

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday, February 16, 2012
Annual General Meeting**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trisha Cloutier
Laura Czekaj Dudas
Charles Kennedy
Evelyn Budd
Lynn Leduc
Ali Yassine

Rainer Bloess
Jan Whitehouse
Paula Rosenquist
Helen Rosseau
Sheryl Tracy
Chris Fraser

GUESTS:

Darla Barrows
John Hopkins
Debbie Begg

CALL TO ORDER

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Correction to the previous minutes: We are seeing 2 -3 new BCA memberships each month. The minutes were approved. Motioned by Charles, seconded by Helen, carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Laura gave her president's report. She spoke of the programs and initiatives the BCA supported over the year and thanked the many volunteers who made them possible. She underlined the importance of our newly revamped website and new signage and how these things will help engage the community. Laura wished departing board and Vice President, Annick Laporte, well and thanked her for all her hard work. Laura's full report will appear in the next BANAR.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ali reports that things ran smoothly with the parks and rinks including the annual Hockey Day in the Hamlet. Ali also wanted to thank all the volunteers and employees for their hard work this past year.

MEMBERSHIPS

As usual we are always looking for support via new BCA members. There are 2 -3 new memberships being sold every month. As usual, there is a membership table at most major events in the community, including but not limited to the Fun Fair and Hockey Day in the Hamlet.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

The police have a lead on a suspect with regards to the robbery at the gas station. There will also be more information being released regarding the inter-provincial bridge. There will be a link posted on the BCA website pointing people to the bridge funding overview.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

The annual report for the Fun Fair is in and it was even more successful than prior years. Trisha supplied an expense breakdown for review. She says there was a huge support from community sponsors and volunteers and wanted to thank all involved for their help.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The group will be meeting with a representative from the city. The goal is to see about costs, potential square footage. The city has a price matching program that will match what the community can fund raise towards the expansion. Further news to follow at future meetings.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following people were voted in as board members and appointments.

BOARD

President – Laura Czekaj Dudas
Vice-President – Vacant
Treasurer – Al Ross
Community Relations – Charles Kennedy
Environment – Paula Rosenquist
*Education/Youth – Darla Barrows
Seniors – Al Haggarty
Parks and Recreation – Ali Yassine
Memberships – Jeff Miller
Communications – Chris Fraser
Website – Helen Rosseau
Secretary – Sheryl Tracy

APPOINTMENTS

BANAR – Evelyn Budd
Community Hall – Jan Whitehouse
Funfair Committee – Trisha Cloutier

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm