

Blackburn Community Association Meeting
Minutes – November 17th , 2016 at the BH Community hall

7:30 p.m. – BCA meeting

- 1) Call to Order - LAURA
- 2) Minutes Approved from previous 2 meetings Ali, Francois
- 3) Presidents Report - Laura Dudas
 - Budget/Priorities update.

Top priority was improving green space.

Second to multi-income integration.

Initial discussion will include the budget direction and creating a full and more complete document being formed. That will help direct the energy and money in focused areas.

- 2017 activities and event update – Funding for additional one time funding was not yet approved. Still waiting to hear. (Fun fair proposal was denied)

- BCA Budget planning meeting on November 24th. Send items to Laura and treasurers before that date so they can review and discuss and form the initial budget.
- 4) Treasurer's report – Final Income/expense statement will be completed before the Budget planning meeting. Darlene will follow up on a bounced check. Banar statements still outstanding. A few little details to pull together to complete.
- 5) Coucillors Report – Jody Mitic
 - Pleased the illegal marijuana shop is closed.
 - Encouraging the group to keep the facebook positive. New ideas and suggestion and a possible discussion in the future. We don't want any volunteer or community member bullied online. We need to discuss this in a future meeting. Possible anonymous profile that could be created to minimize the personal attacks. Future discussion required.
- 6) Seniors Action Committee Update - We may lose the seniors action committee because we no longer have the previous chairs to head it up. Possible leadership from within the team or a new head to take this on. Potluck supper may be cancelled due to lack of promotion and attendance.
- 7) Residents and Guests
 - Blackburn Preschool

Raised 28,500 so far of a 75000 need. This is initial seed funding for a much larger budget of over 600,000. September opening is not an option. Asking for bridge funding with possible flexibility on loan vs. non-refunded donation. The space will be used by the preschool, just food and other various community groups and members for various uses. The income from fundraising, rental use, and the preschool income will pay down the costs and mortgage and repayment if required. Some sort of a business plan or proposal will need to be presented for us to discuss. Possible issues around leasing on NCC land and debt ownership and responsibility.

- Brian Cook - Hockey Eastern Ontario - Celebrate Canada, Celebrate Winter event. @ sensplex.

January 2nd, 2017 free event with all day activities and fireworks at night.

3 needs – 2 programs on learn to skate, learn to play hockey

Funding, Volunteers and promotion needed. Registration will be online with 40-50 spaces for classes.

Looking to provide equipment to attending kids if possible.

8) Directors reports

- Kaitlyn demasi – website and Facebook - Down to one service provider. Working towards a paypal account for BCA.

- Darlene Arela - Santa Pancake breakfast- December 3rd 2016 – Rainer Bloess Santa. Décor all set up. Norms group and girl guides helping out.

- Belinda Leung – Road Planning and traffic meeting report

- Ali Yassine – Snow Plow and Ice rinks – November 25th arrival. Boards for rinks are almost all up.

Hockey Day in the Hamlet is coming – February 11th, 2017

- Norm – Opening day of the Hockey Rink and Community Outreach

Great turn out at rink opening day. BCA provided the bbq. Signs going up for the SPB this weekend.

- Francois – Membership

- Chelsea Wynne- youth and education – family night at the hall, board game night

- Brent Lawrie – FUN FAIR – June 2, 3 and 4 first meeting early November. Grant funding denied.

- Evelyn Budd – Bannar - Read her notes. Will add later.

- John Balint – environmental committee

- Bill Horne – Belinda will help with out as sponsorship chair for the 2017 year.

It is important that we get involved in the LRT and many projects outside the hamlet that affect us.

Keeping us part of the discussion and not forgotten.

Letter of support for a just food walking program.

9) New business

- Traffic calming suggestions for upcoming meeting

10) Call to adjourn – ali, chelsea

Christmas party . Date to be announced.