

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday, January 20, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley	Evelyn Budd
Trisha Cloutier	Rainer Bloess
Laura Czekaj Dudas	Tom Scott
Charles Kennedy	Annick Laporte
Patrick Kahtouni	Helen Rosseau
Sheryl Tracy	Amy Duquette
Chris Fraser	

GUESTS:

Moe Graham – Just Food
Tammy Seguin – EORC – Blackburn Health Link
George Bushell - Blackburn Allotment Gardens
Sarah Walter
Roland Lecomte
Charelle Evelyn - EMC

CALL TO ORDER

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to amend the minutes – motioned by Helen and seconded by Trisha=motion carried

- Helen had not yet made the switch for the BCA website to a professional hosting service at the time of the last meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As part of the official hockey day in Canada, the BCA will be hosting a hockey day in the Hamlet to take place February 12, 2011. Between 10:00am and 12:00pm the Timbits would be using the ice for practice time. Between noon and 2:00pm the rink will be open the all public skaters. To be held at the Norman Johnson rink.

Roger motioned that the BAC donate \$200.00 towards the event to furnish hot chocolate, coffee and such things. Trisha seconded = motion carried.

Laura also wanted to encourage everyone to fill out the survey regarding our waste removal on the City of Ottawa website.

The BCA will be sponsoring a blood donor clinic February 23, 2011 to be held at the Good Shepherd school. Roger motioned we donate \$100.00 toward the clinic. Charles seconded=motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

- The rinks are now open. Operation hours are 4:00pm – 9:00pm Monday to Friday and 11:00am – 9:00pm Saturdays and Sundays.
Tom reported that the city has approximately 20 signs to use for Hockey Day in the Hamlet.

WEBSITE

- Helen has now made the switch for the BCA website to a professional web hosting company.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Rainer re-enforced Laura's message to check out the City of Ottawa website to fill in the waste management survey. There will be another public consultation at the Shenkman Arts Centre February 28, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

The Fun Fair is moving right along. The 50+ group has mentioned they would like to participate at the Fun Fair.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Next meeting held by the Expansion Sub-committee will be February 8, 2011. At this stage initial statistics are being gathered. They are hoping to meet with a representative from the city.

GUESTS:

Sarah Walter from "Just Food" (a non-profit organization) wanted to announce their plans for the old NCC greenhouses located at Innes and Tauvette. They are hoping to take over the sight, renovate it and start a variety of programs – many geared towards the public. One of their many goals is the teach the public about eco gardening/farming by holding demonstrations and hands on workshops. They also want to support local farmers and local businesses by being the link between the two. They have the Food Bank as one of their partners for this project. There is to be a series of public consultations at yet to be determined dates and locations.

Tammy Seguin has replaced Nathalie Steele at the EORC. They would like to introduce more programs for the community. Their goals are to have programs that are long term and sustainable for our community.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 – Motion by Tom, Seconded by Trisha.- carried.