

April 2026 BCA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2026

Location: In-person meeting at Mahnaz' house

Chair: Anni Danielson

Members Present: Barry Fenton, Eric Andersen, Ted Bancroft, Lesley Brooks, Anni Danielson, Michael Bernard, Elmira Nazar, Mahnaz Fardghassemi, Toby Barazzuol, Lauren Gorgounis, Fariba Leilaby,

Minutes of Meeting

1- Profiles page on the BCA website

- A project had been proposed by a board member to broaden and expand the BCA profiles page, highlighting the volunteers and team leads of the various BCA initiatives so that it can be presented in a warmer and more approachable manner. Various options were provided, and a hybrid version was selected. This will result in all the members being present on the main profiles page, and each person will have a link that would expand on their passion projects as well as a bit more about who they are.
- Mahnaz will be taking the lead on this project and will be working with each individual to create the pages.
- To expand from current profiles to include Blueridge Cares, NHN, and Blueridge Sharing Garden leads.

2- Succession Plan

- A plan has been set and approved. This will be announced at the AGM on May 12th.

3- Movie Nights

- Potential date is August 23 or September 17 at McCartney Creek Park
- A number of quotes have been collected, and a vendor has been selected. This vendor is currently providing us with early bird pricing, should we finalize the date as soon as possible
- The next step is to book the park and to be able to finalize the location of the event with North Van Rec.
- To begin attracting local sponsors

- Potential interest in having a concession stand
- Movie license costs to be confirmed
- We need to find a member in the community to take the lead on this project
- We would need to reach out to the baseball associations to let them know of the event and to potentially ask for support in spreading the word
- We would need to set up a clean-up crew (pack in/pack out), First Aid, and potentially a security team
- We would need to have a group of volunteers to support this event
- Fariba to check with the rec centre and Coastal Health with regards to food/popcorn sales.

4- BGND

- The new planning committee has been preparing the event and have had many innovative changes to the event, which seems to be very exciting.
- The BCA will be having a table at the event, and Lesley will be leading the committee to create interest in having attendees stop by the table.

5- Diner en Blue

- The event is to be held on the 20th of June.
- Tickets to go on sale on the 20th of May.
- Ask Lauren to provide photos of the previous events.

6- Google Workspace

- There is a potential that we would be able to apply for a Google Workspace account as a nonprofit organization. Mahnaz will be applying for this. More updates in the future

7- Nominating Committee Update

- The current board will remain the same for the next year.

8- AGM - May 12th (7:15pm - 9:15pm)

- Each board member to prepare a speech regarding their passion projects
 - Anni: BCA scholarship and FUNdation
 - Lesley: Blueridge new neighbour greeting
 - Lauren: Project Community
 - Mahnaz: Neighbours helping neighbours
 - Toby: Social media
 - Fariba: Movie Night
 - Elmira: Volunteers
 - In-Ah: Art in Blueridge

- Michael: Brainstorming session

9- BCA brochures

- We have created a committee that will be reviewing the old brochure to update it
- In the meantime, we will reprint the old brochures so that we have them available for BGND

10- Scholarships

- We currently have 3 applicants - the winner to be announced at the AGM
- Going forward, we will limit the schools to approach/inform regarding the scholarship to more local schools rather than all of the North Shore
- We will focus on building strong connections with elementary PACs and schools, mainly aiming to speak to grade 6/7's to educate them about this scholarship

11- Blueridge Sharing Garden

- A grant from the DNV was acquired to purchase materials to build 4 new boxes. 4 old boxes were demolished, and the rebuilding will commence.
- Silverspine Contracting may donate the bark mulch for the Blueridge Sharing Garden (BSG)
- We are consulting with Silverspine to assist with maintenance and repairs
- Fence posts to be fixed this year; currently in the process of getting quotes
- United Strangers has graciously offered to provide coffee for all the Sharing Garden work parties for the season
- New members have joined the Blueridge Sharing Garden community.