

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD AT BONSOR CENTER

MARCH 8, 2024

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima, President
Brian Pound, Vice President
Eugene Hamel, Treasurer
Louise Kowalenko, Secretary

Albert Lam (Director)
Mary Horton (Director)
Pat Couch (Director)
Brenda Felker, (Director)

Alice Crestejo (Director)
Cleo Wah (Director)
Kelli Tibbles (Staff)
Ashley James (Staff)

Regrets: Elizabeth Revoczi (Director) and Margaret Li (Director)

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 hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ 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 am.

2. Welcome to Guests: None

3. Agenda – Amendments and Approval

ADD:

- h. Lounge Card Playing
- i. Thursday Band Fee Increase

MOTION by Albert Lam to accept the agenda as amended. **Seconded** by Eugene Hamel. **Motion Carried**

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

Amendments:

MOTION by Louise Kowalenko to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2024. **Seconded** by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

YGM requirements:

1. If a group only collects a “drop in” fee (like dance) then no YGM is required as they have no additional monies to account for and all “drop in” funds go directly to the Society.
2. If a group collects the \$10 contribution (like Cards) per member then no YGM is required as they have no additional monies to account for.
3. If a group, in addition to collecting the \$10 contribution by member additionally collects a nominal amount for coffee and snacks, then no YGM is required as they have no additional monies to account for.
4. If a group collects the \$10 contribution by member and charges additional fees i.e. (like Badminton) i.e., \$50 per member per year total and keeps \$40 for their discretion then the YGM with accompanying financial statements needs to be held.
5. If a group collects the \$10 contribution by member at an annual registration but also has a “drop-in” element due to participants joining after the registration, then no YGM is required as they have no additional monies to account for and all “drop-in” funds go directly to the Society.

All Group Treasurers or people handling incoming/outgoing cash must have a Criminal Records check to hold this position.

MOTION by Louise Kowalenko to accept the Proposed YGM Group requirements. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried.**

- b. Rice Give Away
No date has been arranged for this event. To be deferred until the April meeting.
- c. Inventory/Insurance List

Eugene clarified the current inventory lists which are to be updated by each group. The Society has an excess of old coffee cups and water glasses for donation. Alice will contact Jubilee Church to see if they are interested in the cups and glasses.

d. Board Liaison Assignments:

Badminton	- Ernie
Baking	- Brenda
BEARS	-
Bingo	- Brian
Bridge (Standard)	- Cleo
Bridge (Duplicate)	- Cleo
BSAC	- Brian
Bus	- Ernie
Calligraphy	- Mary
Choir	- Elizabeth
Coffee Bar	- Brenda
Computer	- Brian
Dance Social M/W	- Pat, Elizabeth
Dance ballroom T/T	- Pat, Elizabeth
Karaoke	- Louise

Mah Jong	-
Open Arts	- Mary
Practice Line Dance	- Louise
Publicity	- Brian
Sing-along	- Brenda
Snooker	- Mary
Social Line Dance	- Louise
South Asian Card Group	- Ernie
Sunshine	- Elizabeth
Table Tennis	- Albert
Tai Chi Traditional	- Alice
Tai Chi Yang Style [OOB]	- Alice
Tennis	- Albert
VOBS	- Brenda
Website	- Mary

6. Correspondence

Email from Mulberry/Parc regarding the signing of contract for advertisement on the bus. The contract goes into effect April 1, 2024.

7. President's Report –

Ernie, Mary, Eugene, and Louise attended Mulberry Parc for lunch to celebrate the signing of the bus sponsorship by Mulberry Parc.

It is anticipated the new bus will be available in late July 2024. The new bus will seat 24 and include upgrades of upper storage racks and a flip-down step. The old bus will be sold or donated by the 55+ Society once the new bus has been received.

MOTION: to purchase a new bus from Dynamic Specialty Vehicles for a purchase price not to exceed \$200,000 with a \$20,000 down payment. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried**

8. Treasurer's Report

MOTION by Eugene Hamel to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 2024 as circulated. **Seconded** by Alice Crestejo. **Motion Carried**

9. Staff Report – Given by Kelli Tibbles

- Registration for spring is open and has gone very well.
- Donation of \$150 request for the 55+ Easter event
- Welcome back BBQ to ask firefighters for support June 14 or 21

MOTION by Pat Couch to provide \$150 towards the cookie station at the City Easter Event. **Seconded** by Alice Crestejo. **Motion Carried**

Brian will check with the Firefighters to see what dates they will be available to help with a "Welcome to Summer BBQ" to be held in June.

