

Northwest Foothills Recreation Board  
2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda  
February 5, 2024 at 6:00pm  
Via Zoom

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| 1.  | Call to order -                               | JKA   |     |
| 2.  | Adopt 2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda      | all   |     |
| 3.  | Acknowledgement of 2024 Board appointments    | all   |     |
| 4.  | Election of 2024 Chairman                     | JKA   |     |
| 5.  | Turn over meeting to 2024 Chairman            | all   |     |
| 6.  | Election of 2024 Vice Chairman                | all   |     |
| 7.  | Appointment of 2024 Secretary                 | all   |     |
| 8.  | Approval of the February 27, 2023 AGM minutes |       | all |
| 9.  | Review of 2023                                | all   |     |
|     | • Seaman Sports Park Update                   | JP    |     |
|     | • Community Recreation Updates-               | all   |     |
|     | • Financial                                   | staff |     |
| 10. | Adjournment                                   |       |     |
|     | Regular Meeting to follow                     |       |     |

**NORTHWEST FOOTHILLS RECREATION BOARD  
2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The Northwest Recreation Board met on February 27, 2023 at 6:00pm for the purpose of holding the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

**In Attendance:**

Councillor Barb Castell – Division 3  
Councillor Suzanne Oel – Division 4  
Councillor Alan Alger – Division 5  
Maria Mirka (Div 4)  
Robert Bell, Board Member (Div 3)  
~6:20pm  
Nancy Seaman, Board Member (Div 3)  
Mat Clark (MSA)

**County Staff:**

Felicia Fairweather –  
Legislative Services Assistant – Zoom Moderator  
Jeff Porter -  
Manager of Agricultural Services, Parks and Recreation  
Johanna Kortenschyl-Allan -  
Public Lands, Community and Recreation Coordinator

**Regrets:**

Member at Large (MRAS) vacant  
Division 5 - vacant

**Item No. 1 Call to Order**

J. Kortenschyl-Allan called the 2023 Annual General Meeting to order at 6:04pm on Monday, February 27, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was met with 5 member attending at the beginning of the meeting.

J. Kortenschyl-Allan reminded the board members that the meeting was being livestreamed and would be available on the County's website.

**Item No. 2 Adopt Agenda**

**MOVED** by A. Alger moved the February 27, 2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 3 Acknowledgement of the 2023 Board Appointments**

**MOVED** by B. Castell moved that the Northwest Recreation Board acknowledge the Board appointments for 2023 by Foothills County Council on December 14, 2022 as presented.

*“Moved that Council acknowledge appointment of the following members to the Northwest Foothills Recreation Board with terms to expire December 31, 2023:*

- *Mat Clark*
- *Nancy Seaman*
- *Maria Mirka*
- *Robert Bell”*

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Clark representing the Millarville Sports Association (MSA) indicated that he will be stepping down in 2023 and will provide formal notice. There was a question regarding the Chairman of the Board, as per the bylaw members of Council cannot be elected as Chair or Vice Chair.

**Item No. 4 Election of 2023 Chairman**

J. Kortenschyl-Allan called for nominations for the position of Chairman. There were no nominations or volunteers from the community members for the position of Chairman or to chair the remainder of the AGM.

**MOVED** by Maria Mirka that S. Oel act as the Chairperson for the rest of the meeting.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED** by S. Oel conduct the election of the Chairman during a future regular meeting.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 5 Turnover of meeting**

J. Kortenschyl-Allan turned over the meeting to S. Oel.

**Item No. 6 Election of Vice Chairman**

S. Oel called for nominations for the position of the 2023 Vice Chairman.

B. Castell nominated Maria Mirka.

M. Mirka accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were put forth.

S. Oel called for nominations to cease.

**MOVED** by A. Alger that M. Marika be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2023 by acclamation.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 7 Appointment of Secretary**

**MOVED** by A. Alger that J. Kortenschyl-Allan be appointed as the 2023 Secretary of the Board in a non-voting capacity.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

~6:20pm R. Bell was able to enter the meeting

**MOVED** by M. Mirka to rescind the previous motion to conduct the election of the Chairman during a future regular meeting and proceed with the election tonight.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Election of Chairman**

S. Oel called for nominations for the position of the 2023 Chairman.

B. Castell nominated Robert Bell for the position of Chairman.

Robert Bell accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were put forth.

S. Oel called for nominations to cease.

**MOVED** by B. Castell that Robert Bell be appointed as Chairman of the Board for 2023 by acclamation.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 8 Approval of 2022 AGM minutes**

**MOVED** by A. Alger that the minutes from the 2022 AGM held on June 27, 2022 be approved as presented.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 9 Review of 2020**

J. Kortenschyl-Allan asked the board to provide a brief 2022 update by email to be distributed.

Manager Porter:

- First year of Pathway Use
- Good use of the Ball Diamonds and Pathway
- Site maintenance – cracking due to dryness
- Vandalism to the memorial plaque. S. Oel was thanked for the corrective care to the plaque.
- If anyone witnesses or notices vandalism – contact the County.
- The gates were left open to assess the park and pathway usage.
- The gates will be closed if people are getting stuck in the parking lot or if there is pre-season use of the diamonds causing damage.
- There is a possibility for additional usage moving ahead.
- The Field of Dreams ball diamonds have reduced the pressure on the SSP diamonds.

