

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 14, 2023

A. **Albert –Mah Jong, Table Tennis, Traditional Tai Chi, Tai Chi (Yang Style), Tennis, Walking Group**

MAH JONG – Their Wednesday morning play time space is under-utilized and will be re-assigned to Table Tennis. An equivalent afternoon space was offered to them but they only wanted to retain their existing Monday schedule.

TABLE TENNIS – Jimmy Chow managed a member's complaints well, regarding player partnering. Play time will be moving more towards morning as this is a fast-moving exercise group. Robert Ng is the currently the leader. This is the 2nd largest group, behind Badminton, with well over 200 members. They have the legacy Sonia Foundation fund to support them financially.

TRADITIONAL TAI CHI – This group practices the 'Double Yang' style and is a bigger Tai Chi group, well managed and led by Victor Chow, Barry Campbell and currently David Chai is the leader. They have been around for many years.

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – This is a recently formed group practicing 'Yang' style Tai Chi. They have less members but are interested in expanding to other Martial Arts area.

TENNIS - This year their season will start on April 17 and will run till Sep 30 using courts 9-12 in Central Park. Their play time schedule is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am-noon except holidays. Georgina Wong is the new president and we thank Wayne Lee for leading the groups for the past many years.

WALKING GROUP – A small group Led by Carol Leven, mostly for Mall walking. No info to report as I tried to contact this group with no success yet.

B. **Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity**

COMPUTER EDUCATION – No report.

COMPUTERS: Steady attendance week to week

BINGO: As a point of information on their operations, considering visiting Bingo events at other Senior centres.

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – Meeting set for Edmonds on April 25.

PUBLICITY- Exploring options to produce twice a year newsletter.

C. Ernie – Bus Committee, Card Group

BUS COMMITTEE - No Report.

CARD GROUP – No Report.

F. Karuna – BEARS, Bridge, Bridge (Practice)

BEARS –This group continues to run smoothly.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – No Report.

BRIDGE (PRACTICE) – No Report.

G. Louise – Karaoke, Social Line Dance & Practice Line Dance

KARAOKE – Karaoke is running very smoothly. They thank the Board for their new equipment. Special thanks to both Louise and Kelly for all their time, effort and hard work in helping the group to restore our original time allotment!!! We're all forever thankful for this new program time effective Sunday, 5/7/23 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Registering for the 55+ Karaoke Program was on Sunday March 26, 2023.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE – Registration was held and now they have a total of 84 members signed up (40 new members and 44 returning members). We are all forever thankful to Bonsor 55+ Society for the extra time on Wednesday from 1 pm – 3 pm and Friday from 1 pm – 5 pm. Special thanks to both Louise and Kelli for their extra time and effort to make it happen. YGM is tentatively set for Friday July 21st. A cheque to Bonsor 55+ Society for the group contribution of \$300.00 has been submitted (half year contribution \$5.00 each member + \$2.50/50% increase = \$7.50 x 40 new members = \$300.00).

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – This group is running smoothly. I have sent the donations of \$270.00 in an envelope to the Bonsor 55+ Society mail slot. Kelly checked and initialed for the amount.

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

BADMINTON – The new executive is very pro-active and motivated. Plans in the works for a tournament and luncheon in the next couple of months. The Open play times are successful, and working well with 50% in the early sessions and the same in the late sessions. No problems

SNOOKER – Very active - lots of tournaments. They are still fund-raising to get their tables done. No problems

OPEN ARTS – Great pictures on display. Have a look at the ones on the upper level. This group really likes their new location, and wants to thank the board.

WEBSITE – No Report

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 not operating. The Thursday evening dance is well attended and continues to be a big success.

WEIGHT ROOM – Everything is running smoothly.

J. Brenda –SING-A-LONG , VOBS, BPSW, BSRs & Coffee Bar/ Baking

SING-A-LONG – No Report

VOBBS – Voices of Burnaby Seniors (Vobss)

The Creative Writing course that ran weekly from September until March via Zoom concluded with an in-person windup event at the Bill Copeland Centre. Shauna Paull, the instructor read several pieces from her recently published book of poetry and members of the writing class read from selections of their own work, which was followed by lunch and socialization.

Vobss is hosting a free in-person workshop on Frauds and Scams, how to protect yourself, on April 20th from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at the Bill Copeland Centre in the Lakeview Room. The presenter will be a representative from the Health and Wellness Institute of the Council of Senior Citizens Organization (COSCO), a provincial seniors advocacy group. A poster with registration information has been posted to our website by Soo Hoe and to the Vobss website www.vobss.ca.

Vobss will once again be part of the Burnaby Festival of Learning that runs from May 5 – 9th through various venues throughout Burnaby and this year the theme is Belonging and what does it mean to you. All events are free. Early registration forms can be found on the Burnaby Festival of Learning website.

We have again sought out the services of our Creating Writing Instructor, Shauna Paull who invites submissions from Burnaby seniors 55+ on our theme of Story Telling through Creative Writing “Belonging.”. Your entry can be real or fiction, poetry or prose, 500 words maximum. Vobss will preview all entries and select some of them for public community reading at our event on May 9. Those selected will be invited by Shauna to a learning workshop to help enhance their submission prior to the public reading. A poster will be coming out soon. Deadline for submissions is April 23, and should be emailed to vobssociety@gmail.com.

Vobss is seeking a part time coordinator, May 2023 until May 2024, 5 hours per week, \$500.00 per month. Deadline is April 25 for application. A list of duties can be found on the Vobss website, www.vobss.ca.

BPSW – No Report.

BURNABY SENIORS RESOURCES - Burnaby Seniors Resources Society is holding a free event at Bonsor on April 27 on Advance Care Planning presented by the Fraser Health Authority and funded by the Burnaby Community Response Network and the Burnaby Hospice Society. The time is from 12:00 until 3:30 and lunch is provided.

COFFEE BAR – The coffee bar is running smoothly. 2 new volunteers came on board, unfortunately 1 had changed her mind.

K. Elizabeth – Choir

CHOIR – No report.

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