

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD AT BONSOR CENTER

August 9, 2024

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima, President

Albert Lam (Director)

Elizabeth Revoczi (Director)

Brian Pound, Vice President

Mary Horton (Director)

Cleo Wah (Director)

Eugene Hamel, Treasurer

Pat Couch (Director)

Margaret Li (Director)

Louise Kowalenko, Secretary

Brenda Felker, (Director)

Kyle Kuramoto (Staff)

Regrets: Alice Crestejo (Director)

Attendance:

There were 11 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 – Coffee Bar Luncheon Budget

MOTION by Brian Pound to accept the agenda as amended. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried**

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

MOTION by Louise Kowalenko to accept the Minutes of June 2024. **Seconded** by Elizabeth Revoczi. **Motion Carried**

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. Social Dance Band fee increase

Pat would like to increase the fee paid to the band to \$400. This matter has been deferred until the September Board of Directors Meeting.

- b. Audit/Review Update – This matter has been deferred until the September Board of Directors Meeting.

6. Correspondence - We received a lovely card from Mary Horton thanking the Board for the flowers and card she received.

7. President's Report – The new Bonsor 55+ Bus is very busy with bookings. The air conditioning has been fixed under warranty as it was very loud, and a keyed entrance for the passenger doors will be installed on August 26. The old bus has been donated to Burnaby Neighbourhood House. As there are tax implications from this donation we will not proceed with the depreciation of the new bus until this matter has been resolved.

Ernie stressed to the Board of Directors that when an event is put on by Board - all Board members should participate in set-up, the running of the event, and stay for the cleanup of event as well.

8. Treasurer's Report

MOTION by Eugene Hamel to accept the Treasurer's Reports of June and July 2024 as circulated. **Seconded** by Ernie. **Motion Carried**

Bus Depreciation - There will be a change in the depreciation method of the new bus.

MOTION by Eugene Hamel to change the new bus depreciation from a declining balance to a straight-line depreciation for the next ten years. **Seconded** by Mary Horton. **Motion Carried**

Reinvestment of \$40,000 into a term deposit This matter has been deferred until the September Board of Directors Meeting as Mary and Eugene are going to investigate the possibility of switching banks.

9. Staff Report – Given by Kyle Kuramoto

Staffing Updates

- Clerical position is now changed to give longer hours. TJ will be at the desk Monday-Wednesday and Charmaine Thursday – Saturday.
- Chelsea is on vacation now.
- Vacant RL2 – the successful candidate will be announced soon.
- Bonsor Centre Supervisor – Kyle will remain until some time in September.

Please note that the 55+ building is now open 8:45 am to 4 pm

Badminton Registration

- Need Society Exec Board Members to help check memberships
- Sept 10 from 9am-12:30pm
- Volunteering Board of Directors need to attend 8:30 am

BEARS Craft Sale

- Sept 26 & Nov 1, 10am-2pm
- Bonsor Main Floor

Active Aging Week

- Sept 30 to Oct 6
 - Society Groups involved: BEARS and Open Arts
 - Let me know if any other groups would like to be involved by Aug 16
 - Burger BBQ for our Seniors
 - Friday, Oct 4 from 11am-12pm in the Lounge
 - \$10 per member with registration through the City

Big Boo

- Question was asked if the Society like to donate for the cookies again?
- Friday, Oct 25, 6-8:30pm

MOTION by Ernie Kashima to donate \$800 to purchase cookies for the Big Boo City Event. **Seconded** by Mary Horton. **Motion Carried**

Sock Box for Maywood

- Do we want a performance again?
- I've booked Thursday, Dec 12, 10am-10:30am upstairs at B55
- In September, if a Board member can confirm with the school.
Donation to Maywood school should be \$1,129. This is the remaining amount raised last year for gifts to schools.