10. Sub-Committee Reports – Please see March 2024 Group Reports attached to these Minutes.

11. New Business

- a. Date Change of Fall Dinner Dance from Friday October 18th to November 8th, 2024

MOTION by Ernie Kashima to move the Fall Dinner dance to November 8th, 2024. **Seconded** by Cleo Wah. **Motion Carried**

- b. Hosting of Seniors Expo

In partnership with Mulberry/Parc the 55+ Society will be hosting a Seniors Expo in the new year.

- c. Sing-A-Long Drum Set

Using an old drum set in storage the Sing-along Group has managed to complete their existing drum set. To free up storage space, the old drum set will be donated to whoever would like it for free.

- d. Bridge (Practice) inquiry/clarification

Potential members have asked for instructions on how to play this card game. Currently the Bridge Group does not provide instruction. The matter remains unresolved and will be deferred to the April Board meeting.

- e. Office Space

The city needs more office space for its staff. The City is offering a smaller space behind the reception desk. The matter remains unresolved and will be deferred to the April Board meeting.

- f. Annual Society Filing

MOTION by Louise Kowalenko to pay the annual Society filing fee, including the Notice of Change of Directors. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried**

- g. April BOD meeting change

From April 12 to April 5 for Bus tour and lunch. This meeting will be considered a Board Retreat and be from 10 am to 3 pm.

h. Lounge Card Playing

The topic of banning all tile games from the Lounge was discussed. The matter remains unresolved and will be deferred to the April Board meeting.

i. Thursday Band Fee Increase

Pat Couch has brought forward a request to increase the Thursday night band remittance. The matter remains unresolved and will be deferred to the April Board meeting.

Dates to Remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
BOD meeting	Fri, March 8	Multi 3	10 am
St Patricks' Dinner Dance	Fri, March 15	Bonsor Banquet Hall	5 – 9 pm
Easter Event	Fri, March 29	TBD	TBD
BOD meeting DATE CHANGE	Fri, Apr 5	On Board Bus	10 am -3 pm
Volunteer Lunch	Thur, May 9	Bonsor Banquet Hall	
BOD meeting	Fri, May 10	Multi 3	10 am
YGM Karaoke	June TBD	Bonsor Multi 1/2	
YGM Social Line Dance	June TBD	Bonsor Multi 1/2	
Welcome to Summer	June TBD	Bonsor Banquet Hall	TBD
Group Leaders Meeting	Wed, Jun 5	Bonsor Multi 1/2	
BOD meeting	Fri, June 14	Multi 3	10 am
BOD meeting CANCELLED	Fri, July 12	NO MEETING IN JULY	
BOD meeting	Fri, Aug 9	Multi 3	10 am
YGM Table Tennis	September TBD		
YGM Tennis	September TBD		
YGM Snooker	September TBD		
BOD meeting	Fri, Sep 13	Multi 3	10 am
Coffee Bar Brunch	Thur, Sep 26	TBD	
Active Aging Week	Oct 4 - 11	TBD	
BOD meeting	Fri, Oct 11	Multi 3	10 am
Big Boo	Oct 25	Bonsor Banquet Hall	

YGM Tai Chi Double Yang	November TBD		
BOD meeting	Fri, Nov 8	Multi 3	10 am
Fall Dinner Dance	Fri, Nov 8	Bonsor Banquet Hall	5-9 pm
Christmas Luncheon	Wed, Dec 4	Bonsor Banquet Hall	11:45 – 2 pm
BOD Christmas Get-Together	Wed, Dec 4	Private home	7 pm
Christmas Pancake Breakfast	Fri, Dec 13		9– 10:30

13. Good and Welfare

14. Meeting adjourned.

Ernie Kashima

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

Louise Kowalenko

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 8, 2024

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

MAH JONG – No Report.

TABLE TENNIS – No Report.

TRADITIONAL TAI CHI – During the latter 2 weeks in February, we started a new Tai Chi Cane program under the guidance of our Tai Chi Master, Arsenio Chua. Our Friday sessions start with Tai Chi for Beginners (8:30 to 9:25), then Tai Chi Cane (9:35 to 10:30). Tai Chi Cane requires more square footage per member to move around, thus having MPR 1 and 2 for our use is ideal.