B. Castell (Division 3):

- Not too much happening outside with this chilly weather. Mounds of snow everywhere. I go by the Seaman Sports Park all the time and not one walker there until lately.
- Judged the 4-H Juniors on February 5, 2023 for the Millarville Stockland Public Speaking at the Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society hall. It is always entertaining with the younger members of the club, especially the Impromptu speeches. This was a very rewarding volunteer opportunity.
- Flora and Fauna list was distributed to the board members.
- Waiting for Spring!

#### S. Oel (Division 4):

- Priddis Community Association, with assistance from other CAs and The County, hosted Winter Fest on February 4, 2023. Great turnout and fun!
- Lots of hockey and skating happening at the Priddis rink. New Years Eve. Priddis Panthers and guests. Filled days and nights. Ice is still hanging in there with a recent blast of winter. Good volunteerism keeping the rink and sport going.
- 4 on 4 Shiny tournament on February 25, 2023. Good weather for it, after the deep freeze.
- Pickleball in the PCA hall now going on. Trial event.
- Lots of planning – card nights, movie nights, etc...
- Early Learning still going on at the Priddis Hall.
- Fish Creek Watershed Association is presenting their Integrated Water Management Plan on Feb. 28, 2023. Have invited the whole community.
- Foothills County is reviewing agreements with Community Associations that are using municipal reserve lands or are ANIs of the County's insurance policy. Working with Priddis Creek Estates CA and West Foothills CA currently...
- Depending on the outcome, could be some horse groups operating from this area.
- Hot topic of EMS continues re Priddis Ambulance going to the City.
- Lots of dialogue on the west side near Hwy 762 – traffic, critters, weather...
- Recently shared news regarding the Fire department operations, on the reduction of Spruce Budworm, working on water services for the west country and potential solutions for irrigation for another community.
- Judged 4H on February 18 for Millarville Mutts & Mustangs presentations – great job!
- Priddis Greens update is well-covered by Maria – thank you .
- After our Walking Path opening event on September 17, 2022, looking forward to next exciting projects!!

#### A. Alger (Division 5):

- The association received funding to install an Outdoor Pickleball lines and a sports equipment shed.
- The DeWinton Community Association continues to struggle with lack of volunteer interest. Large signs have been erected throughout the area to bring more awareness.
- The AGM was held last week with Board Chair vacancies available.
- Red Deer Lake Hall continuing with improvements. They have received quotes on new lighting in the building.
- Mr. Porter continues to investigate other areas that need attention such as the septic system.
- City of Calgary/ Foothills County Annexation Committee had their second meeting on Jan. 30 and continue to discuss protocols /phases into the future.
- Skijordue returned to the Calgary Polo Club last weekend. Although I did not attend it looked like a spectacular crowd with perfect weather.

#### N. Seaman (Div 3):

- MRAS held elections and has 9 members on the board.
- There is a lot of snow.
- 4H – Mutts and Mustangs.
- Spring Market end of April.
- Track watch sign up on website.

#### M. Clark (MSA):

- Upgrading the website.
- Maintenance to Rancher's Hall, rink boards, speakers, and score board.
- Looking to access grants for hockey, baseball etc.
- Hootin' Annie event was held with great success.
- 100 soccer players in 2022.
- 80 hockey players this season.
- Baseball numbers were a bit lower in 2022.

- Welcoming new president Jared Jhanke.

R.Bell (Div 3) :

- Provided financial breakdown of the ~ \$160,000 Field of Dreams Playground project by the Girls and Boys Club. BDI play design with all equipment made in Canada.
- A note that pea gravel was used instead of the very expensive poured rubber.
- Great amount of snow!

M. Mirka (MRAS) :

- Dining at the Club house is open to the public.
- Clubhouse beautifully lit for Christmas.
- There is a lot of snow.
- Yoga classes.
- Alot of activity regarding FireSmart to remove fuel from the golf course.
- 4H – Mutts and Mustangs.
- Spring Market end of April.
- Track watch sign up on website.

Financial (County):

J. Kortenschyl-Allan provided that the September 17, 2022 Pathway Event brought in \$105 in donation to NWREC for the park.

**MOVED** by A.Alger to accept the representative reports and place on file for information purposes.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item No. 10 Adjournment**

**MOVED** by B.Castell that the 2022 AGM adjourn at 7:01pm.

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Chairman

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Secretary