

BONSOR 55+
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MEETING HELD AT BONSOR CENTER
January 13, 2023

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima (President),	George Kawaguchi (Director)	Glenis Bryson (Director),
Brian Pound (Vice President),	Albert Lam (Director),	Raj Nath (Director),
Karuna Nalliah (Treasurer),	Pat Couch (Director),	Elizabeth Revoczi, (Director),
Louise Kowalenko (Secretary),	Mary Horton (Director),	Ashley James (Staff),
Freda Jenkins (Director),	Brenda Felker (Director),	Kelli Tibbles (Staff)

REGRETS:

Attendance:

There were 13 Directors in attendance. Therefore, the quorum requirement has been met and the meeting was declared able to proceed.

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Kashima.

1. Welcome to Guest: None.
2. Agenda – January 13, 2023 Amendments and Approval.

ADD: 10. New Business

j. Bridge Players

MOTION by George Kawaguchi to accept the January 13, 2023, Agenda as amended. Seconded by Albert Lam. **Motion Carried**

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 4 2022. Amendments and Approval

MOTION by Brian Pound to accept the November 4, 2022, BOD Minutes. Seconded by Albert Lam.

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

- Date Change – May 4/11 2023
The Committee is waiting for the Firefighters to see if they can accommodate a date change to May 4th or 11th, 2023. We should know the date by the end of next week.
- Budget is set with the estimation of 100 attendees.

MOTION by Mary Horton to approve the Volunteer Appreciation expenditure amount up to \$5,000 including taxes. Seconded by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried**

b. AGM – February 23, 2023

- Board Positions Expiring
 - Ernie Kashima
 - Brian Pound
 - Brenda Felker
 - Freda Jenkins
 - Karuna Nalliah
 - Glenis Bryson
 - Raj Nath

The following Board Members will not be standing for re-election: Freda Jenkins, Glenis Bryson, Raj Nath.

The following Board Member will not be completing their second year term: George Kawaguchi.

George Kawaguchi will oversee the Nominations Committee for the replacement of four Board Members.

- Group Reports – Louise has sent out AGM Group Report requests to all groups and monitor responses.
- Board Membership Checks – Please make sure your Bonsor 55+ membership is up to date.
- Group Membership Checks – Please request your Groups remind their members to make sure their membership is up to date. Raj Nath and Pat Couch will perform membership checks at the AGM.

5. Correspondence – Louise Kowalenko

None.

6. Presidents Report – Ernie Kashima

Ernie Kashima thanked Raj Nath and Glenis Bryson for serving for two years on the Board. Their assistance with helping their respective groups navigate the Covid pandemic was greatly appreciated. Raj has offered to continue with supporting the Bingo Group. Glenis has offered to continued being the Group Leader of the Coffee Bar.

Ernie recognized and thanked George Kawaguchi for his many years of service to the 55+ Society. George has served on as a Board Liaison for many Groups but in particular the Snooker and Karaoke Groups. As well as George served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This Committee oversaw the complete revision of the Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines.

Ernie recognized and thanked Freda Jenkins for her many years of service to the 55+ Society. Freda has served as a Board member for over 25 years in many capacities. Over the years Freda has served as Board Liaison for the Choir, Tennis, Walking Group just to name a few. Freda also worked on many committees such as the Volunteer Luncheon, Wine & Cheese Events and was strong supporter of the Socks Box for Maywood School.

7. Treasurers Report – Karuna Nalliah.

Karuna has been asked by the Bus Group to carry forward \$1,758.83 from the latest bus trip to have as a float for future bus trips.

MOTION: by George Kawaguchi to allow the Bus Group to carry forward \$1,758.83 to be used as a float for future bus trips; Seconded by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried.**

Karuna presented the November/December Financial Reports as well as the AGM Financial Budget.

