

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday March 24th, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Laura Czekaj Dudas
Trisha Cloutier
Roger Smiley
Al Haggerty
Paul aRosenquist
Al Ross
Evelyn Budd
Charles Kennedy
Jeff Miller
Ali Yassine
Tom Scott
Rainer Bloess
Annick Laporte

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Laura at 7:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the February minutes was motioned by Ali, seconded by Al, carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The association's bylaws need amending and the roles of the directors require defining. Each member was asked to put some thought into defining what their responsibilities entail in a concise blurb that will be added to the association's manual. Any new bylaws and positions will be ratified at the next (2012) AGM. The "Just Foods" meeting regarding the new lease at the Tauvette greenhouses went well. Just Foods will have a website and blog to reach their client base and keep residents up to date on the renovations. They will be taking over the greenhouses and adjacent buildings shortly and hope to be farming the land this summer. There may be livestock and private farmers using the land. Just Foods has expressed their intention to disrupt as little as possible for the nearby residents and users of the Tauvette fields.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The BCA's financial report will be posted in the BANAR. Al reported that the books are balance and the finances are in good shape.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ali reported that the winter season has now closed and a job posting has been put in the BANAR for a park clean up person. He will be doing interviews with the help of Tom and Roger.

MEMBERSHIPS

Al reported on behalf of the 50 Plus club that they will be selling BCA memberships at the Funfair.

ENVIRONMENT

Laura's initiative of a compost seminar has been postponed due to unforeseeable circumstances. New date to be announced. A notice will be posted in the EMC.

Paula reported that the clean-up date was set for April 16th (rain date April 30th). The Annual Garage Sale will be held on May 7th.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Rainer informed the BCA that the 125 route will be eliminated. The 94 will see an increase in frequency and the number of buses to make up for this and it will have a new transfer at Blair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

The 50 Plus Club will provide security for the silent auction. The Red Hats ladies are proposing the rental of a 21 seat bicycle for the parade. Trishia was looking for a student volunteer coordinator. Ali volunteered for the position.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Hall Expansion Group has deemed it necessary to obtain further input from the community and is constructing a survey. The survey will be handed out to hall renters, at public events such as the Spring Clean-Up and Funfair, and will be on the website. The objective is to obtain raw data confirming (or denying) a provable need for an expansion. This information is critical in defining the type of expansion and whether or not the public will be willing to shoulder the financial costs of the endeavour.

NEW BUSINESS

An All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming federal election was proposed by Charles and will be looked into.

Amie will be meeting with the local principals at the local schools. Trishia proposed helping set up and sponsor homework clubs.

Jeff will be putting together a seminar on aluminium wiring for residents of

Blackburn at the Community Hall.

Feedback was given on the logo update. It will be kept closely to the original.

Two of the honorariums received increases:

Jan's Community Hall Honorarium was increased from \$400 to \$450.

Motioned by Roger, seconded by Helen, carried.

Evelyn's BANAR Honorarium was increased by 10%.

Motioned by Roger, seconded by Annick, carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40