

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

**Minutes of AGM Meeting
Thursday January 20, 2005**

In Attendance:

Members

Al Ross
Jessica Tranquilly- Doherty
Helen Rosseau
Paula Rosenquist
Suzanne Sanford
Tom Scott
Sarah Cloutier
Charles Kennedy
Evelyn Budd
Michael van Aanhout
Rainer Bloess
Iris Philips

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by
Al Ross at 7:34 PM.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 18, 2004

Moved by Sarah, seconded by Tom that the minutes be accepted.
Carried

3.0 Business arising from the minutes of Nov. 18, 2004.

Christmas decorations were installed by Roy's lighting for a total of \$150.00.

4.0 Chairman's Report

The changes to by laws were addressed and will be published in the Banar.

Changes to the BCA By-laws as passed at the Annual General Meeting Jan 20, 2005

Article 7.3 of the bylaws was amended to add the following Directors portfolios: Website Manager, Greenbelt Director, and Directors at Large.

Article 7.3 now reads:

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

(a) the President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer;
and may consist of: (b) one director with responsibility for each of the following: Membership, Publicity, Civic Affairs, Environment, Sports, Recreation and Parks Board, Education, Culture,

Community Groups Liaison, Children's Activities, Youth Activities, Seniors' Services, Business Community, Website Manager, Greenbelt Director and Directors at Large.

Article 11.2: The Standing Committee, "Preserve the Greenbelt", has been removed and the Community Hall has been added. It now reads:

11.211.2 In particular there may be the following Standing Committees:

- a) a) BANAR
- b) b) Fun Fair
- c) c) Recreation & Parks

5.0 Vice Chair Report

The outdoor rinks are being well managed by Paul VanBruinssen, and are running smoothly. With the onset of the City's potential decreased commitment with both maintenance and financial resources, Suzanne Sanford provided suggestions for several fundraising options for future consideration.

6.0 Treasurer's report

Al presented both the Profit and Loss report as well as the budget. A summary of the financial statement was published in the Banar. (A hard copy can be added to this copy of the minutes on request.)

7.0 Winter Fun Day is scheduled for Feb.19. Mike V has reserved the horse and sleigh ride and well as the Hornet's clubhouse and snowshoes. Sarah has organized the Chili contest.

8.0 Seniors: - Sarah reported that the Blackburn 50 + Club is thriving, and meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

9.0 Website: -Helen reported that the website is still being well used, ski maps are unique to our site as the NCC is no longer providing them. Fun Fair information will be posted as needed.

10.0 BANAR Evelyn reported Banar was being sent to the printer on Jan. 21, 2005. Evelyn reviewed the Banar budget and indicated that we would go up to 24 pages. As the Banar approaches 24 pages she has asked the Budd Graphics be given advertising at no cost. The board approved.

11.0 Education Report – Emily Carr School via the parents association thanks us for the ice shack. Anti idling update will be in the Banar.

12.0 Fun Fair – The date for the Fun Fair is June 11, 2005. The position of Chair is still vacant. Rose Moore is the point of contact, and will head up the Board of Directors.

- 13.0 Business Report** – Charles has had discussions with Bell Canada in reference to the phone outage situation. They were not receptive in coming to discuss this issue with the Board. Charles will also contact Tim Horton’s to discuss possible business ventures for a Franchise in the Hamlet. Charles will contact Lafarge as well.
- 14.0 Community Hall Report** – The BCA BOD will continue to meet at the library for meetings and not move them to the Community Hall. Friday night bookings for the Community Hall are now available with the cancellation of the Friday night Youth Dances. The Board would like to offer this slot to the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, at no charge, who currently hosts a drop-in centre in the library on Fridays. Rainer will follow up. The Board would like to see the Community Hall continue to be used for Youth Activity on Friday nights.
- 15.0 Environmental Report** – The Spring Garage Sale is scheduled for May 7, 2005. The Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 23, 2005. Mike V addressed the issue of the ongoing debate on ‘pesticide control in Ottawa’. Mike, on behalf of the Environmental Committee has informed the BCA that they will make a presentation to council to say that the Environmental Committee will work with the community activists on this issue. The last time the issue of cosmetic use of pesticides was debated the Environmental Committee did have the support of the BCA, and would we be in support of this again? Prior to the meeting in March, both sides of this debate will deliver sophisticated research on this subject and the Environmental Committee will host an information session at the Blackburn Community Hall.
- 16.0 Community Capital Development** projects will be co-chaired by Diane Emerson from the City, and two/three board members. In the interim, \$5,336 of city minor capital has been spent on bike racks and benches. The city will install them as soon as Jessica gives them the location.
- 17.0 Membership drive** – Early Bird Drive information for entry in the March 9, 2005 Banar. The first winter drive for memberships will take place at the Winter Fun Day held in February 19, 2005. We will be purchasing new cards for this year.

18.0 Elections of Directors for 2005:

The following Board of Directors was acclaimed for 2005:

Executive:

Chairperson:	Al Ross
Vice Chair:	Roger Smiley
Treasurer:	Al Ross (temporary)
Secretary:	Vacant

Directors:

Business:	Charles Kennedy
Seniors:	Sarah Clouthier
Education:	Paula Rosenquist
Civic Affairs:	Jessica Tranquility Doherty

Greenbelt:	Michael VanAanhout
Website:	Helen Rosseau
Environment:	Caroline Harris MacDonald
Youth:	Vacant
Parks & Rec.	Vacant

Paula Rosenquist was appointed as a signing officer. Our signing officers are now Roger, Al, and Paula. Two of three are required to sign cheques.

- 19.0 New Business** – the lights in several parks are still not functioning properly. Rainer will look into this with the City of Ottawa.
- 20.0** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 ish PM.