

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday September 17th, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Al Ross
Evelyn Budd
Laura Dudas
Paula Rosenquist
Trishia Cloutier
Patrick Kahtouni
Annick Laporte
Lynn Leduc
Rainer Bloess

CALL TO ORDER

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:30.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

June minutes were remitted to the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The East Ottawa Resource Center has expressed concerns about security issues in the area behind the arena. Representatives from the Emily Murphy housing and community housing developments have met with police. The group has met with local businesses and is hoping to initiate a Safety Coalition or Crime Stoppers chapter. Roger will meet with them to discuss possible initiatives. He will also write an article about the RC in the next BANAR. An article on community responsibility will follow this, as well as one on parental responsibilities, as part of an ongoing series.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BCA finances are in good shape. The balance sheet will be published in the next BANAR. More money needs to be devoted to Youth programs. Al moved that we devote \$200 liability to the budget. Carried.
Al also moved that the BCA acquire director and officer's liability insurance of \$1,000,000 for \$400 (plus tax). Seconded by Paula. Carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks were well cleaned all summer long.

MEMBERSHIPS

The draw for the Membership Drive will be on Oct. 10th. The results will be posted in the following BANAR.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

- Green bins are on the way.
- Pathways are being redone. The Ste-Marie pathway is in particularly bad shape but repairing it is not in their budget this year.
- There is big demand on the 94 route. The frequency has been increased to 7-8 minutes at peak hours. The 128 now runs every 15 minutes as it has amalgamated the old 25 route.
- Infrastructure funding will be available to add to the Hornet's Nest facilities. They will be getting showers and change rooms.
- Lynn referred to the 2010 Community Volunteer event: "Choosing Our Future".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

The 2009 Funfair went very well and ran smoothly. Trishia, Laura, Roger, Ben, and Al will close last year's books. Following the meeting the new chair will be announced. The date for the Volunteer Appreciation Night has yet to be determined but will likely be held in 2 week's time.

COMMUNITY CENTER

- The back fence was repaired and improved by Fence-All.
- Special events permits will be required at all future functions, no exceptions.
- A satellite dish was donated to the center.
- The City wants the center to adjust its rates to be more in line with other centers.

NEW BUSINESS

Paula will apply for the next city grant to cover the rain barrel deficit. She will look into selling more rain barrels at the spring and fall clean-ups to further efforts to green the Hamlet.

Trishia reported that the Children's Welcome Center's budget will force them to close within 12 months. Roger suggested the BANAR do a spotlight on the facility to help them get exposure. Trishia will write the article.

Steven LeGrow, owner of Blackburn Tae Kwan Do, has won the Canadian Tae Kwan Do championship and will be representing Canada at the world level in May. Steve Chestnut, a Blackburn Hamlet resident, is helping him fundraise to obtain the \$6500 required to make the trip to the finals in Argentina. Mr. Chestnut emailed seeking advice on obtaining community funding. Laura motioned that the BCA donate \$200 to help with travel expenses. Annick seconded. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05