

Minutes of AGM - Blueridge Community Association - May 10th, 2016

In attendance: (Eric can you fill in with list that people signed in to at the meeting please?)

Presentation by Warren McKay Cool of North Shore Introduced by Alberto Gonzalez
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Eric reviewed the preceding Year and some of our successes: (Eric feel free to insert your Chairman's report here instead of the below):

Inaugural Scholarship was awarded

Inaugural Toy Sale

Successful UBC partnership two weeks ago

Success with Coast Mountain Bus with getting them to re-route a bus for more ridership/satisfaction

April Public Lands discussion with Barry Forward extremely well attended by our neighbours

Electronics recycling last June and will be held again this year on May 14th at 11 am.

Successful rebranding and rebuilding of the former FONVCA into NVCAN

We had three guest speakers during the year: Mike Myers, Salmonid Society and Warren McKay

3 printed newsletters went out and one is in process as we speak for end of May/16

Angela has been managing communications including the website, Facebook and Twitter, as well as producing a brochure for BCA and business cards with our contact info and social media access

Successful babysitting services

We have our new Bylaws and Constitution

2nd wine tasting

Successful meet and greet in January

Co-Hosted all candidates meeting (Federal) in the Fall of 2015

Treasurer's Report:

Stephen was part of the original BCA from the time of its inaugural meeting February 23, 1993. He still has the original receipt book from that first meeting.

Last year Stephen retired as a Chartered Accountant and accordingly he has prepared but not signed this year's financial report.

He reports that there is \$14,714 currently in our accounts (made up of 4 sub-accounts, namely: 11,955 BGND, \$141 General/Admin, \$2900 Farmer's Market, and \$184 Sharing Garden). There is a minor amendment to his statement which he will deal with before handing the books over to Ted Bancroft, our new Treasurer and Director.

Donna Sacuta reporting on Blueridge Sharing Garden:

First full summer season is upon us. There will be a Saturday 11 am seedling sale (in conjunction with the electronics recycling) May 14th.

The seedling sale will raise money for the sharing garden and the tomato and cucumber seedlings are ready to go. Donna also does the communications (Facebook) and write-ups for our newsletter and bulletins.

Rhoda Irwin reporting on Blueridge Cleanup:

Graham Nell (DNV) has retired. Rhoda says they will wait to see who takes this on. They have already had a couple of clean ups in the recent year (Spring and Fall so the birds aren't disturbed).

Angela Duso reporting on Communications:

Our website is up to 402 subscribers. When the latest bulletin went out it was opened by 55% of the people who received it. Of those 40 click through to other highlights such as water restrictions, paper shredding, Keith Road Bridge, electronics recycling. We have 123 followers on Facebook and Twitter.

Regarding website, there has been a problem which should be resolved this week; restored from last Sunday's back-up. There hasn't been much website activity since then, so no problem with using the back-up.

When the UBC students were collaborating with BCA they suggested having a contest on Facebook and/or Twitter to get consensus on a "mission statement", also to get onto Instagram and encourage photos, photo contest(s), Poetry, etc. They also suggested advertising for a "junior social media assistant" which would be a volunteer position but would increase engagement with youth and also give that volunteer some valuable "work experience" for his/her resume.

Angela Duso reporting on Refugees:

The first family is assimilating nicely, Rhoda is helping with the family getting used to the bus system. The 2nd family has not arrived yet. The family has changed and it will now be Saied's brother and family coming to live in that basement suite (below the first Syrian family). The wife of the incoming family used to be an English teacher in Syria before they immigrated.

Anni Danielson reporting on Guided Hikes:

Four hikes have been led by Anni over the recent year. Most attendees have lived her for four or more years. Many of these people had never before walked the trails.

This past week had 5 participants, all here more than 4+ years.

Anni Danielson reporting on the Scholarship:

At the beginning of the school year Anni and Lesley met all of the high school counsellors in our area and advised them of the availability of the Scholarship.

There have been four applicants for the scholarship this year. One of those four don't qualify because he/she no longer lives in Blueridge. One applicant applied one month after the cut-off and is thus disqualified as well. A decision will have to be made between the two remaining qualified candidates. Lesley is away at this time so will wait for her return.

Alberto Trujillo Gonzalez reporting on Coast Mountain Bus:

There was a meeting in Surrey, awaiting the results

Barry Fenton reporting for Lesley about the Neighbourhood Welcome Visits:

New resident wrote that they have returned to Blueridge and are very pleased to be back. There have been 25 house sales since the beginning of the year, many of the new homeowners have young children. Many are doing big renovations. They are all delighted to be welcomed with Lesley's visit and they are interested in BCA and hearing about our organization.

Ruth Hanson reported regarding Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (FONVCA) rebranded now as North Vancouver Community Association Network (NVCAN):

NVCAN has an objective of being an umbrella organization upholding the best interests of the community associations of the District of North Vancouver by best practices, assistance, using the strength of the organization to influence decisions affecting all DNV citizens.

Counsellor Hanson of the DNV has committed to ensuring the parties involved with the new DNV website make it more functional, accessible and transparent, offering links to each of the community association websites, the NVCAN websites, and the archives. These links and services were omitted with the implementation of the recent DNV website which is far less useful to the citizens of the District than the one it replaced.

Election of Directors:

Present Directors (Except for our treasurer, Stephen) have agreed to stand again for another year. Stephen will be replaced by Ted Bancroft who has agreed to take over Treasurer and Director responsibilities.

Eric made specific mention to thank Graham Gilley who served as Director with BCA for three years before stepping down last year.

The current Board, with the noted change of Treasurer was moved to be accepted by Alf Cackle; seconded by Dave Davey. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution and Bylaws have been posted. All agreed to proceed with them without further changes. Barry Forward moved to adopt the new Constitution and Bylaws; seconded by Donna Sacuta. There was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other items on the agenda:

BCA received a cheque for \$500 from Telus due to persistence of Eric Andersen regarding our lengthy outage in the neighbourhood following a windstorm last year. Stephen confirmed the cheque was received and has been deposited.

When asked what to do with the \$500, it was agreed that it should go to the Sharing Garden to cover their expenses and deal with continuing issues there around a water tank leak, and fixing the gutter which should be feeding rainwater to the containers. There is also a persistent problem with lack of water pressure there to feed sprinklers or hoses. Brian Gardiner is working with other volunteers to find a resolution to the water pressure problem. We note that two neighbours of the sharing garden donate electricity and water from their homes when the garden is in need (such as caroling there at Christmastime requiring electricity) and watering with hoses. The firefighters are also willing to refill the collection tanks as needed.

The Sharing Garden has a \$800 bill coming due in the Fall of 2016 as a requirement of the DNV.

Barry Forward moved that the \$500 from Telus go to the Sharing Garden. Seconded by Ruth Hanson. Passed unanimously.

Thank you to Nasrin and Nima for placing the BCA meeting signs in advance of our meetings. They are willing to continue this service. Emerson can accommodate the sign closer to/on the Optometrist's property at the corner of Mt Seymour Parkway and Emerson.

Upcoming Events: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day June 5, 2016 at Blueridge School

Electronics Recycling and Seedling Sale 11 am May 14th, 2016

Eric Andersen asked us to consider who our three speakers will be in the coming year. This will be discussed at our next meeting after the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm May 10th, 2016