

# BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### MEETING HELD AT BONSOR CENTER

OCTOBER 13, 2023

**In Attendance:**

Ernie Kashima, President

Albert Lam (Director)

Pat Couch (Director)

Brian Pound, Vice President

Mary Horton (Director)

Kelli Tibbles (Staff),

Eugene Hamel, Treasurer

Elizabeth Revoczi (Director)

Louise Kowalenko, Secretary

Karuna Nalliah, (Director)

**Regrets:** Brenda Felker, Ashley James

**Attendance:**

There were 10 Directors in attendance. Therefore, the quorum requirement (½ of the Board of Directors being present) having been met and the meeting was declared able to proceed.

***“Before we start, I would like to take a moment to recognize we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.”***

1. The meeting was called to order by Ernie Kashima at 10:00 am.
2. Welcome to Guests: None
3. Agenda – Amendments and Approval

ADD: New Business

g. Sunshine

h. City News

i. Bus Committee Meeting

**MOTION** by Brian Pound to accept the Agenda as amended. **Seconded** by Elizabeth Revoczi. **Motion Carried**

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

**MOTION** by Louise Kowalenko to accept the Minutes of September 13, 2023 as circulated. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried**

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. Bus Sponsorship

Ernie and Mary will be meeting with Mulberry Park next Tuesday regarding potential sponsorship of the new bus.

6. Correspondence – Thank you card from Donna Eden for the lovely high tea that was put on for the Coffee Bar and Baking Volunteers.

7. President's Report – Ernie thanked the Board Members who have been spending more time at the 55+ Centre, making their presence and availability know to our members. Ernie encouraged all Board of Directors to drop in or linger after their program participation. Volunteers are needed for the Big Boo. Please have anyone interested in volunteering for this event to respond to Kelli so she can fill in volunteer positions.

8. Treasurer's Report

Senior Games reimbursement requests have been received from 5 attendees. The Reimbursement is for registration fees of \$75.00 only as per the previous Motion.

**MOTION** by Eugene Hamel to accept the Treasurer's Report of September 2023 as circulated. **Seconded** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried**

9. Staff Report – Given by Kelli Tibbles.

- Kyle will be back Monday, Oct. 23 – Shally's last day in Aux. FT hours will be Friday, Oct. 27
- Hiring of RFT staff will start in the next few weeks with someone in place by Dec.
- Name Tags for group leaders
- Bonsor Big Boo – Friday, Oct. 27 – 6-8:30pm – Volunteers welcome
- Active Aging Week – was a great success, with all Burnaby "Try It" sessions very well attended. Thank you to Ernie, Albert, Brian & Pat who help with the pancake breakfast on Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Lunch – Thursday, Dec. 7 – Registration information to be out by end of Oct.
- All groups are required to do a floor plan for room set up or if changes need to be made to you room booking space. Please don't email city staff of changes. If you require a floor plan, please email Kelli – [kelli.tibbles@burnaby.ca](mailto:kelli.tibbles@burnaby.ca) to get a floor plan emailed to you.

10. Sub-Committee Reports - Please see October Group Reports as attached.

11. New Business

a. Capped Groups

The City will only allow two capped groups to be grandfathered in the 55+ Society programs: Badminton and Table Tennis. All other groups must accept any and all new members who apply. Ernie, Louise and Kelli will work on possible alternative dates and times to accommodate new members into groups that are running at full capacity due to space restrictions.

b. Table Tennis Safety Insurance

The table tennis members are concerned with potential injury to their members setting up the table tennis equipment. The City will now take care of the equipment set up and no members are allowed to assist the City staff.

All groups must follow the basic floor plan layouts for each group activity that are set up by the City staff. If any changes to the basic floor plan are needed the Group must give notifications to Kelli so that she can arrange for City staff to be available. Any last minute changes cannot be accommodated due to existing tasks already assigned to City staff.

c. Christmas Dinner Dance

The Christmas Dinner Dance has been cancelled due to insufficient Core Volunteers, City Staff and catering staff. We have decided to hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance in lieu of the Christmas Dinner Dance.

**MOTION** : by Ernie Kashima to contribute \$2,000 towards a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Seconded:** by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried.**

d. Sharing of Group Minutes and Treasurers Reports

All Groups MUST provide copies of Minutes and Treasurers Reports to any of their Group members upon request.

e. Coffee Bar and Baking Volunteer Tea

The Volunteer tea for the Coffee Bar and Baking volunteers was a great success. It was nice to have the group get together since the pandemic. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you to Karuna for organizing this event.

f. Monday Dance

Some members of the Monday Dance are upset about being asked to provide proof of their membership when making payment for their members discounted dance ticket. If these members do not wish to provide their proof of membership they are welcome to pay the non-member price in order to gain entrance to the dance.

g. Sunshine

Mary has asked for someone to take over the Sunshine duties for a couple of months while she is recovering from hand surgery. Pat has volunteered to do this.

h. City News

Brian Pound had just had a meeting with Mayor Hurley this morning and expressed the Boards disappointment in not having had the City Parks and Recreation representative in attendance at any of our meetings and/or events since the pandemic.

Mayor Hurley asked Brian to inform the Board of recent City news that the Mayor had given him:

- The proposed City Hall will not be located at Metrotown and the site has still not been determined.
- CG Brown Pool and Arena has been delayed due to cost overruns. The NHL style arena which was scheduled to open in the new year has been delayed for two years as a new developer and architect are secured.
- The Kensington Arena development has been delayed due to an inoperable piping system.
- The Central Park track development has been set back due to cracking of the track surface. It should be available for use in the new year.
- The Skate Park in the south/east corner of the Bonsor property will be named after Nick Volkow who was instrumental in the building of the skate park.
- The Annual Festival of Lights will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a family event.

i. Bus Committee Meeting

Ernie, Brent and Monica are readjusting the charge out rate for the bus in order to ensure we are not losing money when we lend the bus out.

**MOTION:** by Ernie Kashima that we provide a one-time \$400 honorarium to Joy Brown from general funds. **Seconded** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried**

12. Dates to remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Big Boo Halloween Event	Fri, Oct 27	Main Bonsor	6 – 8:30 pm
55+ Board of Directors Meeting	Fri, Nov. 10	55+ Board Room	10:00 am
Socks Box Donation Event	Nov 13 – Dec 6	55+ Lounge	
Christmas Luncheon with City	Thu, Dec 7		11:30 – 2:30pm
BOD Christmas Evening	Fri, Dec 8		7pm
Christmas Dinner Dance	TBD		
Wine and Cheese Event	Wed, Feb 7	55+ Lounge	TBD
Annual General Meeting	Feb	Bonsor Banquet Hall	TBD
St Patricks' Dinner Dance	Fri, Feb 15	Bonsor Banquet Hall	TBD

13. Good and Welfare

The Board of Directors would like to recognize the Dance Committee and all those involved in the smooth running of all dance events.

14. Meeting adjourned.

**Ernie Kashima**  
**Kowalenko**

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

**Louise**

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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