MOTION by Ernie to donate \$1,129 to Maywood School from the 2023 Sox Box donation collection. **Seconded** by Mary Horton. **Motion Carried**

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

11. New Business

- a. Mah Jong Program Time Request. Mah Jong is requesting to return to their previous Wednesday allotment. This matter has been deferred until the September Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Oscillating Pedestal Fan Purchase.

MOTION by Ernie Kashima to approve the purchase of four oscillating pedestal fans up to \$1,300 including taxes. **Seconded** by Albert Lam. **Motion Carried**

- c. Liquor License. The purchase of insurance for out Liquor licenses has been purchased for one year. As this is a rather expensive investment for only 4 events a year this matter is under review.
- d. Insurance Renewal. We have paid for the insurance renewal for the next year.
- e. Coffee Bar Closure. The Coffee Bar Volunteer Luncheon will be held on Thursday September 26, 2024. As this luncheon is to be held in the 55+ Lounge the Coffee Bar will be closed on that day from 10:30 – 2:30 pm. Notification signs will be posted.
- f. Lounge Chair Cleaning. Thank you to the City for the cleaning of our Lounge chairs.
- g. Director Responsibilities Review for September Meeting. A review of Director roles and responsibilities is to be held after the September 13 Board Meeting.
- h. Badminton Executive. Ernie and Albert will be meeting with the Badminton Executive to discuss the roles and responsibilities of Group Executives.
- i. Coffee Bar Luncheon Budget

MOTION by Mary Horton to approve a budget of \$500 for the Coffee Bar Luncheon to be held September 26, 2024. **Seconded** by Albert Lam. **Motion Carried**

- o **YGM Snooker is Thurs, Sept 12, 2pm-4pm**

12. Dates to Remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
YGM Mah Jong	Mon, Sep 9	55+ MP1/2	3 pm
Badminton Registration	Tue, Sep 10	Gymnasium	8:30 am
YGM Snooker	Sep 12		2 – 4 pm
BOD meeting	Fri, Sep 13	Multi 3	10 am
YGM Table Tennis	Sep 14		9:30-10:30 am
YGM Tennis	Sep 24		
Coffee Bar Brunch	Thur, Sep 26	55+ Lounge	10:30 – 2:30

Active Aging Week	Oct 4 - 11	Multiple Bonsor locations	Multiple Times
Members Burger BBQ	Fri, Oct 4	55+ Lounge	
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
Maywood School Choir	Thu, Dec 12	55+ MP3	10 – 10:30 am
Christmas Pancake Breakfast	Fri Dec 13		9 – 10:30 am

13. Good and Welfare

Mary Horton sent a lovely thank-you card to the Board for the support she has received during her recent recovery.

14. Meeting adjourned.

Ernie Kashima

Louise Kowalenko

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 2024

As no Board Meeting was held in June the following reports reflect Group activities for June and July 2024

A. Albert –Table Tennis, Tennis,

TABLE TENNIS – A total of 84 new members registered for the new financial year. There were a total of 1374 members turned up for table tennis in the month of July 2024, in comparison to 970 in June, and 964 in May. The increase of over 35% of participants did increase the waiting time for the players, but overall, things are in good order.

TENNIS – This year the Bonsor Tennis 55+ Club started with 34 members, recently an addition of 3 new members and a possible of 2 more. Central Park courts #9,10,11,12 are reserved every Mon, Wed, Friday from 9:00-12 noon for Bonsor Tennis 55+ members only.

A pizza & watermelon social was planned for Friday Jun 28th, however due to inclement weather had to be cancelled. This event was rescheduled for Wednesday July 3rd. A good turnout with games/prizes enjoyed by all!

We are now in the planning stages of our second pizza & watermelon social plus our upcoming yearly fun tournament.

Finally, our summer sunshine is here to stay!

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

TAI CHI TRADITIONAL

Traditional Double Yang Tai Chi Group practice Tai Chi three time a week at the Bonsor 55+ Building:

Leader: Master Victor Chow

Tuesday 8:30 - 11:00 am in MP1 and 2

Friday 3:00 - 5:00 pm in MP1 and 2

Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am in MP3

There were no other events or activities to report.