MOTION: by George Kawaguchi to accept the November/December 2022 Financial Reports; Seconded by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION: by Brian Pound to accept the 2023 AGM Financial Budget; Seconded by Freda Jenkins. **Motion Carried.**

8. Staff Report: - Ashley James

- Volunteer hours 2022 – need to be reported in better impact by Jan. 31 – please remind all your group volunteers to log hours and our city staff can help support
 - TO LOG HOURS USING THE BETTER IMPAC WEBSITE:
 - Log into your Better Impact volunteer profile at www.myvolunteerpage.com

- If you do not have a password established call the 55+ front office for help
 - Click on the “Hours” tab
 - Use the 1st drop down menu to select your organization:
 - City of Burnaby – Recreation: Bonsor Seniors 55+
 - Click on the “Select Organization” button
 - Use the 2nd drop down menu to select your volunteer activity
 - Enter the date you volunteered
 - Enter the number of hours you have volunteered on that day
 - Click the “Save” button
 - Repeat if necessary
- Free Try It! Session – Card Making Friday, Jan. 27 11 am – 1 pm in the lounge
 - Card making workshop – Feb. 8 11 am - 1 pm
 - Valentines Breakfast in the lounge – Tuesday, Feb. 14 9-11 am - \$5 plus taxes – Any board members willing to help volunteer
 - Elder Abuse workshop – Feb. 21 10-11am
 - Winter bus trips still have space – snowshoeing, vineyard tour, let’s do lunch to Riverway & Kelly O’Bryans restaurant
 - Thank you – Christmas Lunch volunteers & support when I was off on leave

9. Sub- Committee Reports

Please see monthly Sub-Committee reports attached to these Minutes.

10. New Business

a. Lounge Furniture/ Signage/ Membership Checks

The furniture in the Lounge needs to be cleaned and/or replaced. At this time due to limited funding the funds to replace the furniture will be deferred until 2024.

MOTION by Pat Couch to approve the cleaning of the Lounge furniture. Seconded by Louise Kowalenko.

Motion Carried

b. Barbeque Equipment – replacement

The barbeque needs to be replaced. This matter has been deferred to the February 2023 Board meeting.

c. Card group – Board Liaison needed for this new Group. This matter has been deferred to the February 2023 Board meeting.

d. Group Cupboards – cleaning and purging

The City would like to request that all Groups using cupboards for storage clean and purge any miscellaneous items from their cupboards. Louise will send out an email to the Group Leaders. Board Liaisons will need to follow up on this matter.

e. Open Games Room

To accommodate game players and to ease the congestion in the Lounge a Open Games room will be available to all members. As of the end of January in room MP3 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1 – 4 This schedule will be re-evaluated at the March 2023 Board meeting.

f. Board Meeting Refreshments/Goodies

Louise has offered to purchase the monthly Board Meeting Snacks. Board members must provide their own beverages.

g. Karaoke Equipment Funding Request

The Karaoke Group will be purchasing replacement equipment for their existing music system. Currently they are using a complicated system involving an antiquated karaoke machine, a lap top and two cd players because of technical difficulties.

The Karaoke Group asks for their time on Sundays be extended by 1 hour. They would like their time slot to be 11:00 to 5 pm. Currently Table Tennis has the use of the space before the start of Karaoke. Table Tennis was temporarily given the 9 – 11 time slot when we reopened after the Covid shutdown. Albert Lam will review this matter with the Table Tennis Group.

h. Bus Update

The catalytic converted on the bus was stolen in December. Arrangements were made to have it replaced. We will no longer be supplying the bus drivers with a dedicated cell phone for bus trips.

i. Tue/Thurs Dance – Fortune Cookies

The Tues/Thur Dance Group would like to give Fortune Cookies at their Thursday January 19th Dance to celebrate Chinese New Years. This has not been supplied by the Board or the City in previous years. The Board declines to make this purchase and asks that the Group do so themselves.

j. Bridge Players. Glenis Bryson asked why the Bridge players were no longer considered a Group since the restart of programs after the Covid shutdown. Ernie apologized for this oversight. The Bridge Group would like to be given a room booking for Tuesdays 1-4 pm if possible. Kelli will look into what time slot would be available.

11. Dates to remember.

Annual General Meeting: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:30 - 3

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: May 4 or 11, 2023 TBD shortly

Valentine Pancake Breakfast: Tuesday, February 14 2023, 9 – 11 am \$5 plus taxes

12. Good and Welfare

The Board would like to acknowledge and congratulate the B.E.A.R.S. Group for their fantastic craft sale just before Christmas.

The Board would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Table Tennis Group who collected \$400.00 for the Maywood School Parenting Program.

Meeting adjourned.

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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