

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting Thursday June 17, 2004

In Attendance:

Members

Al Ross *
Chris Noyes *
Evelyn Budd
Helen Rosseau
Jan Whitehouse
Paula Rosenquist *
Michael VanAanhout (part time) *
Monica de Romer
Gord Hawley *
* Active Directors, 5 out of eight

Guests:

Rainer Bloess (part time)
Al Haggarty
Marilyn Levesque

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:36 pm. At the start of the meeting there was not a quorum; minutes from May could not be adopted. In the hope that we would have a quorum later on in the meeting, we proceeded with the Guests issues

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2004

To be approved at the next meeting.

3.0 GUESTS: Dogs & Parks The guests wished to address the issue of dogs in parks – leashed or not. The general feeling was that in some instances dog owners do not pick up after their dog has relieved itself. Most were in favour of the status quo; which is dogs allowed in parks on a leash at all times. We couldn't understand how Diceman Park could be designated a "no-leash" area. It was also suggested that dogs be kept at least 5 meters from a children's play area.

4.0 Quorum: Again this month, a discussion ensued about whether we had a quorum or not. Al presented some suggested changes to the By-laws which could be approved at this meeting (with a quorum) and ratified at the AGM in December. It was proposed by Al that Monica be reinstated as Membership Director since she only resigned because we thought we had someone to take over. Tom Scott had offered to take on this responsibility in the fall when he winds up his involvement with the scouts. Chris pointed out that the bylaws state that directors may be elected by a majority of the directors or members at a meeting called for the purpose of electing directors. While on the subject of directors, it was felt by the

attendees that a young person should sit on the Board as the Youth Director. To add new director positions to the Board requires a change to the by-laws, which requires a majority of 2/3rds.

When Michael Van Aaanhout arrived, this gave us a quorum.

5.0 President's Report

Al distributed a handout of the bylaws he felt should be revised at our AGM. (See attached with changes) In summary, the proposal was that the structure of the Board be modified to allow positions of Director at Large and to add directors to include the Website Manager, Director of Parks & Recreation. Following a discussion, the Board elected the following changes to the Board by a vote of 5 for, & 1 against: Monica de Romer becomes a Director at Large, Gord Hawley resigns as Youth Director and becomes Director of Parks & Recreation, Helen Rosseau becomes a Director as our Website Manager. In that same vote, Jan Whitehouse becomes the representative to the Board for the Community Hall Standing Committee. All these changes will take effect immediately, but must be ratified by a 2/3rds majority at our AGM in December, following publication in the December BANAR

5.0 VP Report

Funding for the Park Groomer has been received and the student has been hired

The Park Groomer will be asked to water the newly planted trees in the Hamlet. Mike will direct the groomer once he has been hired.

Minor Capital has been allocated for a bike rack and a bench to be located in the vicinity of the Community Hall. This uses up all our 2003 Minor Capital funding. There was a discussion on what we should do about providing the pool with some more equipment. Monica will discuss a "wish list" for the pool, with Dan Brisbois.

6.0 Treasurer

Al mentioned that there is too much unidentified money in the bank account. We should allocate monies to specific projects or a depreciation fund, at our next meeting. The Rain Barrel program is going very well.

7.0 Membership

Christine has been doing a great job with the membership and the campaign is officially over with only a few outstanding canvassers to report. Full report at the next meeting

8.0 Parks and Recreation:

Gord Hawley offered to look into a Gazebo project and general improvements around the Community Hall.

Gord also suggested that the BCA look into purchasing dishes and new BBQ's. He will report expected costs at the next meeting.

9.0 Education

Last month Paula presented a letter from the Emily Carr Environment Club requesting support for a landscaping project they want to do on school property beside the pool. Both a plan and a letter were distributed. The members agreed in principle with the project but would like to see a specific plan, with a budget and sources of funding, with a specific request for financial support. The budget was not available and it appeared as though the project included the placement of ornamental rocks in a wet area beside the pool, near the school driveway. We weren't sure if the City would allow us to use our Minor Capital for rocks, and Al said he would look into it for the next meeting,

The "No Idling" signs have been installed, and replaced, at Good Shepherd and the formal presentation to the public will take place in the fall.

Paula also sits on our environmental committee and reported that the committee would like to have a Guest speaker in September to present an opinion on the dangers of pesticides from the Ontario Association of Family Physicians. They will advise us later on the status of this presentation.

10.0 Greenbelt

Mike reported that the trees have been planted in two locations, and he requested that the Park Groomer be asked to water them this summer. He would look after purchasing the required hoses. Mike will also work with the City on the Innis Rd/Walkley proposal on behalf of the BCA

11.0 BANAR

Evelyn reported that the deadline for the next Banar is August 16th

12.0 Councilor

Rainer said he would inform the City about our decision on the "Dogs in Parks" issue.

13.0 Meeting adjourned