Traditional Double Yang Tai Chi Group, led by Master Victor Chow, practice three times a week at the Bonsor 55+ Building:

Tuesday 8:30 - 11:00 am in MP1 and 2
Friday 3:00 - 5:00 pm in MP1 and 2
Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am

In July, the Group held its annual summer luncheon at the Grand Crystal Dim Sum Restaurant in Crystal Mall. The function was attended by eighteen members. Cost per person was \$30.00, inclusive of tax and gratuities. The Group chipped in with \$81.00 towards the overall cost so that each attendee paid only \$27.00 for the luncheon.

As well in July, we added a new member to the practice.

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

SING-A-LONG - Enjoy this friendly social gathering and sing all your favorites. Includes the playing of instruments, dancing and refreshments. Can sing solo. \$10 annual fee

C. Brian –Computer, Bingo, BSAC, Publicity

COMPUTERS EDUCATION - Solid turnout first day back from one month holiday. 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 - July was a landmark month for the Bonsor Bus community as we took possession of our new bus! The new bus is the same model as the old bus except there is an extra row of seats so we can now take 24 passengers. We had 15 trips in July and all of the patrons are truly enjoying riding in the new bus.

August has been bus as well with 17 Trips planned. All of our trips seem to be sold out now with many having waitlists. We could go on even more trips if we had more drivers! If you know anyone please send them to us.

After 16 years our old bus was still in relatively good shape, however its value for resale or trade in was quite low so the Society donated the bus to our friends at Burnaby Neighborhood House who also run many seniors' programs. They are thrilled with our gift, and we are happy that our bus will continue to provide quality experiences for the seniors of Burnaby.

We are working with the City of Burnaby to get our logo updated, and once that is done, we will work with PARC/Mulberry to get the bus wrapped.

SOUTH ASIAN CARD GROUP – No Report.

BADMINTON – We had our regular badminton game days and did have some fun doing a Red t-shirt day to celebrate Canada Day. The rest of the month was to kick start the Registration Day preparation process. We completed another PBB Class with a new format - higher trainers / participant ratio and also received a high-quality birdie feeding machine, on loan at no cost to the club. This machine helps training for the members with more advanced skills. Lastly, the club equipment managers did a lot of work to develop a grip replacement service for the members at no cost to the members. The FGGB program is ready to launch next Friday. (see poster below).

Louise – Karaoke, Social Line Dance & Practice Line Dance

KARAOKE – Monthly attendance number: July 7 - total 31 members. July 14 - total 30 members. July 21 - total 27 members. July 28 - total 34 members. Event held - none. Events planned - Mid-Autumn Festival celebration Dinner on Sunday, Sept 8.

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

Wednesdays Class:

The Wednesday SLD is running very smoothly, everyone seems happy with the drop-in program. Here is the report for June and July:

June:

There were 3 sessions in June, an average of 25 members attended in each session. We had 5 new members joined the program. Total revenue \$77.00.

July:

There were 4 sessions in July, an average of 25 members attended in each session. We had 3 new members and 1 non-member joined the program. Total revenue \$100.00.

The highest attending rate so far was on May 30th, there were 30 participants.

Fridays Class:

June's numbers have picked up. total attendance (4 weeks): 96, total money collected: \$96. There was a problem with the sound system that was addressed by City Staff.

Everything went smoothly in July. The total attendance for July was 120 dancers. Total fees collected: \$128. One week we had to turn away four dancers due to exceeding the maximum floor space. Other than that, everyone had a good time.

PRACTICE LINE DANCE – A volunteer leads this lively group as they practice various line dances. Members must be registered in one of the City of Burnaby Line Dance class to take part in this group. Group Fee: \$10 annually. The Practice Line Dance group meets the weeks when City of Burnaby Line dance.

D. Mary –Snooker, Open Arts, Website,

SNOOKER – Snooker Group remains very active and is always having competitions. They will have their in-house tournament winner on Thursday, August 9th, and seem to be a cheerful group and have their daily play without problems, with the rules understood and followed by their members.

