

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Thursday June 19th, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Evelyn Bud
Al Ross
Charles Kennedy
Paula Rosenquist
Laura Czekaj
Annick Laporte
Lynn Leduc

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April minutes moved by Helen, seconded by Evelyn, carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Roger will speak with Lafarge regarding a group of citizens complaining about noise. May arrange a tour for the individuals.

Lafarge put on a presentation at the Funfair, though there was no blasting demonstration due to the by-law prohibiting Sunday blasting.

The Blackburn Garage Sale was once again a success. Paula remitted receipts to Roger for advertisement costs.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Roger attended the Ottawa Police meeting. Statistically, Ottawa East has fewer crimes than Ottawa West or South. Only traffic violations are a problem.

The managers of the Allotment Gardens have asked the BCA for a reimbursement of \$720 to pay for the backhoe services they hired to clear the ditches around the gardens. The state of the ditches was causing flooding in the gardens. Al moved to pay the \$720, Charles seconded, carried.

Roger will send a note requesting that the lawnmower and gas cans be removed from the community hall lockers as they contravene the fire safety codes of the hall.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Open Forum for the Inter-provincial Bridge had approximately 60 speakers. The need to be vocal and vigilant against the Lower Duck option is still vital.

The rehabilitation of the Green's Creek bridge is nearly complete and will finished by the end of August.

An advanced green was requested for the north turns onto Bearbrook from Old Innes. Rainer will try to get one put in.

Four security cameras have been installed and are functioning 24 hours. Two are behind the preschool, one on the ball diamond, and one on the community center. Al are monitored in the arena by day and at City Hall at night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

Funfair was a great success. Jen Cloutier and her committee members did a great job and were supported by excellent volunteers. This year's Funfair made approximately \$4,000.

Only a few incidents marred the event: There was confusion over the difference between the ride tickets and the food and drink tickets. Signage regarding this will be improved for next year. Tires were slashed after closing time along Bearbrook Road. Additional police will be requested for the closing hour.

Next year is the Funfair's 40th Anniversary. Jen and her sister Trish will co-chair the committee. The Ladies Softball League have again agreed to handle the bar.

BANAR

The next BANAR is September 6th. The Tae Kwando school delivered the BANAR and added a flyer to it during delivery. The flyer caused many complaints. The BANAR will continue to have a *No Flyer* policy. November 1st. Bernard Booth's letter regarding speeding will appear in it. Police have been busy in the Hamlet stopping speeders and Rainer will obtain statistics, such as the number of tickets given, for the BANAR to publish with the letter.

PARKS AND RINKS

Park clean-up has begun.

NEW BUSINESS

Paula requested bike racks on the 94 buses.

Complaints have been made about speeding in the hamlet and both motorists and cyclist running the lights at Innes and Bearbrook. Residents are asked to be vigilant and take plate numbers.

Rainer will try to get police to do a blitz in the summer.

Jacky Shaw put the BCA in contact with *The Company of Fools*, an acting group that will be doing "Shakespeare in the Park" in Blackburn Hamlet. Location to be announced. The BCA will help with set-up and advertising.

Evelyn has bought the plasma TV for the Blackburn Membership Draw. The draw will be held July 31st. No board members are eligible to win it. The motion to hold the draw for the TV and to make BCA members ineligible was motioned by Tom, seconded by Charles, and carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is September 18th, 2008 at 7:30 in the library.