

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting Thursday Sept 16th, 2004

In Attendance:

Members

Al Ross *
Evelyn Budd
Helen Rosseau *
Jan Whitehouse
Sarah Cloutier *
Monica de Romer *
Gord Hawley *
Iris Philips *
* Active Directors, 6 out of ten

Guests:

Rainer Bloess
Michel Binda - Scouts
Wayne Wilson Police
Tom Scott – Future Director Membership
Rose Moore – Fun Fair
Ben Charlebois – Fun Fair

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:35pm.

- 2.0** Minutes of May 27, 2004, were approved: Motion by Iris; 2nd Helen
Minutes of June 17, 2004, were approved: Motion by Monica; 2nd Gord

3.0 Guest: Wayne Wilson

Wayne is stationed at the Community Police Centre on Blair Rd. and, amongst other things, is trying to set up a Neighbour Watch Program in Blackburn. He has a variety of information, some of which he distributed to the members. He will be putting on a Neighbour Watch presentation at the Community Hall on Oct 7th starting at 7:00 PM. Iris is setting it up with Wayne. The Blair Rd. office is open from 9 – 5, Monday to Friday.

3.1 Guest: Michel Binda

Mike is the Scout Commissioner for Blackburn and Chapel Hill South. Scouts Canada have changed their organization and appointed a Commissioner who then appoints the Group Committee. His job is to make sure leaders are in place and that the various units follow the Scouting programs. He asked the BCA to be their sponsor, which is what we have been for the past number of years.

He stated that the sponsor is supposed to help the Scout movement under their charter and when asked what support he needed, he said financial would be nice,

but accessibility to the Community Hall would reduce their costs for renting school gyms in the area.

The board told him that we would look at the Hall bookings and try to work something out with the current users. As for financial support the BCA does not generally support specific groups in the Hamlet, but this should not stop him from presenting his budget to the Board and making a case for specific projects for which he might need our assistance.

4.0 Chairman's Report:

We have received a request from Badminton for us to do their banking through the BCA. Apparently the TD Bank is charging them a \$6.00 monthly fee to maintain their own bank account. We have been doing this for years until last year when they asked if they could go alone.

The AGM will be held on the third Thursday in December. That means that the revisions to the by-laws must be published in the November BANAR. Al will distribute the revisions that were conditionally approved at the June meeting.

Al also mentioned that the adult Hockey and Ringette are separated from the BCA account as of Sept 1st.

The outdoor rinks will operate in the same manner as last year. Al will contact Chris to see what plans have been made for monitors. The changing hut at Bearbrook will be rebuilt by the City.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

Al presented and distributed financial information on the Bank Account and the status of City grants. At the time of the meeting there were only 3 Rain barrels unsold. When these are gone, we will have sold a total of 57 barrels and have \$576.21 remaining in the original \$1,000 from the City. Thanks to Caroline and Jan for hard work on this project.

We have received $\frac{3}{4}$ of our total City funding so far and the final quarter should be received by the end of September. The amount for the rink monitors will be the same as last year.

6.0 Fun Fair

Gord introduced Rose Moore and Ben Charlebois from the Fun Fair Board. The weather was good but the profits were down a bit from last year, and the share value was about half the amount from previous years. Expenses were considerably higher than anticipated and the City did not come through with the \$2,000 grant they received last year. Feedback from the groups was that the share money they get is not worth all the work they have to do for it. Gord would like to sit down with the BCA and work out a formula where the BCA could help them by absorbing some of the costs for specific expenses Gord will put together a list of projects with amounts tied to each. An amount of \$3 – 3.5k dollars was suggested as a ball park number to work with.

The Fun Fair Board has agreed that the Dunk Bozo apparatus is unsafe and should be junked. The will rent one next year.

7.0 Community Project

Gord reported that he and Lynn Leduc are trying to meet with the City and other City officials to discuss what can be with the area behind the Community Hall.

Al will call Victoria Noyes to discuss Christmas decorations for the Hamlet. The Board felt that last year's effort was well received and that we should expand for this year.

7.0 BANAR

The 202 Girl Guides delivered the Sept BANAR and Al will advise Rose when the cheque is ready. The next BANAR will be published in November and our AGM will be advertised, together with proposed changes to the By-laws, in this issue.

8.0 Membership

The 2004 membership campaign has come to a successful close. So far we have received \$7,620 in 2004 memberships. This is due to the hard work of Christine Carette assisted by Monica. Thanks for a job well done.

9.0 Councilor's Report

Rainer reported that the "Dogs on leash" issue has been put to bed with the regulations remaining as the Status-quo - Dogs on leashes everywhere. Yard Waste pickup has been reinstated.

The 2005 Budget process has started, on Oct 6th Al will attend a Community Leader meeting on the 7th where the City will ask for input from the various communities in the east end. If any member wants to come, please let Al know. If any Board member has input, please call Al, or Rainer.

Rainer mentioned that we should become aware of the plans for an East end bridge across the Ottawa River. One option under consideration is McLaurin Bay, which will bring it right near Bearbrook. Our preferred location would be Kettle Island, which would bring it close to the Aviation Parkway.

10.0 Election

It was moved by Sarah, seconded by Gord, that Tom Scott be elected to the position of Membership Director. - Unanimously passed.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.