

# BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD AT BONSOR CENTER

JUNE 14, 2024

**In Attendance:**

Ernie Kashima, President

Mary Horton (Director)

Kelli Tibbles (Staff)

Brian Pound, Vice President

Pat Couch (Director)

Ashley James (Staff)

Eugene Hamel, Treasurer

Brenda Felker, (Director)

Albert Lam (Director)

Cleo Wah (Director)

**Regrets:** Louise Kowalenko, Secretary; Alice Crestejo (Director); Margaret Li (Director)

**Attendance:**

There were 8 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 am.

2. Welcome to Guests: None
3. Agenda – Amendments and Approval

**ADD:** Under new business – Compensation re choir - Elizabeth

**MOTION** by Brian to accept the agenda as amended. **Seconded** by Albert. **Motion Carried**

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

**MOTION** by Mary to accept the Minutes of May 10, 2024. **Seconded** by Brenda. **Motion Carried**

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. Group Leaders Meeting

Everyone was pleased with the meeting. Good feedback from the participants. Snooker was the only group not represented.

- b. Social Dance Band fee increase

Pat would like to increase the fee paid to the band to \$400.

**MOTION** by Pat Couch to increase band performance fee to \$400. **Seconded** by Mary. **Motion defeated.**

- c. Summer BBQ update – an excellent event with great thanks to the Firefighters and the City staff for their work. The City maintenance staff was great before/during/after. Special acknowledgement to Brian Pound for coordinating and to Cleo Wah and her volunteers for helping prepare the condiments. 200 people signed up for the sold-out event. A reminder to everyone that you cannot bring guests to events that require pre-registration unless they are registered.
- d. Card Playing in Lounge – Groups have been accessing the lounge in the afternoons and currently there are no issues.
- e. Audit Update – Ernie needs to coordinate this with Eugene.
- f. Refund for Karaoke and Calligraphy members. Cheques have been prepared for the Karaoke members.

**MOTION** by Mary Horton moved that a refund of \$25 be given to three Karaoke members. **Seconded** by Brenda. **Carried.**

**MOTION** by Mary Horton moved that a refund of \$10 be given to the 22 Calligraphy members as their group has folded. **Seconded** by Brenda. **Carried.**

- g. Volunteer lunch 2025 – a suggestion was made by City staff to move the 2025 volunteer lunch to Riverway. Chelsea will check the date availability.

6. Correspondence - We received a lovely email thank-you note from Shaohua Xulin regarding the recent overnight bus trip that her and her husband were on. They are very thankful for the organizers and drivers for making these trips possible.

7. President's Report – A huge thankyou and congratulations to Kyle for his time at the Center. He will be surely missed but we celebrate his new job with him. The bus is scheduled to be delivered at the end of August. The organizers of the overnight bus trips are looking for help organizing future trips. Carolyn will transition to organizing the coffee bar and volunteers as Karuna steps back. We thank Karuna for all the hard work she did.
8. Treasurer's Report

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

9. Staff Report – Given by Kelli Tibbles

Staff Report was not submitted in time for completion of Minutes.

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

11. New Business

- a. New Group Application for Beginners Line Dance submitted by Grace Wong.

The application includes a six month pay in advance membership fee in addition to a drop in component.

**MOTION** by Ernie to accept a New Group Application for Beginners Line Dance. **Seconded** by Mary. **Motion Defeated.**

12. Dates to Remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
BOD meeting	Fri, June 14	Multi 3	10 am
BOD meeting <b>CANCELLED</b>	Fri, July 12	<b>NO MEETING IN JULY</b>	
BOD meeting	Fri, Aug 9	Multi 3	10 am
YGM Table Tennis	September TBD		
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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
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13. Good and Welfare

Brenda Felker sent a lovely thank-you card to the board for all of the support she has received from the Board during her recent recovery.

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**

**MAY 10, 2024**

**A. Albert –Table Tennis, Tennis,**

TABLE TENNIS – One butterfly Centerfold table tennis table was seriously broken while opened by the center staff. Distributor was contacted, spare parts were difficult to get since it is more than 10 years old. Even if the distributor is able to get the spare parts, we still have to get our own technicians to fix it. Final conclusion is to write off the table and to replace a new one. A quotation

for the replacement was obtained, which cost CAD3,002.00 was submitted for board approval. A second accident happened again while two center staff was opening the tables. Due to unbalance force applied in opening, one of the tables fell on one side, a staff was injured. Center supervisor decided that the staff will no longer responsible for opening and closing all the tables. There are a total of 964 players showed up in the month of May. Table tennis group will hold the annual registration on June 6, 2024. We are targeting 240 members in the coming year.

TENNIS – Currently the Bonsor Tennis club has a total of 34 members, a good possibility of late members returning.

