



**LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT
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Chairperson's Report

This was my second year as chairperson and it has been a great experience. I am extremely proud of the hard work put in by the LCA executive and the many volunteers who make our programs a consistent success.

We have a few people leaving this year as they move on to other interests after many years of great service to the LCA and the community. Cindy and Mark Dyck put a lot of hard work into their positions and we wish them the best. Mark is staying on to get the website running smoothly, but will pass this on when a suitable replacement can be found. Dayle Wollenberg has been a great Treasurer and we wish him well in his new volunteering activities with the Wascana Rehab Centre.

Amy Mader and Patti Chesters have joined the LCA in the Past year. This fills our Treasurer and Secretary positions. Amy has been given signing authority and Patti will soon be added as well. They have been a great addition to our executive and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Congratulations to Jane Brundige for winning our 2008 scholarship.

I have moved from Regina and will be stepping down from Chairperson when a suitable replacement can be found. I will continue to chair the monthly meetings in the meantime.

We are currently seeking individuals for the following positions: Chairperson, Programs Coordinator, Earth Day Coordinator, Website Editor, Outdoor Rink Coordinator, and Youth Coordinator.

Sincerely,

James Holtom

Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator position remained vacant for the 07/08 year.

The skating programs for the past year were all a great success. Thanks to Sherry Thompson and Phil Gallet for running these programs.

Power Skating didn't run this past year. We have a new instructor for this coming year and the program looks to be back on track.

The ice times have been booked and classes are filling up for our fall/winter skating programs, which began last week. Fees remained the same for Learn-to-Skate and Mini-Mites. Power Skating was adjusted to ensure the program is viable this year.

New programs that were started this past year were Indoor Cycling, Aerobics and Body Blast. Aerobics and Body Blast have been converted to Boot Camp, Boxercise and Core & Strength Training.

All programs are financially viable, but we may need to increase registration fees to offset reduction in City funding. There have been requests for equipment for some of the programs. These requests have been submitted to the LCA Treasurer. The equipment would remain the property of the LCA.

We will continue to try and provide new programs for all ages. If you have a class/skill that you would be interested in teaching, please contact me or any LCA executive member. The LCA will help book facilities and provide advertising in our sign, newsletter and website.

James Holtom

Outdoor Sign Coordinator Report

- Requests for usage of sign still remain steady.
- Sign used for LCA advertising through late summer.
- New coordinator is Marci Brisbane

James Holtom

2008 Outdoor Soccer Report

In the 2008 outdoor soccer season there were approximately 260 children registered ranging in age from pre-school to grade 12. The number of participants was similar to last year; however, there was a significant drop in the pre-school division, resulting in two less teams than last year. Larry Davis, the coordinator of the rosters and schedules, did another outstanding job with this very difficult task and he deserves a great big thanks. As well there were many other invaluable volunteers who deserve a heartfelt thanks for coaching, inflating balls, sorting jerseys, setting up the fields, and working at the wind-up.

The spring 2008 outdoor soccer participants were fortunate to enjoy many firsts this year. All players and coaches received soccer jerseys that made everyone look and feel very professional!! In lieu of a year-end gift, soccer balls were purchased for all players, and handed out at the start of the season. The balls were then used for pre-game practice and at home between games. One of the biggest changes this year was the increase in the number of games from one to two games per week for all ages. A survey that was completed in a previous year asked parents for feedback on the issue of games per week and the results indicated that were split on this issue. Consequently, the coordinators decided to try it out especially in light of the fact that there were only seven weeks this season and as we all know with spring in Regina, one can always count on a few rain outs. It is interesting to note that other south zone community associations have always played two games per year for all age groups, and they have had a very positive response. However, as you can expect, there were pros and cons to the increase in games. Some of the positive results were: a significant improvement in skill level throughout the season; more opportunity for team development; and more games played even when there were cancellations due to weather or if a child had to miss a game due to illness or a conflict with another activity. Some challenges were noted as well and included: a significant commitment for families who had two or more children participating in LCA soccer and a bigger commitment for coaches. Another challenge was found with the very young children, more specifically those children who were only somewhat interested in playing soccer and required extra encouragement to come out not only once but twice per week.

A final very significant first this year for Lakeview soccer was in the Grade 3&4 division where Lakeview joined up with Albert Park and consequently played games against teams from outside of Lakeview. This traditionally did not occur until the Grade 5 & 6 Level. Overall this collaboration created an opportunity for more interesting and challenging competition than in previous years and helped to build partnerships with another south zone community association. Larger portable soccer goals were purchased in order to facilitate equality at all of the fields, and I want to thank Sean Myers and the Myers family who look after setting up the fields, for their patience and willingness to deal with some of the glitches around the new goals. Hopefully these issues will be resolved for next year. Two topics were brought forward for future discussion in this age group, specifically the need for goal creases and referees.

