

Gerry Beament reported that Art Szabo has now taken over the duties of the Ice Activities Co-ordinator.

George Bushell attended the Blackburn Tennis Committee Annual Meeting held on March 3, 1980. Overall operation of the courts was discussed at length including the following ideas:-

- a pay-as-you play policy.
 - hiring of a monitoring service by the BCA's Tennis Committee.
 - operation of the courts by Gloucester under the direction of the BHCRC.
- The BHCRC is scheduled to meet on March 6, 1980 where further consideration of these and other ideas will be examined.

Gloucester Township want to increase the monthly rental that we pay for the Canteen at the Blackburn Arena or operate the Canteen themselves. The BCA Sub-Committee did not feel that a rent increase was justified but neither did they want to lose the profit generated by the Canteen that would occur if Township operated the Blackburn facility as they do all other arena canteens in the Township. Consequently a compromise was suggested, The Township would manage and operate the Canteen but they would agree to use Blackburn volunteers to staff the facility during the hours that we presently keep it open (i.e. 4-10 p.m. week-days and 10-10 week-ends) and pay us at least minimum wage. It appears, with this arrangement, that the BCA would realize about the same income as now. Furthermore, less work would be involved and the Township would obtain control, provide longer hours of service and so on.

Registration for the 1980 baseball season will be held in early April.

A Nominating Committee will be formed by our next Executive meeting. To date the positions to be filled on our Executive are the following: Special Projects, Membership, Secretary, Education, Sports and President.

Cablevision. A further survey has been carried out on Bearbrook Road and 35 residents were contacted. The result of this survey was a split vote. Andy Macdonald plans to send a letter to all of the residents informing them of the outcome and that the BCA will take no further action. A letter will be sent to Cablevision, Bell, Township and other involved parties stating the same.

Pet Control. The Pet Control Sub-Committee has met twice in the last month. They have checked with Gloucester Township and two By-laws related to pet control exist now. (1) Dogs must be licenced. (2) Dogs must be under control of their owners at all times. In addition, there are some areas such as parks where it is posted that no dogs are allowed. The Committee is also meeting with Health officials. Andy hopes that he will have a resume to present at our next Executive meeting along with some ideas on how to solve the problem.

Lois Kemp reported that Fun Fair Day will be held on June 7, 1980. The Fun Fair Dance will be held in the Arena and Harry King is making all the necessary arrangements. The Theme for Fun Fair this year will be "Western". A co-ordinator has been found to run the Teenagers Coral. It will be held in the Lacross Box. The Kiwanis Club is planning a fly-casting contest for adults and children. Both Guides and Scouts are heavily involved with Fun Fair activities this year.

All Blackburn skating rinks this year have had exceptionally good ice conditions. However, when the first thaw occurs the rinks will be closed for the season.

Unfortunately Monte Carlo Nite has been cancelled as no one came forward to organize this event.

Information re the Fertilizer Drive will be published in the April BANAR. Prices have gone up slightly this year.

The Volunteers Dance will be held at Emily Carr on Saturday, April 26, 1980. Chuck Conway is co-ordinating this event.

Mike Roche, Michelle Ashdown, John and Gwen Pollard attended the Gloucester Council meeting on March 3, 1980. The councillors have decided to pay for an adult crossing guard on Bearbrook Road and not ask the School Board for part payment. Council voted to pay the guard up to \$900 to supervise the crossing to the end of the school year. The job involves about 3 hours of work a day at the minimum wage. Gwen Pollard stated that she would try to hire a guard within the next 10 days. Gwen will put notices in the area stores and ask the schools to include an ad in their school letters.

Colin Sangster reported that we are still on an insurance binder and will continue so until Gloucester Township completes the details for the new policy.

An application for funds was received from the Association for Children with Special Needs. They operate a Saturday Gym and Swim Program for children with special needs in Gloucester. A MOTION was made by Gwen Pollard, seconded by Eldon Kemp that \$150 be granted to this Association with the condition that they advertise their Program in Blackburn (i.e. through BANAR ads and direct contact with local schools). CARRIED.

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HELP WANTED

Gloucester Fund Raising Group is looking for volunteers. Our Office is located at Cyrville and Blair Road. If you can make a commitment of at least 2½ hours per week and would like to be part of an active volunteer group whose goal is to raise half a million dollars by September, call us at 741-1350, # 57.

AUCTION NEWS

One man's junk is another man's treasures, so don't throw away your good, but well used household, backyard or other items during your Spring cleaning.

The Gloucester Fund Raising Group will be holding an Auction in June in support of the Orleans Recreation Complex. The group needs new and/or used furniture, appliances, tools, bric-a-brac, anything that will sell.

For more information, or for free pick-up of your donated goods, please call 741-7801