We held our first Chinese New Year (CNY) event. Feb. 09, 2024. Our CNY activities include Singing, Tai Chi, and Tai Chi Cane demos. Free food (finger food and snacks) and drinks are provided and organized by our Social Committee. Even though this was our first CNY event, based on all the happy faces, everyone had an incredibly enjoyable time at this event.

I have an existing list of over 50 members. However, not all members have returned by mid-February. Regardless, we currently have just over 40 paid up members. This number is increasing with new members signing up. Because we have limited space with MPR 1 for our Tuesday sessions, we may have overcrowding issues when our attendance regularly surpasses 25. In February, we already had a few Tuesday sessions with 25 attending. I am currently monitoring our new member sign up. If overcrowding becomes an issue, I will suggest new members attend our Friday morning sessions from 8:30 to 9:25 am (MPR 1 and 2).

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – No Report.

TENNIS – In January and February, our President contacted Chelsea to make sure our application to the City of Burnaby was being processed and approved. On February 28th, we received the City of Burnaby 2024 permit, approval for use of Central Park tennis courts 9, 10, 11, 12 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon, except on Statutory Holidays. Our tennis season will begin April 15-September 30. Our first committee meeting is scheduled for March 6th. The meeting agenda includes setting up a date for registration, social events, activities, budget, club fee, tennis ball purchases, and designate general duties, etc.

B. Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity

COMPUTERS EDUCATION - No Report

BINGO – No Report.

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – No Report.

PUBLICITY- No Report

C. Ernie – Bus Committee, Card Group

BUS COMMITTEE - **Bus** Report for February 2024,

Our team of Keith Saunders and Don Rhodes keeps our bus running well and nicely cleaned. A huge “thank you” to both. In February, our drivers took seniors out on 8 trips with another 8 trips planned for March. Monica and Brett are also planning a spring overnight trip the third week of May.

Welcome our new drivers Nick and Nathan. The bus committee looked at a new 24 passenger bus on February 6, and discussions are being held at the board for purchase this summer.

SOUTH ASIAN CARD GROUP – No Report.

F. BEARS, Bridge, Bridge (Practice)

BEARS –This group continues to run smoothly.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – No Report.

BRIDGE (PRACTICE) – The bridge practice group continues to meet every Tuesday for an afternoon of playing. We now have 18 paid up members.

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

KARAOKE – This group enjoys the opportunity to gather and show off their singing talents to the delight of all those attending.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE: Things went well in February for the whole group. Dora was back in charge of block 3 on Wednesday and things went very smoothly and everyone was happy. Attendance in February was 21 out of 37 members. For block 1 on Friday, things have been going smoothly as well. Everyone seems happy with the new arrangement of the 2 blocks combining as one. Total active members are 39 and average attendance for February was 25. We had a small party to celebrate the Chinese New Year, and everyone had a wonderful time. There was no more issue with the sound system in February.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – Welcome to our March update! Here is a quick rundown of what has been happening with our Bonsor 55+ Practice Line Dance Group:

Membership Update:

We are thrilled to have 4 new members and 17 members renewing their membership for 2024! As we gear up for the spring season, we are excited to welcome back returning members and anticipate fresh faces joining us after the holiday break. Our group is all about that Bonsor line dance spirit!

Practice Sessions:

Our practice sessions are moving well, with dedicated time for each of our four levels: Beginner, Beginner Plus, Intermediate, and Immediate Plus. We are sticking to our schedule, spending about half an hour on each level. The dances we practice are based on what we have learned in class, keeping our feet moving!

Community Support:

We want to give a big thank you to the amazing folks at the Bonsor 55+ Centre for their ongoing support. Their assistance and facilities have been crucial to our group's success, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do for us.

Let us keep on dancing and spreading the joy wherever you go.

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

BADMINTON – A new executive has been elected. At their YGM Ernie thanked the outgoing executive and fielded questions from the members. The 2024 Badminton Group Executives Team met for the 1st time on Feb 2nd, 2024. Top of the list on our agenda was to bring "More Fun and Better Badminton" to the badminton group members. The team took steps to complete the changeover of the essential administrative procedures, including the banking signatories, quickly. Another priority is preparing to review the submitted Group Budget Report 2024 and make the appropriate changes before putting it to a vote in the March Group Executives Meeting. The Executives Group also completed a few tasks in February.

* Celebrated the Chinese New Year with a fun-filled Friday morning on Feb 9th, 2024 (see pictures below)

* Arranged to host the annual Chinese New Year Celebration Banquet in Burnaby to be held on March 20th, 2024

* Completed a membership wide poll on the "Open Session" question using both e and paper format by March 1st, 2024.