During the period from May 2024 to August 09, 2024, the Bonsor Snooker Club conducted 2 main tournaments. The Harvey Lee Double Knockout Snooker Tournament ran from 2 July 2024 to 19 July 2024. There were 32 participants who played 63 frames (games) to determine the Champion Stan Ziolkowski. The 2024 House League Tournament ran from 08 May 2024 to 08 August 2024 for 14 weeks with 4 House Teams with approximately 56 members competing for the championship. The Championship team was Beat It Again! captained by Joe Leung. The other participating teams were Pot Black, captain George Kawaguchi, Red Black Only, captain Dan Hanna, and Snooker Dragons, captain Rod Lockhart.

As a participant in the Lower Mainland Seniors Snooker League (LMSSL), Bonsor has a promising team with 20 members. The LMSSL competition includes 8 teams and starts on 4 September 2024 until mid-March 2025.

The Bonsor Snooker Club membership is strong with 70 members. In addition to scheduled tournaments, 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 - 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. Our membership continues to grow, and we are at 32 registered members. As always, details of the displays can also be found on our webpage:

<https://bonsor55.plussociety.org/open-art-studio>

WEBSITE – Very little activity since the last board meeting.

E. Margaret Li – BEARS, Mah Jong

BEARS - We meet to do our crafting and have cookies and tea. New members are always welcome. The group consists mostly of long-time members who meet every Friday to knit and socialize. The products produced are sold every fall at the Fall Craft Sales with proceeds donated

to charity. Main Building floor area (the area BEARS usually use) for the Fall Craft Sales. This is scheduled for 10am-2pm on the Fridays of September 27 and November 1.

Mah Jong – Executive Meetings are held on the last Monday of every other month. Upcoming Executive Meeting dates: Sept. 9 (1:30-3 pm), Nov 25, Jan 27, Mar 31, May 26 & July 28. Each play time, there are group leaders helping with organizing members into tables of 4. There are also volunteers to teach learners to play if required. There are very dedicated volunteers helping to organize and encourage a fun atmosphere.

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

DANCE - *Monday/Wednesday*

The monthly attendance for the month of June: Monday 370 and Wednesday -504.

The monthly attendance for the month of July: Monday 474 and Wednesday -1,086

The Monday attendance for June and July increased by over 100 participants while the Wednesday attendance has doubled. Good weather always brings out more dancers!

DANCE – *Thursday Evenings*

Everything went well to the above months: Western night was held on April 25, June 13 was Hawaiian night and July 25 was Caribbean It's not quite feasible to have a theme night every month...run out of ideas. Sorry!

WEIGHT ROOM/CARDIO – All is well with this program.

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

VOBBS – VOBBS followed up their last Speech Craft lessons with a free lunch for the participants in June. There is no cost for the workshops which include snacks and coffee at each session.

In early July registered members took part in a tour of the Poppy Residence followed by lunch.

At the end of July VOBBS held a picnic at the Barnett in Beach site with members travelling on the Bonsor bus. A free lunch was served utilizing part of a summer grant from the City of Burnaby.

Plans for August include a Stay on the Road program with presenters from ICBC for drivers who are turning 80 within the next few years. This will be held at the Poppy Residence. In late August, again using the Bonsor bus, a trip is planned for the Observatory at SFU. Posters for both events will be out soon.

COFFEE BAR & BAKING – Caroline Young is the new Leader for these two groups. As always the Baking Group continues to provide delicious cookies and muffins for Coffee Bar. The volunteers who run the Coffee Bar serve beverages and treats for all members of 55+. Please come and enjoy our 55+ Lounge!

BURNABY SENIORS RESOURCES SOCIETY – BSRS - No Report.

K. Elizabeth – Choir

CHOIR – A SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) mixed voice choir for adults 55+. New members welcomed as openings become available. \$10 annual fee

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