

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 9, 2022

A. Albert –Mah Jong, Table Tennis, Traditional Tai Chi

MAH JONG - Thanks for the \$300 grant from the Society to enable them to buy new sets. They currently have 60 members and will send in the \$600 donation to the society as soon as the bank receives the proper documents. They are planning a scaled down social events on Oct 3 as their budget is rather tight this year. They are planning to have their AGM on Oct 17 and a registration day on Oct 24.

TABLE TENNIS – Will have AGM on Sep 10, 10 am-noon and a lunch event on Sep 25, 12:30 pm. They are planning to have an 8-weeks training session on Sundays noon-2 pm in MP#3 room. They are currently looking for volunteer coaches and a coordinator for the program.

TRADITIONAL TAI CHI – No problems reported. There was a feedback from this group regarding the Cooling Station volunteering drive.

B. Brian – Chess, Computer, BSAC, Publicity

CHESS – Still have not heard from this group

COMPUTER EDUCATION – The computer Club is off and running again after taking the month of August off. Still advisable to register few days in advance of attending.

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – No Report.

PUBLICITY- No Report.

C. Ernie – Bus Committee

BUS COMMITTEE – 3 bus trips were able to run in August. One lunch trip and two Joy Brown trips. Two trips had to be cancelled - one lunch trip because of lack of registrants, and a trip to the aquarium because no hostess could be found.

The fall bus trip calendar and pamphlet is out with 5 local trips scheduled which includes trips for Century House, Confederation, Cameron and Edmonds.

The overnight trip to Cowichan Valley is also scheduled for mid-September and is completely sold out. We have a number of driver's sharing the local trips. Monica continues to manage the bookings and Brett Smaill and Monica will adjust the bus rental rates for the city's trips being planned for the winter term (Jan-March) in a continued effort to break even on the cost of ownership and maintenance of the bus. The overnight trip was budgeted with a small contingency surplus to ensure we break even or better. Rates for non-Burnaby and other private bookings will be adjusted as well going forward. As 'break even' relies on number of trips annually, an estimated post Covid experience rating must be used to calculate a rental rate to achieve this.

D. George – Karaoke

KARAOKE – Report submitted by Rudolph Cheng

In August, Karaoke did an experiment to get more members to come out to sing and to test our ability to support that. For 6 Sundays between Jul/31 to Sep/4 we let all our members (combining group1 and group2) sing every Sunday. With this approach, so far, the total number of singers per Sunday have increased to an average of 17 from 10 but not the expected 20. We still have ½ of the members continue to wait on the sideline. Some may be still concerned about the risk of infection. Hopefully, after the summer participation will increase.

E. Freda –Tennis, Walking Club, Bingo & Choir

TENNIS – No Report.

WALKING GROUP – No Report.

BINGO – No Report.

CHOIR – No Report.

SUNSHINE - No Report.

F. Karuna – BEARS

BEARS – Everything is going well.

G. Louise – Social Line Dance & Practice Line Dance

SOCIAL LINE DANCE – This group is planning on having their YGM in March and their Registration in April. This is a well-run group with a very active Executive.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – This group is running smoothly and is happy with their new time allotment.

H. Mary – Badminton, Snooker, Open Studio, Website

BADMINTON – The executive is very busy preparing for the registration the week of the 12th, with a lottery, if necessary, scheduled for Friday. the 16th, organized with Kelli and Ashley in the conference room at "Big Bonsor". Hopefully, with the attention to detail that has been made, all will be done without a hitch.

SNOOKER – The Eighth Annual House League was held between May and August 2022. We had 44 players in 4 Teams. The Break Builders won very tight semi finals and finals to lift the Tom Yee Trophy. We had the Awards Banquet at the Kirin Restaurant at The Starlight Casino. 60 people attended to enjoy a lovely lunch. Tom and Bonnie Yee made the effort to attend and give away the Trophy. It was indeed a very poignant moment for all of us to see Tom again after his stroke many years ago.

OPEN ARTS GROUP –. Our Open Arts Group did us proud at the Annual Art Walk, featuring paintings by Burnaby Seniors, sponsored by Mulberry Parc. There was a large crowd in attendance and Goodwin Young was kept busy answering questions about our Society. Great publicity.

WEBSITE – Mary will be working with Soo Hoe to revamp our 55+ website to make it more welcoming and enticing for new members and volunteers. Thank you to all Board Liaisons and Group Leaders for their updated contributions to the website.

I. Pat – Social Dance (Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs) & Weight Room

DANCE - Monday/Wednesday This group is continuing to increase in size.

DANCE - Tuesday/Thursday – At this time the Tuesday afternoon Dance is no operating. The Thursday evening dance is well attended and continues to be a big success.

WEIGHT ROOM – Everything is running smoothly.

J. _____ –Sing A Long, Tai Chi-Yang Style

SING-A-LONG – No Report.

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – No Report.

K. Glenis – Coffee Bar/ Baking

COFFEE BAR – No report.

BAKING – No Report.

L. Brenda – OFIG, VOBS, BPSW & BSRS

PARTNERS IN SENIORS WELLNESS – No Report.

OFIG - Paolo has given notice to staff that OFIG will not be meeting in person from September to January and he has given up their room space on Mondays. Kelli has advised him that he should let staff know by November if the group wishes to meet again in person in January when he returns. In the meantime, the group will be meeting online.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – No Report

VOICES OF BURNABY SENIORS (VOBS) – The windup for the Zoom Chair Yoga classes was held on August 30 with the attendees meeting in person for the first time at the Bill Copeland Centre. The mayor, his personal assistant and member Pietro Calendino, City counsellor, joined the group for a half hour session of Chair Yoga followed by lunch. There are a few spaces left for the Creative Writing for Seniors Classes which start February 13 and the poster is on the Bonsor website. A bio of instructor Shauna Paull is shown as a link on the poster. She has taught Creative Writing at Shadbolt for 17 years and is a published poet.

BURNABY SENIORS RESOURCES SOCIETY is offering a free film for seniors called The Age of Love at the Shadbolt Centre on Thursday February 22. Doors open at 1:15 and the film begins at 2:00 and is followed by refreshments. The film is poignant and funny about seniors looking for love. A poster has been circulated to all the Senior Centres.