* Established a new procedure to replenish all 10 courts with new shuttles on a weekly basis, effective Feb 9th, 2024.

* Organized to provide the next Play Better Badminton training class starting on March 14, 2024 (class is now full with a waitlist).

The new Executives hope to catch their collective breaths after the Chinese New Year banquet but will continue to find new ways or ideas in improving both operational processes and fun events in the coming months.

SNOOKER – On January 14, 2024 (Sunday), three Bonsor teams (24 contestants) participated in the "Snooker Skills Contest." Points were assigned for successfully completing the skill exercises. The 5 snooker skills were: "Black Ball" potting, "Run Color" potting, "X-Rest" potting, "Side Cushion" potting, and "Safety" shots. Stan Ziolkowski finished #1 for his overall highest score. January to March 08, 2024, has been busy with the Bonsor Bee's winning 1st place in the regular season of the Lower Mainland Seniors Snooker League (LMSSL). Karim Tejani and Rob Lockhart have done a terrific job as Captain/Co-Captain of the Bonsor Bee's.

Now in the playoffs, Bonsor is competing against the Dogwood team. Bonsor went to the Dogwood Snooker Club and won the 1st match last Wednesday (March 6, 2024) 10 frames to 6 frames. The 2nd match will happen on March 13, 2024, Wednesday at the Bonsor Snooker Club. The playoffs will conclude by the end of March 2024.

After the LMSSL Season concludes at the end of March 2024, the LMSSL Post-Season Tournaments start. This tournament involves about 8 teams, in three different divisions: A-Division, B-Division, and Super-Seniors (age 80+). This post-season tournament is extremely popular and has in-excess of 40+ contestants.

The Bonsor Snooker Club membership is strong with 62 members. In addition to scheduling LMSSL matches, the Snooker Club offers daily free-play time. The skill level of play ranges from novice to expert with varied opportunities to learn the sport and improve skill level. Of course, the Club also offers an opportunity for friendship and good times.

OPEN ARTS - During February, the Open Art group continued with our weekly sessions and regular features of Artist of the Month and Theme Display on the second-floor display boards. Details of the displays can also be found on our webpage.

WEBSITE – The website continues to welcome all submissions from our groups. Pictures are always appreciated.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY – this group has quickly become extremely popular. The City is trying to find an alternate time and day to allow more members to join.

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

DANCE - Monday/Wednesday This group is continuing to increase in size. They had approximately 86 attendees each day.

DANCE – Tuesday/Thursday – The Tuesday afternoon Dance is not operating. We had 4 dances held in February with an average attendance of 102 dancers. We celebrated Chinese New Year as well as Valentine’s Day on February 14th. Prizes were given out at Spot Dances to 4 couples. The hall was decorated for the occasion. Our shopper Elizabeth bought extra goodies (fortune cookies and chocolate) for the occasion. The dancers did have a lovely time.

J. Brenda –SING-ALONG, VOBS, COFFEE BAR/ BAKING

SING-ALONG – The Bonsor Singin' Seniors group averaged 18 members attending each practice for the month of February 2024. The Group meets regularly on Fridays 1 - 3 pm. We have done no performances so far in 2024. New members are always welcome to join.

VOBBS – VOBSS recently concluded its Empowerment Series with a workshop on Palliative Care. Following discussion from the attendees, it was decided to hold a workshop on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). Alex Muir from the B. C. Chapter of the non-profit Dying with Dignity (www.dyingwithdignity.ca) will conduct the workshop on March 21 at the Bill Copeland Centre from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Among other topics on the subject, Alex will present a brief review of end-of-life options. Snacks will be provided and there will be time for questions. This event is free, and a poster will be available shortly.

A second free workshop will be held on April 15, at the Bill Copeland Centre Navigating the B. C. Health Care System presented by Connie Jorvik who authored a book with the same name. Tentatively, the time will be from 10:30 until 12:30 with lunch included. Further details will be on the upcoming poster. Other plans in the making are for a 6 week, twice weekly Spring workshop on Speechcraft lead by Joanne Morrison, a 35-year Distinguished Toastmaster. This will be an introduction to becoming more comfortable while speaking in a group. The time and date will be determined on the availability of the Lakeview room at the Bill Copeland Centre.

COFFEE BAR & BAKING – No Report.

K. Elizabeth – Choir

CHOIR – No report.

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