

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday April 17th, 2008**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Roger Smiley  
Tom Scott  
Jennifer Cloutier  
Helen Rosseau  
Evelyn Budd  
Laura Czekaj  
Paula Rosenquist

**Guests:** Sheryl Tracy (resident), Garth Hampson (resident)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion** for the approval of the April minutes by Tom, seconded by Laura ---- passed

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

During the discussions of business arising from the minutes, the meeting strayed into other parts of the agenda. For the purpose of these minutes these items of discussion will appear under their agenda items.

Roger will be meeting with Lafarge to go over the issues brought up at their presentation in April. Evelyn will join him for the Banar.

Jen reported that Lafarge will loan their large tent for the Funfair and will be running buses to and from the quarry on Funfair Sunday for an Open House and blasting demonstration.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Regarding bookings of the community center, the scouts will be moved temporarily to the center at Notre Dame des Champs as they conflict with Jan's Workout. Jan's program has a scheduled relocation to Notre Dame des Champs during the Christmas Break, March Break, and on public school PD days.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Not in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FUNFAIR**

Funfair is rolling ahead. Most events are organized. More volunteers are still needed. Carnival company will repair any damages done to the soccer fields.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AND SPRING CLEAN UP**

Scott will put up the signs for the Garage Sale.

**BANAR**

Helen reported that the city has asked to advertise in the Banar.

**PARKS AND RINKS**

Scott hasn't met with Paul about the rinks yet. The city's offer to manage the rinks is still being considered.

There have been 2 applicants for the park clean up job.

### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Not in attendance

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Laura and Garth gave reports on the graffiti situation. The City is spending nearly 2 million on education and clean-up. The problem has grown recently, with all the new park signs defaced as well as many other public surfaces. Residents are asked to report incidences by calling 311 as soon as they are noticed and, if possible, take a picture so those responsible can be properly prosecuted.

Private property affected must be cleaned up within 30 days. Hate graffiti is removed by the city within 24 hours. The city will provide assistance if required. Failure to clean it up will have the city remove the graffiti and bill the property owner. Laura will try to get clean-up kits from the city for the Community Clean Up. Garth will round up volunteers.

Parents of minors are responsible for their children's damage and will be fined. Tips on cleaning property, protecting it from vandalism, and determining of one's children are culprits will be in the BANAR.

Clean up of the skate park is being considered.

Laura will send a press release to the NewRO about the graffiti clean up.

Garth commended the BCA and the BANAR in particular for their contributions to the community.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at 7:30, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the library.