

Report for Annual General Meeting – June 2014
Vice President of Sports for Saint Andrews Heights Community Association
Executive Summary Submitted by Kevin Noakes

This is my fourth year completed as VP Sports for the St. Andrews Heights Community Association and my fifth year as Soccer Coordinator. Over the last year I have been involved in maintaining two sports activities for our community: recreational soccer (February to June) and tennis court play (May to October). Ice rink skating (November to February), was cancelled this year due to low registrations for participation. These activities provide an opportunity for children and parents to meet other neighborhood parents and children.

Nik Rasula coordinates the Ice-Crew making and maintaining the ice rink. Kevin Noakes coordinates the Young Skaters Program and the Community Recreational Soccer League Program activities. Gwen Schaefer coordinates the tennis court activities. Kevin Noakes will not be coordinating the Young Skaters Program this year.

June 2013-2014 update

1. Skating:

- a. Rink building started on Nov. 17, 2013;
- b. 25 hours of building (with a good snow base) and the rink was in good skating condition Nov. 23, 2013;
- c. The snowblower needed overhaul and was repaired, by Arn's Equipment, into working order the first week... approximate cost is \$400;
- d. Both the blower and the snow brush should be in good running condition for this year.
- e. In December a Port-a-pottie was installed and maintenance arranged for... approximate cost is \$400;
- f. The rink was continuously operative for 14 weeks;
- g. The Ice-Crew had 20 community volunteers come-through in some very trying circumstances and keep the rink in good order for the skating season;
- h. The Young Skaters Outdoor Lessons - advertised for in the Community Newsletter and the Community Web Page, with free and easy registration for SAHCA Members - was cancelled due to low registration (3 children). The year this program began in 2010 with over 20 registered children there were 6 volunteers helping out, the following year this dropped to 15 children and 3 volunteers and in 2012, 7 children and 2 volunteers. This passed year with 3 children there were no volunteers interested in helping out;
- i. The Enmax Rinklighter Rebate Program application form was not filed this year because the invitation for this application, usually mailed to SAHCA is now conducted online and SAHCA was not informed and only realized after the deadline had expired Jan.15, 2014;
- j. All equipment was in good order at the end of the skating season, except for one shovel that was broken. It will need to be replaced;
- k. The snow machines were drained of gas and the two jerry cans were emptied. They will be filled (by Nik with fresh gas) for the start of this year's season;

l. The Ice-Crew celebrated the end of skating season and the great community effort with the wind up 'Ice Men Cooketh' party;

m. A new Young Skaters Program Coordinator is required for this organized sports activity to continue being conducted.

2. Soccer:

a. I attended the 2013 Intercommunity league soccer organization and coordination meetings, beginning in December 2013, with the soccer board of community soccer coordinators to prepare for the 2014 soccer season where new rules and requirements were established for team play and refereeing players for U12 Teams and older age groups.

b. Registration for the soccer program began the beginning of February. This year the Soccer registration period was 5 weeks with advertising in the February and March Community Newsletters as well as the Community Web Page, with the registration form. In person registration was held Sunday February 23rd and Monday March 3rd. The registration fee includes: Team jersey, play field rental and maintenance, coaching and referee clinics, referee fees, team and individual photo packages and participation medallions. A \$300 budget (SAHCA Board approved) covers the end of soccer season wind-up Soccerfest BBQ lunch resources and skill games awards. The collected amount of soccer fees usually covers the payment of the soccer season resource costs;

c. This year 30 children registered in Starters and U6 age groups. Teams were formed for children ages 2 years to 5 years only and \$1,505 was collected in registration and SAHCA Membership fees;

d. Six and 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' U8 and older teams. There were ten children that had to be transferred to other community teams for U8, U10 & U12 teams while 2 others in U14 and U16, after inquiry, decided not to register with their home team. These players had to be refunded for their registration fees and arrangements had to be made for them to re-register directly with an alternate community team (Parkdale, University Heights or Houndsfield Heights Briar Hill) after their normal registration deadline period had expired and pay the community membership fee for that community. Formerly this was arranged informally between community soccer coordinators and no alternate community membership fee was required. This friendly format changed last year;

e. One of the SAH soccer fields initially rented for this season was cancelled and one half of the cost of another field was reimbursed for shared use by the Parkdale Community;

f. The end of season wind-up Soccerfest and Barbeque will be held on Saturday June 28th. I am now organizing the volunteers and resources for this event. The Soccerfest & BBQ will be held at the St. Andrews Heights Community Association Hall and adjacent play field next to the tennis courts and is attended by the SAH Soccer Team players and their families. During the BBQ lunch, the Soccer Team Coaches will be handing out soccer medallions as well as the team pictures to each of the players and trophies for this year's Soccerfest skills games champions;

g. An 'On-line' soccer registration and payment upgrade to the Community Website was considered and rejected by the SAHCA Board; currently all events and bookings are handled manually. The Community Web site will not be upgraded to accept payment for soccer registration and other Community fees;

h. The Sports Equipment Storage Shed needs to be replaced. It has both been broken into, blown apart by the wind and had its roof smashed through during the year and some of the soccer equipment was damaged. Some of the equipment was water damaged and some frozen into the ice attached to the walls and floor. All of the sports equipment was moved to the storage room adjacent to the Skate Change Room inside the Community Hall by myself and SAHCA member, Ariff Damji .

