

March 2026 BCA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2026

Location: online meeting

Chair: Ted Bancroft

Members Present: Eric Andersen, Ted Bancroft (Chair), Toby Barazzuol, Michael Bernard, Lesley Brooks, Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Lauren Gorgounis

Left Early – Fariba Leilaby, In-Ah Mellor

Absent - Mahnaz Fardghassemi, Elmira Nazar

Minutes of Meeting

1- Movie Nights

- The group reviewed plans for an upcoming movie night, with Fariba presenting options for projector rentals and discussing potential sponsorship opportunities
- Fariba to send out the movie night rental contract/estimate details and any outstanding answers to Barry's questions to the group for review before the March 15th deadline.
- Fariba is to apply for the necessary park permit for the movie night event.
- The board members will review movie night contract/estimate information from Fariba and respond with feedback/decision before the March 15th deposit deadline.
- Lauren to check baseball/softball schedules to ensure movie night location (e.g., McCartney Park) does not conflict with games, especially regarding field and washroom availability.

2- Cozy Nights

- The board discussed the Cozy Nights social event, which Michael reported was successful with 13-14 attendees, though attendance was substantially down from previous sessions.

3- FUNdation

- The group agreed to increase the value of the FUNdation activity grants from \$200 to \$500, with flexibility based on project needs.

4- BCA brochure

- Lesley proposed that the BCA brochure be reviewed and updated with more current information.

- Lesley, Mahnaz, Michael, and Eric to form a committee to revise and finalize the BCA brochure, aiming to have a new version ready for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day (May 31).

5- Blueridge Sharing Garden

- Lauren provided an update on the Blueridge Sharing Garden, which had seen good turnout for its first work party of the season
- Lauren will continue coordination with the district and neighbour regarding overgrown cedar hedge at the sharing garden; obtain quotes for trimming and communicate with all parties.
- Lauren will continue efforts to secure a district garbage can for the sharing garden, including encouraging others to contact the district.
- Lauren will notify group of upcoming sharing garden work party dates

6- BGND

- Respond to the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee regarding acceptance of having a BCA table at the event.
- Eric to send out information on where donations for Blueridge Good Neighbour Day should be directed.
- Ted and In-Ah discussed the Blueridge Good Neighbour Day event, which Jen and Greg are organizing, and Ted mentioned In-Ah's \$1,500 contribution to the cause.

7- AGM

- Prepare and coordinate director presentations for the AGM on May 12, following last year's successful format.

8- BCA scholarship

- The board acknowledged a \$250 annual donation to increase the scholarship fund to \$1,000, noting that the donor has requested no public recognition.

9- Election updates on the BCA website

- There was a discussion relating to reporting matters concerning local elections. It was agreed that while the topic is important, it was also important to remain apolitical in its presentation. To ensure impartiality, it was agreed that items included on the BCA website and in our publications should be restricted to the mechanics of the election, such as dates, polling stations and voter registration, plus we can point readers to individual websites but not to news articles. The websites should be listed in the order that the candidates declared their intention to run for the office. Dates can, and should, include the date, time and place of any all-candidates meetings but not information about rallies, etc. for individual candidates.