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#### Jack McLaren

## Ramblings

Judging from the attendance, or lack of it, at the recent annual general meeting of the Russell R.A. one can assume that everyone's recreation needs within our community are being met adequately. Whether the newly elected Board of Directors will assume this position remains to be seen. Only slightly in excess of twenty citizens bothered to attend - the newly approved Constitution states that fifteen members of the Russell R.A. shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting so we just barely made it.

Why do people shun such important functions? Some may find the meeting boring while others may fear that showing up could get them elected to a position on the Board of Directors. It is obvious that without a "burning" issue everyone is quite willing to leave the decision-making up to the other person. Let the R.A. Board of Directors render an unpopular decision and suddenly we have everyone telling them how to run their business and really that's not all bad. But why can't we hear from these same people when the sailing is smooth?

One of the most important business items on the agenda was saved for end of the meeting — the election of a new slate of officers. The Constitution states that the election of the Board of Directors shall be arranged and conducted by a Nomination and Election Committee. The Committee shall ensure that a complete slate of qualified, willing candidates is nominated by inviting nomination from the membership at large prior to the annual general meeting and by making additional nomination as it deems desirable. Having served on two nominating committees I can assure you the most difficult task is to find the "willing" candidates. In practically every instance this committee feels it has accompoished its task if one candidate is found for each position. It certainly would be more desirable if at least two candidates for each position could be brought to the general meeting and then hopefully additional candidates could be nominated from the floor. I am sure there are people who would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors but just haven't been approached. Perhaps the system of nominations is wrong. I'm sure there are people who feel that the slate of officers brought before the general meeting by the Nominating Committee is the chosen few and therefore are reluctant to put their names forward at the time of the meeting. This is not the case but how do we change it. Should we go strictly to nominations from the floor - there are definite drawbacks from this systems, one of them being you could end up without any "willing candidates." The other being that you could end up with a Board whose interests are only in one area of recreation — the results of which would be most undesirable — a nominating committee can guard against this happening.

Important decisions are made by the R.A. Executive and they do appreciate some feedback on programs underway within the community or is there a need for additional ones. In a time when "restraint" is the keyword it is also quite necessary to maintain a tight control on the budget. While cutting back or saying "no" to a sub-committee's increased requirements may be most unpopular it is sometimes very necessary. We simply cannot go on spending money like there is no end to the supply - priorities must be set and rigidly followed. Good programs need not be expensive. Facilities Manager Paul Wylie has recently come up with some excellent programs for the community but I doubt if he is getting any feedback from area residents.

One expensive project facing the new R.A. is major repairs to the swimming pool including a new pool building. This could run as high as \$40,000. Without these repairs the pool will probably not open.

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Middle Row - Chris Fleming (coach), Daryl Ross, Pat Fleming, Ross Harten, Leo Achtereekte, John Achtereekte, Mike Connelly, Geoff Cochrane, Gord Davis, Mike Fleming.

Back Row — John Eastman, Gaetan Forgues, Bruce Warnock, Paul Boland, Doug Harten.

(Estelle Yaternick Photo)

### Russell Recreation

by Paul Wylie

Hello again.

This being our final edition for 1979 I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

I must say that you have all made me feel at hme in my employment during the past six months and I am certainly looking forward to 1980 and the many programs and events we will share together.

I take this opportunity as well to thank the 1979 Russell Recreation Association for their support and assistance. The association, with Chairman Jack Chaters, Vice Chairman Ed Edmundson, Treasurer Chuck Norris, Secretary Diane Davies and direc- At tors, Max Mayling, Gord Saunders, Lorne Wade and Jack McLaren has done an excellent job in providing the recreation services for Russell and the four concessions. Thanks again for your excellent volunteer support.

Please note the following dates: - Sun. Dec. 16, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Cross Country Ski Clinic, Russell Arena — Cost \$1.00 per person. Bulletins are at Post Office,

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- Mon. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve

Dance — Price \$40.00 per couple. Tickets available from: Jack Tyo, Gaye Ford and Max Mayling.

- Dec. 28, Teen Dance, 8 p.m. -1 a.m. Russell Arena, Cost \$2 per person. Dancing to Disco.

Please Remember: If you have suggestions or complaints we welcome your comments. Please call Paul Wylie at 445-2050.

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