3. Tennis:

a. There is no additional charge for community members to gain access to use the tennis court. This is one of the feature benefits of SAHCA membership. Public access to the tennis courts is controlled by an electrical control timer for a magnetic lock on the entry gate that is set to shut-of at 8 am and turn back on again at 3 pm, Monday to Friday. The courts are reserved and available to community members exclusively outside of these times.

b. The end of the season take-down - The beginning and end of season for tennis play on the courts requires the setting up and dismantling and storage of the tennis court nets that has been carried out by SAHCA member, Terri Nail.

c. One year after the refurbishment of the tennis court surface there were cracks in several areas of the brown surface portion of the tennis court; these were repaired by Tomko Sports Systems in April. The courts were also power washed by TSS to clean them after the winter... approximate cost \$750;

d. Gate forced entry - the automated entry gate magnetic locking mechanism was damaged and misaligned by people forcing it open. The fastening bolts were removed. It was welded together by Tomko Sports Systems to fix this problem;

e. Fence wire cut - the fence was cut open and a hole large enough to climb through now exists at about 1 meter up and next to the gate. outright vandalism? a message to us on how easily criminals can gain entry to the tennis courts if they choose too? This has not yet been fixed;

f. Bike tire skid marks inside the court - teenagers were seen riding their bikes and doing bike riding stunts inside the tennis court and several bike tire skid marks inside the tennis court are evident. A sign attesting to this is posted on the gate and a notice describing this situation was published in the Community Newsletter;

g. Wet weather mop up - The tennis courts do not completely drain after a rain and there are areas that retain thin puddles that need to be cleared out before playing on the court after a rain; rubber squeegees and a broom were purchased and made available to the players inside the tennis court for players' use as a means to remove the puddled water and the wet leaves when needed... approximate cost is \$250;

h. Leaf blower and fall leaves - The accumulation of leaves piling up in the corners of the courts and all around the perimeter of the fence is creating a gooey mess for players. A gas powered leaf blower, donated by SAHCA member, Dan Roy, will be used to help solve this problem.

i. I would like to thank everyone who has been using the courts and leaving them as good as or in better shape than how they found them however in disregard of the sign on the access entry gate "No food on the courts", food wrappers, containers and utensils litter the perimeter of the courts now apart of the leafy debris.

j. Tennis lessons - University of Calgary Dinos Tennis Society Lessons for kids and adults was organised this tennis season and is underway beginning in May. Summer Tennis clinics/camps and tournaments are being planned for July and August, per rental terms previously determined

by the SAHCA Board. The Tennis Coordinator reserves the dates and times for the tennis lessons by notifying the registered tennis members of this reservation of the court(s)... approximate reservation based rental income is \$400;

k. City of Calgary CCG reimbursement application - Tomko Sports Systems was paid \$71,530 for the total installed cost of the tennis court renovation. The maximum reimbursable amount approved for by the City of Calgary CCG (75% of project costs) was approved and received by SAHCA. The Provincial Funding CFEP grant for \$19,218 'required' a project close out report be filed with the Government of Alberta and this was done by Gord Miller, SAHCA Treasurer. The cost for this renovation was about 5% over budget. The original estimate for the gate locking mechanism, once installed, turned out not to be what was specifically intended, and was rectified adding \$3,107 to the total installed cost. The new security gate opening and closing mechanism was intended to be automated; to relieve anyone from having to open and close this for public access. However, a manual system was initially installed by TSS. TSS provided for a manual system in the original estimate. The additional cost was required by TSS to upgrade the gate from manual to automatic. The original installation was taken back by TSS and that cost reimbursed and applied to the new installation. The total installed cost of the electrical installation automating entry was approximately \$5,000.

Forecast June 2013-2014 Up-coming issues in Retrospect (50/50)

"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. **NOT DONE;**

"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. **NOT DONE;**

"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. **DONE;**

"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 be lost. **NOT DONE;**

"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. **DONE;**

"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. **DONE.**

June 2014-2015 Up-coming issues

a. 'On-line' Soccer registration: The Community Web site should be upgraded to accept payment for soccer registration and other Community fees.

- | **b.** The Sports Equipment Storage Shed needs to be replaced.
- c.** Video surveillance camera system needs to be installed to identify the vandal tennis player(s) that are making a mockery of the gate entry system.
- d.** The cut hole in the fence needs to be fixed.