternate community team and must have a paid community membership in that community. Formerly this was arranged informally between community soccer coordinators and no alternate community membership fee was required.

d. A comment was made about the low registration turn-out for the U10s and older in the May Community Newsletter with an request for community readers ideas on how to encourage greater participation of older aged children in the community recreational soccer program. I did not receive any suggestions.

e. The end of season wind-up Soccer-fest and barbeque will be held on Saturday June 29th. This year, for the first time, the cost for hosting the end of season Soccer-fest and BBQ is being provided for by the Community Association rather than the players themselves; **estimated cost \$300?**

3. Tennis court:

a. The Tennis Coordinator position was vacant from September 2012 until Gwen Schaefer volunteered to take on the role of Tennis Coordinator in May. An announcement about it was placed in the June Community Newsletter to contact her for information about community membership tennis registration, tennis court access, and lessons. For the first time, this year, there is no additional charge for community members to gain access to use the tennis court; it is now one of the feature benefits of community membership.

b. In 2012 St. Andrews Heights was awarded funds by the City of Calgary CCG funding program to cover 75% of the cost of for the tennis court resurfacing and repair of the chain link fence and gate. Members of our community team, Terry Nail and I, meet with the vendor, Tomko Sports Systems, representatives to discuss the project execution and to go over the details and scheduling of the work. The approved start of this project began the end of August 2012, having a complete cost recovery plan in place. We had to front some of the costs (\$17,000) before the work could be started but the reimbursement was already in place and has since been reimbursed by the City. Permits and Letters of approval needed from the City, they own the tennis courts, and according to our new lease the Total Installed Cost of the project was over \$50,000 (TIC is approximately \$70,000), were arranged for with the help of the City Community Liaison. A copy of the grant approval package was provided to the Secretary, Lorna for the minutes of meeting record and the Treasurer, Jenny, for the 2012 financial audit. The City CCG fund has reimbursed the Community Association with \$25,000 so far and approximately \$25,000 reimbursable City CCG funds is outstanding. The funding application is awaiting completion of the

project and the final invoice from the vendor, Tomko Sports. The Community Association to date has paid the vendor \$67,000 of the approximately \$70,000 TIC.

c. The Provincial Government Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding was applied for (\$19,218) for additional financial support for this project in the summer of 2012 and was awarded to the Community Association in December 2012.

d. Tomko Sports Systems, in completing the project renovation to specification, recently installed the electrically controlled programmable timed combination lock gate, in May. This provides automated access and closure for the public during the weekdays and private access at all other times to tennis registered community members. The new locking gate device is tied into the electrical system of the Community Hall. We believe that this automated entrance up-grade improves accessibility and the function and operation of the facility.

e. Public access to the tennis courts is controlled by the electrical control timer for the lock that will be set to shut-off at 8 am and turn back on again at 3 pm, Monday to Friday. So that a member of the general public who goes into the tennis courts and stays past the 3 pm public access time will not be locked in, a switch to interrupt the lock circuit, accessible from inside the courts, still needs to be installed; i.e., a heavy duty all weather 'door bell' type of switch mounted on a board or in a box that is not accessible from outside the courts. Tomko Sports Systems will install a button that is encased on the inside of the fence (to minimize) chance for people sticking their hand through the door this week; completing this project to specification, two years after its inception and planning for.

June 2013-2014 Up-coming issues

a. Skate Change Room use: The main hall is rented out with a rental understanding that users will not be disturbed from their activities, and use of the Skate Change Room unintentionally disturbs some users. This could alienate and jeopardize relations with some of them and we do not want to have to reimburse rental fees for disruptions from the Skate Change Room to others. The Skate Change Room inner door between the Main Hall room and skate room may have to be upgraded for sound proofing and the skate room outer entry door may need to have a combination lock or other type of control locking device installed. The room itself may need to have "quiet" notices and disturbance reminders posted in it.

b. Some free standing 'KEEP OFF THE ICE' signs to address people walking over unfinished ice and otherwise trying to use the ice when it is not ready for use may be needed to be purchased.

c. 'On-line' Soccer registration: Currently all events and bookings are handled manually; there is no PayPal account. The Community Web site may be upgraded to accept payment for soccer registration and other Community fees. Gwen Schaefer, the Web Master, is reviewing the options for consideration.

d. The Sports Equipment Storage Shed needs to be upgraded. It has both been broken into and blown apart by the wind during the year though no equipment appears to have been damaged or has been lost.

e. Final application for reimbursement from the City of Calgary CCG award (approximately \$25,000 reimbursable City CCG funds) and the CEFP Provincial Grant funding close out / follow up response to the Government of Alberta, is pending and will follow completion of the project by Tomko Sports Systems and submission to us of the final invoice.

f. A Tennis Lessons Program for beginners and a kids summer tennis tournament is being considered for an organized trail run next year. The cost, schedule and time needed for these lessons and tournament has not yet been determined.

