

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 21st, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross	Roger Smiley
Charles Kennedy	Laura Czekaj
Jenn Cloutier	Evelyn Budd
Lynn Leduc	Sarah Cloutier

Guests: François Robichaud, (Royal Galipeau's office)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January AGM were approved on a motion by Charles Kennedy, seconded by Al.
Motion passed

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Roger reported that Jan Quinn has agreed to use the Notre Dame des Champs Community Hall for her aerobics classes that interfere with the City's PD Days and spring break programs. Chapel Hill South held a very successful Winter Fun Day on Feb 16th. This was the first event held by this new association and it appears like the Chapel Hill Community Association has been established on a firm footing.

The Blackburn Shopping Centre sign will be extended 36" to accommodate the Tim Horton's sign.

Aluminum wiring continues to be an issue and despite many inquiries, we are still without straight answers. We will continue these inquiries in 2008.

The City is looking for the names of volunteers in the community for recognition. The submission date is March 25th. Please call Roger if you have any candidates, with a brief synopsis of achievements.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al reported that our bank account is in good shape and we will likely overspend the City grant allotment for our Outdoor Rinks. This is not a problem as we have monies left over from over program funds.

Some of our investment GIC's matured in February and were reinvested in similar 18 month paper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENTAL

Barb Sweazey will organize the annual clean-up day on April 19th, with the rain day on the 26th. The Garage Sale will be held on May 3rd.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The work on the Green's Creek Bridge on Montreal Road will not likely be completed until September of 2008.

FUN FAIR

Jenn reported that this year's Fun Fair will be held on June 6th, 7th, & 8th. All Directors are in place except the Director of Facilities. Next FF meeting will be held at the Arms on next Monday night starting at 8:00 PM. Please let Jenn know if you know anyone that would consider taking on this responsibility.

Planned events include:

- Live Auction
- Midway rides (on parking lot this year)
- Fund raising Comedy night at Wally's in March
- Pizza competition
- Olympics Theme
- Lebonese Food plus Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, etc.
- 50 piece Police Pipe Band

OUTDOOR RINKS

The trend in other communities is to have Community Associations look after the flooding and snow clearing responsibilities for their outdoor rinks. Our policy for next season will be discussed by Roger, Tom and Paul VanBruinessen in April.

This year we have had some problems with both the adult and youth volunteers. Paul has indicated that he will not be available to run the volunteers next season. The BCA will have to decide how we want to run the rinks next season.

WEBSITE

Helen reported that the website suffered a crash recently but has been revived successfully. We have received many positive comments on it and it is being used more and more each day.

BANAR

Evelyn reported that the February Banar was delivered by The Citizen with the Flyer Force doing the non-Citizen houses. Some Flyer Force houses didn't receive it, but it's hard to find out how many were not delivered.

OTHER BUSINESS

MP REPORT

François Robichaud reported that there will be another Passport Day at Royal's office at a date to be determined. Previous passport days were very successful. The date will be advertised in the local newspapers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Laura is collecting kid's books for the Social Housing Communities. All donations are welcome. Please call Laura if you have any books.

NEXT MEETING

Due to a scheduling problem at the library, the next meeting will be held Tuesday March 25th at 7:30 in the library conference room.

Future meetings will be held Thursday, April 17th and Tuesday, May 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 on a motion by Charles, seconded by Sarah.