

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
Of
Thursday February 19, 2004

In Attendance:

Members

Al Ross
Chris Noyes
Jessica Tranquilly- Doherty
Michael van Aanhout
Sarah Clouthier
Helen Rosseau
Jan Whitehouse
Evelyn Budd
Paula Rosenquist

Guests:

Brigitte Smiley
Monica de Romer
Rainer Bloess
Dan Chenier
Paul Vanbenesser
Fred Sherwin
Wayne Bower
Rick Thompsom
Suzanne Sanford
Mark McGee
Frank Leigh
Iris Phillips
Lois Kempt
Anike Laporte
Less White

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:30 pm.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Jan 15, 2004

Moved by Helen Rosseau, seconded by Jessica Tranquilly-Doherty that the minutes be accepted.

3.0 Business arising from the minutes of Jan 15, 2004

None

- 4.0 Rainer Bloess presented the draft city budget and guests presented their arguments and suggestions. This discussion went on until 8:45PM
 - 4.1 Among the subjects discussed were:
 - 4.1.1 The possible closing of the Blackburn pool
 - 4.1.2 The possible closing of the Blackburn library
 - 4.1.3 Effects that the cutting of the many activities would have on the youth, the elderly and other members of our community.
 - 4.1.4 Possible solutions to avoid cutting of services

5.0 New Business

The representative from the Welcome center was there to present funding request. Request was therefore dropped.

Mark McGee from the Community services who looks after the wading pools and outdoor rink program, presented a city proposal to turn the management of all city rinks into community based models. He needs a letter from the BCA confirming that the BCA received funding in return for servicing the Blackburn area rinks. Al Ross will read the suggested letter and get back to Mark.

- 6.0 Membership: Louise MacIntosh who had accepted to take on the role of membership director has recanted due to health related problems. BCA hence needs a new membership director. The cards for the 2004 membership drive have arrived. Paul Vanbenesser suggests a program using students from Louis Riel High School (HS) to coordinate the canvassers for the membership drive. BCA agrees that this is a good program. Paul will contact the student councilor at the HS to put the plan in motion.
- 7.0 Banar issue to be distributed during the weekend of March 26. Deadline for submission is March 10th.
- 8.0 Treasurer's report: No official report was available as Gord, the treasurer, was not present.
- 9.0 Fun fair: Al confirms that Gord has agreed to chair the 2004 Fun fair.
- 10.0 Winter Days: Mike reports that the Winter Fun Day is to be held Feb 21. Soccer House will be used. Activities including wagon rides and ski challenge start at 1:00PM. Door prizes will be drawn. BCA will set up a table for membership. Four people will bring chili. Jessica will get cups, plates, juice, water, coffee and cookies.

- 11.0 Environmental committee is getting rain barrels to sell at a discount to BCA members. Paula Rosenquist to submit a project proposal to Al including number and cost of barrels along with suggested selling price of the barrels.
- 12.0 Volunteer appreciation night is now set for April 24, 2004.
- 13.0 Elections:
 - Al Ross acclaimed as President
 - Chris Noyse as Vice-President
 - Roger Smiley as Secretary
 - all current directors as status quo
 - New vacant positions:
 - Treasurer, Membership Director
- 14.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.