



Draft Minutes OEVCA Executive Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

5:30-7:00

Home of Jacalyn Grabowski, 839 Dufferin Ave.

Members of the executive present: Kristina Greenaway Courey (President/Chair); Joel Eckert; Jacalyn Grabowski (Treasurer); Ellen Husk (Vice-President); Rodger Moran; Carole Perraud Joly; Paul Seale (Secretary); Susan Toth.

Voting members of the executive absent: Jennifer Diplock (Past-President); Greg Fowler; Oliver Godbout; Guido Mulder; Bruce Rankin.

Executive members *ex officio* present: Benjamin Vazquez (East London Historical Society); Meg Pirie (Communications and Public Relations).

Executive members *ex officio* not present: Mike Courey (Social Committee); Lewis Seale (*OEV NEWS*)

5:45pm Kristina opened a discussion of the previous meeting's SWOT analysis, highlighting identified **weaknesses** (W) of the OEVCA

- attendance of the OEVCA executive
- size of the group
- quorum issues
- morale issues
- difficulty of linking 'work' to 'role' (risk of résumé-building as motive)

6:00pm: Paul proposed that we discuss "Board members do board work," as described in the constitution and that 'roles' be linked back to mission. The group discussed how/whether that would address current weaknesses.

6:15pm: Review of Committees: Kristina proposed clarifying what 'roles' and committee positions should be removed or maintained, and what executive support the remaining would need.

Communications Committee to remain, with need of an exec member.

Social Committee to remain with need of an exec member (some discussion of how its name does or does not describe its mission).

Historical Committee (LEHS) maintained, with need of an exec member.

6:40pm: **Moved and carried that the Neighbourhood Safety Committee be disbanded until such time as it may be needed again.**

6:45pm: Discussion of Neighbourhood Data Committee. Noted that it is currently focused on a large project of an economic development nature – the skills project -- but that other research questions may arise in future.

6:50pm **Moved and carried that the Sustainable Living Committee be disbanded** until such time as it may be needed again.

6:55pm Discussion of the Economic Development Committee, currently on hiatus. Resolved that chair Oliver Godbout be ‘pitched’ about connecting with the NDC’s skills project.

7:00pm: Discussion of constitutional matters: whether the OEVCA executive should be ‘shrunk’ to include fewer directors-at-large; whether current directors-at-large could/should be assigned to chair existing five committees; whether executive meeting dates could/should be pre-set in advance of next elections. And also, whether ‘recruitment’ should focus on education about the ‘work’ of the executive rather than mere ‘wish to be involved’ in the neighbourhood.

All discussions to be continued at July meeting.

Next meeting Sunday, July 12, 2:30-4:00pm, LIFE*SPIN Living Room, 868 Dundas St