Officially our season started April 15/24 playing until September 27/24. Play dates are every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon in Central Park on reserved courts #9-10-11-12. Due to inclement weather, we have had a very slow start with many rained out days making planning extra activities difficult. However, special events are planned for free pizza days in June/July, a fun social tournament in August and a year end dinner in September. Looking ahead, Sunny Days are in the forecast starting this week!

## **B. Alice – Tai Chi Traditional, Tai Chi Yang Style**

### TRADITIONAL TAI CHI –

Name of Program: Traditional Double Yang Tai Chi Group  
Instructor/Teacher: Master Victor Chow (volunteer)  
President of Program: Dr David Chai (volunteer )  
Number of members: 30  
Membership Fee: \$25.00 per member per year.  
Average Number of Members Attending Each Session: 15-24 (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday)  
Planned Activities: None  
Issue with Time Slots: None.

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – No changes to our status quo and our Tai Chi Group is chugging along.

SING-A-LONG - There were only 2 sessions for the sing along in May, i.e. May 2 and May 23. On May 2, both Wendy Kefoury, our pianist and Esther Yue, the treasurer were absent due to sickness. We (Fred Hinmueller and I) manage to use the You-tube music for the session. It went well. We gained a couple of new members. It seems that Sing Along has become quite popular. On May 23, the total attendance was 32 people. A drop of 8 people due to holidays.

As Wendy will not be playing for us starting September 2024, we are in the process seeking a new pianist. We have posted on the web site and in the 55+ lounge last month. So far no-one has applied. It is hard to find a volunteer so dedicated like Wendy. She has played for us for many years. We will miss her very much. As a last resort, we may have to pay for a pianist. I am in the

## **C. Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity**

COMPUTERS EDUCATION - Smaller groups last couple weeks. A great opportunity to come have your electronics-related questions answered. Volunteers work with you to try to solve your computer, phone and tablet-related problems. Word processing, Internet, e-mail and photo management are examples of topics this group is helpful for. \$1.00 Bonsor

BINGO – Usual weekly group.

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – No Report

PUBLICITY- No Report

**F. Cleo - Bridge, Bridge (Practice)**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – No Report.

BRIDGE (PRACTICE) – No Report.

**C. Ernie – Bus Committee, Card Group, Badminton**

BUS COMMITTEE - May was a busy month for bus trips with 8-day trips plus a four-day overnight trip. The bus serviced Bonsor, Edmonds, Cameron and Confederation Seniors Centers as well as Century House in New West and private trips for Tonari Gumi and Edmonds School. June has 12 trips booked.

A big thank-you to our volunteer drivers Don, Keith, Nathan, Ilario, Ernie, Robin and Cori. We have confirmed delivery of our new bus for the end of July 2024.

SOUTH ASIAN CARD GROUP – No Report.

BADMINTON –

In May, on average 116 members attended per game day or a 42% attendance rate. Below is what's happening with the badminton group in May.

- The new "Tags Board" - "your Hand, Your Tag" - procedure has been implemented with mixed responses from the members in early May. The reactions are expected when implementing any new procedures. The members are now settled down with the "Tags Board" procedure. The players' change over process between the games in the gym are now more orderly.
- In early May, the Dub tournament registration process took in 74 players through two sign-up sessions.
- In late May, 168 members signed up to attend the tournament lunch in two sessions as well.
- The tournament "Players Groups" and tournament games schedule are now completed. The tournament event volunteers are pooled as well.

- The caterer (T&T Hotfood Kitchen) for the lunch has been contacted. In addition, a members-led "Sweet Heaven" event has been organized for the tournament lunch social event as well.

- A total of 60 members attended 4 Gap Days with an average of 15 members per session. A total of 20 members attended the one-hour Coach's Corner training sessions.

The badminton group executives will be very busy to put the finishing touches in bringing a competitive and yet fun DUB tournament event to the members in June. The Club Membership Registration process will be the next focus of our work in July.

#### **D. Louise – Karaoke, Social Line Dance & Practice Line Dance**

KARAOKE – Monthly attendance number: May 5 - total 28 members. May 12 - total 24 members. May 19 - total 29 members. May 26 - total 24 members. Event held - none. 3) Events planned - none.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE – Wednesday and Friday classes are held weekly.

*Wednesdays Class:* The Wednesday Social Line Dance switched over to drop-in sessions as of May 1st, the first session ran very smoothly with the help from the City staff and volunteers. The average attendance for the month of May was 25, mostly returning members and a few new members. The session on June 5 is cancelled due to the Group Leaders meeting, the session will resume on June 12th.

*Fridays Class:* \_May 3: attendance 19 - (regulars 14, 4 new members and 1 non-member), collection: \$21. May 10: attendance 18 (1 non-member), collection: \$20. Chelsea helped to give out tickets at the reception and because of the low numbers everything went very smoothly.

