

Blackburn Community Association

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023 7:30 pm

1. Call to order at 7:35pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from previous meetings
 - Motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2023 by Lisa Margeson. Seconded by Sarah Morgan-White. Carried.
4. Member of Parliament Update (Marie-France Lalonde)
 - The next Federal Budget will be arriving in March or April. It is expected one of the biggest pillars will be Health Care. The Government and the Provinces have reached an overall agreement. The second phase is underway to negotiate the bilateral agreements with each Province.
 - The Emergencies Act commission report on the convoy response will be tabled on February 17.
 - Ontario now has signed on to the Child Care program which provides a 50% rate reduction for families. They are still working out details including available child care spaces.
 - As part of an effort to improve Federal Services in our riding, we now have a Service Canada office at Place d'Orleans that is processing Passport applications and the GC Co-sharing workspace at Place d'Orleans has reopened.
 - While we had excellent feedback from the Community regarding the proposed Orleans riding electoral boundary changes, the commission has decided to keep the proposed changes, which means Blackburn Hamlet could be part of the Ottawa Vanier Gloucester riding in the next Federal election. Marie France-Lalonde will be filing an objection to the boundary change at the standing committee for Procedure and House Affairs.
5. BCA Finances (Lisa Margeson)
 - January receipts were \$22,000 including \$7,000 from the City to support the rinks and \$5,000 from Hall rentals. Expenses were \$6000, mostly on snow removal and ice monitors for the outdoor rinks. We have \$76k in our bank account.
 - The Auditors are now reviewing our 2022 financial statements. If their final report is not ready by March 1st, we will circulate the draft statements on March 1st in advance of our upcoming AGM on March 23.

6. Cancer Chase (Don Kelly)

- Don has received a promising reply from the Convent Glen Orléans Wood Community Association (CGOWCA) regarding a joint 2023 event. While their board is small and resources are limited, they would be able to support the event using their active social media presence. Don will be following up with the CGOWCA in March. The event would be held around 3rd week of September 2023.

7. Home Inspection Event & Community Christmas Tree (Don Kelly)

- Don met with Const. Larue to start planning of the Home Security event scheduled for June 8 at the Community Hall. An announcement was included in the February BANAR and a more detailed article will be included in the next BANAR. They are gathering props for the presentation and will be looking for volunteers to assist.
- Karl Frangian and Don Kelly are still looking at decorating a tree, but the four corners sites (3 trees and our sculpture/garden) are not viable. They are looking at either a Park display or a tree by Blackburn Pharmacy.

8. Cycle events (Don Kelly)

- Youth rodeo – Thanks to help from Dave Garand, they have found two experienced volunteers to run the event instead of the Ottawa Safety Council.
- Adult Ride on June 10th - Planning of the event is progressing well. There will not be a demonstration bus, but they do have support from the Ottawa Police Services.
- Sharon Kes suggested it would be nice to organize a bike giveaway in advance of the Youth Rodeo so that more families can participate. Don/Rob to follow-up with OPS and other possible sources, such as the Blackburn Hamlet Garage Sale.

9. Hall (Lynn Lefevre)

- Bridge Tables – All of them are ours and need to be stored in the Hall or our closet.
- Ping Pong Table – Pickup has been delayed due to challenges arranging transport. Mark to follow-up.
- Chair Stacks – We are receiving regular reports that stacks are above 10 chairs high. There has been some improvement with the new signs and the expectation is it will improve more when the ping pong table has been removed. Pamela will review the policy on the email sent to renters and update it if necessary.
- Emergency Contacts – The form that renters receive contains Pamela's number and a note that staff may be available at the arena if it is open. We can also call the public number for the Arena if needed.
- Thermostat – This is accessible to renters and is inside the hall near the light switches. If temperature issues are reported, the thermostat should be checked first.

- Lights – We have two options for the replacement of the hall lights with new LED lighting - wait for times when staff are available or shut down hall for a few days. It was decided that the existing lighting is sufficient and there us no urgency to replace it. Pamela will advise John to schedule replacement whenever staff and the Hall are available.
- Outlets – new 20 amp outlets have been installed during quiet hours to reduce instances where breakers have been tripped.
- Mark to follow-up with John and Laura regarding the need for public Wifi in the Hall.

10. President Updates (Mark Lister)

- Maintaining the rinks has been challenging this year due to the warm weather. A decision will be made early next week to determine if we will be able to restore the ice from the recent thaw and reopen the rinks.
- It was suggestion we consider booking the indoor rink for a free public skate and winter event in future years to reduce the dependency on the weather.
- Mark and Brent are still planning to hold a volunteer event in the Spring.

11. Adjournment (Next Board meeting is March 16, 2023) 8:40pm

Attendees

Mark Lister
 Lisa Margeson
 Lynn Lefevre
 Barbara Whittaker
 Don Kelly
 Miriam Hampson
 Nina Ryan
 Sarah Morgan-White
 Satinder Sahota
 Pamela Barton
 Marion Hall
 Marie-France Lalonde
 Sharon Kes

BCA Board 2022-2023

Executive

President	Mark Lister	president@blackburnhamlet.ca
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Director at Large	Satinder Sahota	
Director at Large	Vacant	

Committee Chairs

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Website	Steve Vesely	webmaster@blackburnhamlet.ca

Events

Bike Rodeo	Robert Bellizzi	transportation@blackburnhamlet.ca
Canada Day	Lino Demasi	canadaday@blackburnhamlet.ca
Cancer Chase	Don Kelly	cancerchase@blackburnhamlet.ca
Fun Fair	Trish Cloutier, Mike Murphy & Brent Lawrie – Interim Co-chairs	funfairchair@gmail.com
Garage Sale	Sarah Morgan-White	enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca
Garden Tour	Cynthia Hoisak	gardentour@blackburnhamlet.ca
Hockey Day	Mark Lister	parksandricks@blackburnhamlet.ca
Photo Contest	Jen Read	photocontest@blackburnhamlet.ca
Pot Luck Dinners	Auramarina Sawyer	
Santa's Pancake Breakfast	Don Kelly & Angie Jodoin	santasbreakfast@blackburnhamlet.ca
Seniors Information Event	Vacant	seniors@blackburnhamlet.ca
Spring Cleanup	Lisa Margeson	cleanup@blackburnhamlet.ca
Volunteer Appreciation	Mark Lister	president@blackburnhamlet.ca