

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Meeting February 20, 2014**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Laura Dudas
Sheryl Tracy
Ali Yassine
Helen Rosseau
Paula Rosenquist
Rainer Bloess
Al Ross
Evelyn Budd
Frank Blais
Mike Murphy
Trish Clouthier
Al Haggerty
Francois Trapanier

CALL TO ORDER

Al Ross called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

President's Report:

- 1 Arena free skate. There were approximately 150 in attendance and hot chocolate was served compliments of the BCA.
- 2 Minimum wage increase in June 2014: Students will be paid the new minimum wage once in effect. Motion by Ali/Second Al R.
- 3 Request for coffee carafe: Motion by Ali. Second by Helen to put \$240.00 towards two carafes to be used at local events.
- 4 The BCA will put \$1000.00 towards the new play structure at Ecole St. Marie.

Directors' Reports:

Al Haggerty would like to invite anyone interested in the 50+ group to join up. There are many outings and events planned by the group.

Ali reported that there were approx. 300 people that came out to Hockey day in the Hamlet this year. It was the biggest year to date. They raised over \$300.00 for the local food bank. Ali would like to thank all the sponsors who donated prizes & volunteers.

Evelyn is looking for volunteers to deliver the June issue of the banner.

Mike Murphy wants to encourage people to sign up to our BCA Facebook page.

Paula mentioned that one of the teachers at Emily Carr School is interested in starting a tree planting initiative. More details to come in the future.

Laura is looking for volunteers for the community tree planting initiative. Please contact her for more details.

Guest: Moe Garahan from Just Food

Just Food is interested in continuing to communicate to the public with regards to their progress. She emphasizes that their role is a learning facility. They teach people how to farm produce.

They will be a certified organic farm at the end of 2014. The primary focus is produce such as vegetable crops.

They also have community outreach programs that have involved local schools touring the premises. Interest in their teaching programs included new/young farmers, urban youth, new Canadians and people looking to start 2nd careers. There were 10 projects this past growing season.

There is a public meeting at the community hall March 11, 2014 starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion by Helen – 2nd by Al