That's all for this year!
Linda Thauberger

Newsletter

- Winter (January) 2008 and Fall (September) 2008 newsletters were delivered to over 3000 households with the help of Impact Printers and LeaderPost.
- Submissions remain consistent.
- There has been discussion regarding the future of the newsletter. This summer LCA programs were listed in the SouthZone newsletter that reaches the Lakeview, Albert Park, Whitmore Park and Hillsdale Community Associations. There were several phone calls from residents confused as to where programs were actually located. The LCA may cease printing a newsletter and rely on the SouthZone newsletter and the website and electronic newsletter.
- If the printed newsletter is continued with, it may be advisable to send a form letter to businesses within the Lakeview area to solicit more advertising. This has not been done for at least two years, probably a lot longer.

Marin Waddell

Special Projects Coordinator Report - 2008

The Special Project for the LCA in 2007/2008 was the continuation of the Kinsmen Park South improvement project. At this point in time, the project work is complete, and the LCA is fulfilling its responsibilities to the tree watering contracts. This past summer the trees were scheduled to be watered once every two weeks from the time the water in the park was turned on in the spring (early June) to the time the water was turned off in the fall (September long weekend). With the significant amount of rainfall early in the summer, the trees were not watered according to the schedule, but according to the weather. The LCA has one year remaining in the final tree watering contract. At the end of the summer of 2009, the LCA will have fulfilled its obligation of watering the trees we planted in the park.

As seems to be the case, approximately one third of the trees have been vandalized or completely destroyed; however, the trees that have survived are doing well. The issue of who is responsible for tree maintenance (pruning or removing vandalized branches and trees) was clarified – the City parks crews look after this. There is a bit of an issue with this being addressed, so it may be necessary to follow up with our city consultant, Loren Anderson, to request the trees be taken care of.

Cindy Dyck

Past-Chairman's Report

The 2008 Annual General Meeting marks a time of large transition as the LCA executive works hard to replace key volunteer positions which are vacant due to people moving out of Lakeview and/or retiring after many years of service.

In June, I proposed a comprehensive recruitment campaign which was accepted by the LCA executive. The campaign focused all of our communication resources on promoting LCA programs and services, benefits of volunteering with the LCA and our desperate need for new blood on the LCA board. Most of the campaign was executed over the spring and through the summer:

- a special newsletter was designed and delivered to all Lakeview households in July
- a flyer was distributed at the June soccer windup and LCA board members canvassed the parents at the soccer windup
- a series of Outdoor Sign messages were developed which combined our need and volunteer benefits with a bit of humour.
- another flyer was distributed at the fall registration night in September.

In addition, I spent a large amount of my summer implementing a new, redesigned website. The goal of the site is to go beyond sharing the basics of LCA programs and our contact list -- if successful, the website will be a key information resource to anyone living or visiting southwest Regina. To date over 35 pages of information have been included on the site with an average of two new articles being added every week. The articles are written in a light, conversational style which I hope will both inform and entertain our readers.

A key feature of the new website is a subscription service. To date, 16 people have subscribed to site updates and receive all new LCA articles in their email inbox. Hopefully the majority of the LCA members will subscribe to site updates in 2008/2009.

Looking forward to 2009, I hope to concentrate my time with the LCA in reaching out to other local community groups -- listening and learning about their issues and letting their needs drive LCA's community service work. The LCA has the ability to facilitate many positive changes in Lakeview; I hope that by engaging more directly with others in the community the LCA can come closer to realizing our full potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Dyck

2008 Annual Report of the South Zone Recreation Board (SZRB)

The SZRB consists of an Executive Board, as well as members representing the four Community Associations – Albert Park, Hillsdale, Lakeview and Whitmore Park. Other members include affiliates (for example, social dancing, tae-kwon-do, fencing, table tennis, badminton, etc.), and direct programs (for example, the Community Gardens, Senior Whist, T-Ball and Indoor Soccer). Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at the South Leisure Center on Sunset Drive. The City of Regina Community Consultant attends as a resource person.

The SZRB appoints representatives to participate on several city-wide Regina committees, including Regina Transit Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee. From time to time, the City also requests representation on ad hoc committees established to review specific issues.

In November of each year, the SZRB sponsors the Volunteer Appreciation Night for their members, as well as for the community associations, who nominate a Volunteer of the Year from their group. These nominees and all volunteers who commit time and effort to their communities are acknowledged at the dinner.

The SZRB publishes a newsletter twice a year, and LCA has used this resource to insert information about their programs for distribution in the south west area of Regina.

On behalf of the SZRB, I wish to thank the LCA for their continued support, for both their moral and financial support in our activities and our organization. We appreciate the LCA's ongoing commitment to participate in the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night in order that we may recognize our volunteers. Finally thank you to LCA in permitting me to represent them at the SZRB.

Submitted by:
Lily Tingley
LCA representative to the SZRB

Secretary's Report

Well, it has been one year since I took over this position and it has been a very positive experience to work with so many giving people. I am glad that I have taken this opportunity to be a part of my community and keep our community moving forward.

I look forward to working with our new and "old" executive in the future and wish all our "retired" members the best of luck in their other endeavours.

Submitted by
Patti Chesters
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