

**BLACKBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - Feb 15th,1990.**

Directors Present: Lee Coutu, Joan Grier, Bob Jamieson, Steve Palmer,
Daphne Poulin, Ken Zomer.

Guests: Marjorie Milloy - Gloucester Recreation Dept.
Colleen Stimpson - BANAR editor
Joan Finlayson - Partner's Farm project

Bob introduced the new BANAR editor, Colleen Stimpson, and the new FunFair co-chairmen, Lee Coutu and Daphne Poulin. They were all welcomed by the Board.

Correspondence:

- Letter of thanks from Alderman Campbell for the Christmas basket donation from the BCA
- Recent GRCB minutes; 1990 City copying allotment
- Outline of the proposed organic farm project targetted just outside Blackburn(see below).

Directors Reports:

Civic Affairs: Steve has provided a note and map of the proposed new Fire station for publication in the March BANAR. Some rezoning is also being proposed for Navan road.

The recommendation has been issued for a complete review of the whole Wasteplan process in the Region, with a focus on extension of the existing Trail Road dump site. Steve will be attending the Regional "Greenprint" session planned for next weekend.

Publicity: A discussion was held on potential candidates for the volunteer awards. Joan will follow-up.

Membership: Ken noted that everything was lined up for a follow-up canvass of the missed streets at the beginning of March.

President: Bob expressed his personal appreciation to Lee, Daphne, and Colleen for volunteering for activities that are at the heart of Blackburn. He wished them all the best in the coming months.

On a less optimistic note, Bob remarked that he had been disappointed to receive only one phone call in response to his BANAR notice soliciting interest in Senior Adult participation in the community. The note will be re-inserted into the next BANAR. Bob distributed a package of budget information that was put together after a director's review meeting. These will be used at the March budget meeting, and includes the recommended Leisure Grant Distribution and Public Meeting Notice for the March BANAR. Although included in the list, Diving and Football have not yet submitted requests- these must be received before the meeting..

Bob noted that he will be attending a special GRCB/ Rec Assoc joint meeting on Feb 22 to review various activities, and Leisure Grant policy.

Fun Fair: Lee and Daphne provided a quick review of the status. They have already had one meeting, and many of last year's volunteers are returning. All of the director's positions should be filled within the week. They are planning basically the same format as last year, with Saturday, June 2nd as the date. In order to get started, FunFair requested its regular start-up grant.

MOTION: Steve moved, Joan seconded, that \$5000 be advanced to Fun Fair as requested.

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New Business:

- Colleen reviewed the status of the BANAR, and stated that everything was looking good, except for some minor problems with the distribution of the Feb issue. She also tabled a proposal for a new cover format for the Board's comments.
- Bob then introduced Jill Finlayson, and asked her to review for the Board the ideas and proposal for the Partner's Farm as detailed in her information package.

PARTNER'S FARM: Jill explained that her goal was to transform the old McNeely farm, on 100-200 acres of NCC land just SouthEast of Blackburn, into a model organic/natural farm. This would serve both as a model to educate local farmers on the benefits of natural farming, and also as a community resource for recreational and educational activities (tours, tea room, lab, school courses,...). It would take about 2-3 years to really get going.

Jill highlighted the backgrounds of the 8 individuals who have formed the PARTNER'S FARM group, and noted that she had received strong support from various government depts, local and national farming groups, and recently the CBE. The NCC has also voiced very strong support of the concept. Jill requested that the BCA take on a sponsorship role, given its leading position in the community.

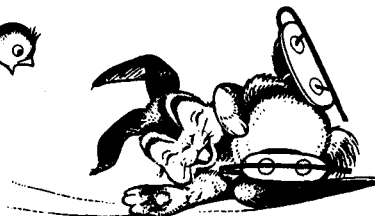
Jill passed out a copy of a draft Business Plan for the project, and noted that in addition they would be in line for significant federal grants, but only if matched to other funds. She also explained that many of the figures were rough estimates, such as the funding proposed to come from the BCA. The immediate problem area is acquiring the funds to lease the land from the NCC: Unless this is done in the next week or so, the NCC will proceed to lease it to a commercial grower and the project will be set back. Jill finished by thanking the Board for its time, and hoped that the request would be favourably considered.

After some discussion, Bob responded that the Board was very impressed with the concept proposed, and agreed that it would be a valuable addition to the Hamlet. A letter of support will be sent from the BCA, and the Board will also consider the extent of financial support it can offer (although this could at most be only a fraction of the level estimated in their business plan). Bob thanked Jill for taking the time to come out and talk to the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Next BCA Meetings: Thursday Mar 15th, 8:00 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S. (Budget Mtg)
 Thursday Apr 19th, 7:30 PM, Glen Ogilvie P.S

EDITORIAL



**HAPPY
EASTER**

I can't believe a month has passed, seems like just yesterday that I put the March BANAR to print. I must say, that I am having a good time putting the BANAR together. Things to note for the coming month: All tennis fans note the registration dates in the back of the BANAR, also, save your bottles for the Scout Bottle Drive in April. Until next month, have a very Happy Easter.

Colleen