I think the reasons for the low attendance were:

- people wanted to wait and see if there were too many people attending as they do not want to be sent home.

- quite a few were away

- a few were sick

I am sure the numbers will pick up in June.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE –

*Membership Update:*

We are delighted to announce that we welcomed a new member in late May, bringing our total membership to 32.

*Practice Sessions:*

Our practice sessions continue to be held every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. These sessions cater to dancers of all levels, with dedicated segments for Beginners, Beginner Plus, Intermediate, and Intermediate Plus dances. There is always something to inspire

every line dance lover.

*Community Support:*

We deeply appreciate the support from the Bonsor 55+ Centre members. Their friendliness and invaluable assistance have been instrumental in the success of our group. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of them.

**E. Mary –Snooker, Open Arts, Website, Chinese Calligraphy**

SNOOKER – A successful tournament with the West Vancouver Snooker Group last weekend, and thanks to the organizers and volunteers it was very successful and lots of fun.

Closer to our Bonsor home, the Bonsor House League started on May 8, 2024 and will finish playoffs on 08 August 2024. The purpose of the House League is to give all Bonsor S.C. members an opportunity to play in a league regardless of their experience and skill level. The House League consists for 4 teams, with approximately 12 or 13 players per team, for a total of 51 players signed up. The House League matches happen at Bonsor S.C. every Thursday; there is a morning session (10:30 am), and an afternoon session (1:00 pm).

The Bonsor Snooker Club membership is strong with 69 members. In addition to schedule House League 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 opportunity for friendship and good times.

OPEN ARTS - Planning is already underway for the "Art Walk" to be held in August at the Mulberry. As usual, many positive comments on the displays in the coffee bar and upstairs by the doorway to Multi 3. The Open Art group continues with our weekly sessions and regular features of Artist of the Month and Theme Display on the second-floor display boards. The average attendance during the last month is around 20. As always, details of the displays can also be found on our webpage:

WEBSITE – This topic will be discussed at the Group Leaders Meeting to underline the importance of groups posting up to date activities and pictures to keep the website current and interesting.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY – Group has been disbanded as not feasible to keep as an open group, as the lessons are progressive and too many people want to participate in this program.

**F. Margaret Li – BEARS, Mah Jong**

BEARS - This Group is running well.

Mah Jong – This Group is running well. We have about 60 member now, games start every Monday from 3:30 to 8:30 . All member get along well! In mid-April we had a one day tour to Abbotsford tulip Garden .About 20 member joined this trip . Thanks to the Society in renting the bus to us ! We will ask the Bonsor Society Board if it is possible to order an automatic MahJong table.



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

DANCE - Monday/Wednesday

The monthly attendance for the month of May: Monday 76 and Wednesday -105

DANCE – Thursday Evenings

We only had one dance on May 02 with 120 dancers attending. We plan on having a special dance on May 16 with a Hawaiian theme. Dancers are encouraged to come in muus muus or anything Hawaiian leis etc. There will be Spot Dances whereby prizes will be given out. The hall will be decorated with Hawaiian themes. Hopefully the weatherman will co-operate

WEIGHT ROOM/CARDIO - We have been successful maintaining our numbers of seniors attending during the week at close to 30. We have also seen a few new members joining us. Our group is very sociable & always welcoming. An eye is being kept on members have their Be Active card up to date.

## **J. Brenda – VOBBS, COFFEE BAR/ BAKING, BSRS**

VOBBS – Vobbs started it's Speechcraft workshops a few weeks ago. The instructor is humorous and non judgemental so the participants who were feeling nervous about public speaking at the beginning are gradually feeling relaxed and confident. Homework assignments with instructional worksheets are given out so the members are given time to practice in between the biweekly sessions.

COFFEE BAR & BAKING – Caroline Young will be taking over from Karuna as the Coordinator. A very big thank you to Karuna for assisting the Coffee Bar during this transition period.

BURNABY SENIORS RESOURCES SOCIETY - BSRS

As part of its ongoing educational series, Burnaby Seniors Resources Society will be presenting a workshop for the seniors public on June 20 at 1:00 pm upstairs in the banquet room. The presentation will be on services available for seniors in Burnaby and there will be tables around the room for seniors to peruse. A panel discussion will follow with an opportunity for seniors to ask questions. A poster will be out soon, and snacks and water will be available free of charge.

## **K. Elizabeth – Choir**

CHOIR – We haven't done any concerts yet, we but have the following events planned before the end of June:

- Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> -- Bonsor Seniors Lounge, between 1:45 and 2:30.
- Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Seniors Choir jamboree (for 5 local choirs) at Edmonds Community Center.

- Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> – Mulberry Parc retirement home at 2:30

I may try to arrange an additional concert at a local retirement home.

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