

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting Thursday May 27th, 2004

In Attendance:

Members

Al Ross
Chris Noyes
Evelyn Budd
Helen Rosseau
Jan Whitehouse
Paula Rosenquist
Sarah Cloutier
Michael VanAanhout
Monica de Romer

Guests:

Rainer Bloess

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by
Al Ross at 7:36 pm.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of April 22nd, 2004

There were parts of the meeting that were not recorded in the minutes. Chris offered to correct them from his notes and have them approved at the June meeting.

3.0 A discussion ensued about whether we had a quorum or not, since Al wanted the Board to approve some budget material to the City to secure funding for 2004. 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.

To avoid a long and time consuming discussion, it was decided that we would deal with the problem of directors at the June meeting. Al will encourage directors to attend this meeting to ensure a quorum

4.0 President's Report

Al mentioned that he has a meeting with the City tomorrow to give them our budget information in their budget format. This information was distributed and accepted with minor corrections and additions.

Al also mentioned that all community associations now pay \$250 per year for liability insurance. In the past years we have been covered under the City's blanket policy. George Bushell, president of the "Blackburn Garden Plots" discussed this with Al and asked if we had to pay it as well. Al suggested that if they were associated with the BCA, they may be covered under our payment. Both Al and George will look into this with the City. Michael pointed out that this is the kind of activity that should be supported by the BCA.

Something not discussed, but should have been, was the need for the BCA to sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" evening for the upcoming federal election. Al will follow up with Jessica.

Something else not discussed concerns the construction of a dome at the Louis Riel School. A meeting was held at the school last week and attended by Al & Roger. Lynn represented Rainer. The dome will be constructed behind the school and will not be very visible from Bearbrook. The only concern we had was controlling the north exit lane. The engineers said they would look at that problem.

5.0 VP Report

Chris is ready to hire our Park Groomer for 2004. He was uncertain whether the funding from the City was in place or not. Al assured him that it was, but in order to secure it, we had to submit our budget to them in their format. The members agreed that even if the funding has not been received, he should go ahead and hire the "groomer" as soon as possible. Chris agreed.

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.

6.0 Treasurer

Al reported that all 17 Rain Barrels had been sold and the money deposited.

In the Capital Projects part of the budget, Al mentioned that we had an estimated \$1,800 remaining from last year's amount, plus the annual \$5,343 we receive every year, for a total of \$7,143 to spend in 2004. Of this, an estimated \$2,000 has been allocated towards the purchase of a park bench and table near the community hall.

One of the pages of the budget submission contains a table listing all the activities that the BCA supports in our community. Al updated his list and it is attached to these minutes.

7.0 Membership

Monica has been working with Christine and reports that the membership drive is going well, although there is still a shortage of canvassers to do about 25% of the hamlet. The spring seems to be a better time to solicit members. Monica distributed a list requesting people to sign up to man a booth at the Fun Fair. If anyone else can help, please call Monica or Christine.

8.0 Seniors

Sarah reported problems at Diceman Park. Apparently it is being used by some youth for drugs and the use of pellet guns has also been reported. The police respond as best they can and there doesn't appear to be much that the BCA can do about it other than advise people to be more vigilant and report suspicious activities to the police.

9.0 Education

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 "No Idling" signs have been installed 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.

11.0 BANAR

Evelyn reported that the Banar is back from the printer and will be distributed this weekend by the scouts.

12.0 Councilor

Rainer said that the City is looking into the possibility that the Bearbrook shack may be relocated as an addition to the pool building. More on this later.

The OC plan to cut services, as discussed last meeting, have been implemented.

13.0 Meeting adjourned

Attachment:

Activity	Date	Participants	Volunteers	Comments
Fun Fair	10-Jun-03	5,000	320	
Fun Run	17-Jun-03	150	6	
Winter Fun Day	21-Feb-04	160	4	
BANAR	5/year		15	
Youth Dances	Friday nites	110 ea.	10	
Volunteer Appreciation	24-Apr-04	92	6	
Environment	4 or 5/year		3	Rainbarrels, lectures
Neighbour Garage Sale	15-May-04	500 homes	2	
Annual Clean up	8-May-04	120	6	
Community Hall Ops.	on-going	1000	3	schedule, maintenance
Candidates meetings	as req'd	110	2	
Group Committee		60	6	
Seniors	on-going	50	12	
Child Care Services	on-going			Support only
Bridge Club	weekly	40	1	
Art Group	weekly	20	1	
St John's Ambulance	weekly		3	Support only
Girl Guides	weekly		4	Support only
Quilters	weekly	20	1	2 groups Support
Tree Planting & Maintenance	summer		1	