

The executive after approving the minutes of the December executive meeting reviewed several items of correspondence including the letter from the CN and CP Express which turned down the BCA's request for delivery and pick-up service to Blackburn. (letters published in this BANAR).

The budget for 1976 was reviewed again and the version to be presented for approval at a general meeting on Jan. 27 was approved by the executive and will be published in the BANAR. A very close monitoring of the expenditures and revenues of all the BCA programmes will have to be maintained.

The insurance policies of the BCA will be reviewed and updated and improved services sought.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Civic Affairs - Jack McGuinty reported that the site plan for the building of a store at Blackburn Corners was rejected by the Gloucester Planning Board. The Blackburn Shopping Centre plans will be available this month and the Township will make every effort to clear them through as quickly as possible. The BCA will advise the Mayo commission of its intention to submit a brief to the Commission studying Ottawa Regional Government.

Special Projects - Lorrie Saville reported that the play 'the Pied Piper of Hamelin' was both enjoyable and a financial success. Another play may be presented in April. The fertilizer drive will be in the first week of April, advertising to begin in February. The operation of the Tuck shop in the Detention Centre began two weeks ago.

Fun Fair - Joanne Cottingham reported that the first meeting of the Fun Fair Committee will be held on January 19. She has several co-ordinators already lined up but still needs many more helpers.

Youth Activities - Terry Goldberger reported that the Disco equipment had been purchased and had arrived for a total cost of \$4400. Discos will be held every Friday night at Emily Carr School. The necessary security is being provided by parent volunteers and more are needed. The dance marathon was a large success. The operation of the Summer Day Camp will be reviewed at the next executive meeting.

Membership - Lou Scherlowski reported that the membership campaign is almost completed and the results vary depending on the areas. A better publicized campaign could not have been held. In some areas the response was in excess of 85%, while in others mainly the condominiums, the response was 50% or less. Additional memberships will be picked up at the various registrations when non-members realize the financial advantages of membership. Memberships will be checked at all registrations.

Group Committee - Mr. Carmen Keyes presented a proposal of the group committee in which the Scouts and Venturers would raise funds to finance the costs involved in sending as many boys as possible to the Canadian Scout Jamboree in P.E.I. in 1977. These fund raising efforts will be co-ordinated through the group committee and with the BCA so that there will not be any conflict. It was estimated that the total cost of sending 50 boys would be \$10,000.00. All funds raised by the Scouts and Venturers towards this goal would be distributed according to the participation of each boy in the particular fund raising activity. The executive endorsed this principal and proposal and commended the group committee for planning for the Jamboree so far in advance.

The schedule for the balance of the BCA operational year (ending on May 31) is:

- February - formation of the nominating committee for executive positions
- March - nominating committee report
- April - election if necessary
- May - end of current BCA year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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THE BCA OWES A HEARTY VOTE OF THANKS TO MRS. C. CAMERON, MRS. D. MUIILLARD, AND MRS. B. MANNION FOR ORGANIZING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS DANCE.

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