

# BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD AT BONSOR CENTER

October 11, 2024

**In Attendance:**

Ernie Kashima, President

Louise Kowalenko, Secretary

Brenda Felker, (Director)

Brian Pound, Vice President

Pat Couch (Director)

Kelli Tibbles (Staff)

Eugene Hamel, Treasurer

Elizabeth Revoczi (Director)

**Regrets:** Mary Horton (Director), Albert Lam (Director), Margaret Li (Director)

**Attendance:**

There were 7 Directors in attendance. Therefore, the quorum requirement ( $\frac{1}{2}$  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. Welcome to Guests.- None.
2. Agenda – Amendments and Approval

ADD: New Business

- f. Social Line Dance
- g. Snooker Tables
- h. Sing-A-Long

**MOTION** by Albert Lam to accept the agenda as amended. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried**

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

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

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- a. Banking Update

Mary and Eugene have looked into the option of changing our banking institution and have chosen to remain with the Prospera Credit Union

5. Correspondence

None.

6. President's Report

- There have been several issues with the Groups because of difficulties with their Executives. We need to plan for the next Group Leaders meeting for changes and adaptations required by Groups. Ernie and Louise will revamp the Group Leaders Manual to reflect the changes and adaptations that need to be followed.
- The Chinese Folk Arts Group will be a Drop-In program with Alice Crestejo as their Board Liaison. Their meetings will be on Thursdays 5 – 8 pm.
- The Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Cleo Wah has stepped down from the Board as she wishes to be on the Executive of MahJong.

**MOTION** by Ernie Kashima to clarify as of January 1, 2026, group registration fees are only to be used to cover group operating expenses. Any tournament or special event to be paid by the members attending those events in full. **Seconded** by Alice Crestejo. **Motion Carried.**

7. Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of Eugene Hamel the September Treasurers Report is deferred to the next Board Meeting in November 2024.

8. Staff Report – Kelli Tibbles

- Microphone cord for Sing-A-Long – new cord needs to be purchased as old cord cannot be repaired. See New Business: h) for Motion.
- Fall Dinner Dance – registration is currently at 53 tickets sold. Option to hold next Dance during the daytime
- Suggestion for spring dance to try a lunch instead of a dinner with dancing
- Winter Wonderland Lunch – December 4 in the banquet hall – registration is open and tickets can be purchased from the clerks at Bonsor 55+
- South Asian Card Group – asking for \$10 society fee refund as Group is disbanding. Ernie will be speaking to this Group.
- Working on the BBQ issues and will work along side society and City to figure it out
- Reminder to groups and group leaders that City staff can be busy and if your group is organizing events/socials/sales we ask that you work together with staff as needed, but we might not always be able to support
- We are short of daytime staff and might have some slight delays with support

9. Sub-Committee Reports – Please see October 2024 Group Reports attached to these Minutes.

10. New Business

a) Fall Dinner Dance

We only have 53 attendees registered at this time. Ernie asks that all Group Liaisons encourage their Groups to promote the Fall Dinner Dance scheduled for Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** by Ernie Kashima to provide a \$2,000 donation from the Board to supplement the Fall Dinner Dance budget. **Seconded** by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried.**

b) Mah Jong

Following the MahJong Group YGM their first Meeting was to elect an Executive and Committee Chairs. The Group was informed that if a Board member or City Staff was present any meeting, the meeting must be held in English. All correspondence and Group Minutes must be presented in English. Because one member of the Group was not willing to do this, the Board Representative, Board Liaison and City Staff member left the meeting. It is also noted that in September 2024 the Mah Jong Group was put on notice (for the second time) that no gambling would be tolerated on the premises or on any City property. If gambling continued, then the Group would be disbanded. This meeting was attended by Ernie Kashima, Louise Kowalenko, and Nicole Fluery (City Staff).

c) Bus – Damage and Repair

Damage to the bus has been reported with two incidents on the back and once on the side panel. We need to have the damage repaired prior to the bus being wrapped with advertising information.

**MOTION:** by Ernie Kashima to repair the damage to the bus at an estimated cost of \$8000 including taxes. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried.**

d) Choir – Music Selections

A member of this Group has made a complaint regarding the inclusion of religious music. Elizabeth will speak to the Group to make more inclusive arrangements that reflect the diversity of this Group. A suggestion that Sing-A-Long might be a better Group option for this member as there are no religious songs practiced with this Group.

e) Remembrance Day Service

Brian Pound will represent Bonsor 55+ Society at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

**MOTION:** by Brian Pound to open the 55+ Coffee Bar for participants before and after the Remembrance Day ceremony and provide free hot beverages to all attendees from 10 am to 1 pm. **Seconded** by Brenda Felker. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** by Brian Pound that we donate \$50 to the Legion towards a Remembrance Day Wreath for the Cenotaph. **Seconded** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried.**

f) Social Line Dance

Social Line Dance held on Wednesdays and Fridays is now a Drop-In program. Each program is requesting monies toward their Christmas Meal to be held on 55+ Society property.

**MOTION:** Louise Kowalenko to provide \$500 for their Christmas meal to each program for a total of \$1,000 including taxes. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried.**

g) Snooker Tables

Snooker has requested financial assistance towards the resurfacing of the snooker tables.

**MOTION:** by Ernie Kashima to contribute \$1,000 toward the resurfacing of the snooker tables. **Seconded** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried.**

h) Sing-A-Long

Sing-A-long requests funds for a microphone cord and a cymbal stand replacement.

**MOTION:** by Alice Crestejo to purchase a cymbal stand up to a maximum of \$200 including taxes. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** by Alice Crestejo to purchase a microphone cord up to a maximum of \$100 including taxes. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried.**

11. Dates to Remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Big Boo	Fri, 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	Wed Dec 18	55+ Lounge	9 – 10:30 am
<b>2025</b>			
Wine and Cheese	Wed, Feb 5	55+ Lounge	11:45 – 2 pm
Pancake Breakfast	Fri, Feb 14	55+ Lounge	
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Feb 14</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
55+ AGM	Fri, Feb 28	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	10 am
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Mar 7</b>	<b>Small Room Main Bldg</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
St Patricks' Dinner Dance	Fri, Mar 14	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	5-9 pm
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Apr 11</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Volunteer Luncheon Riverway Golf Club	Thu, May 1	Riverway Golf Club	
Group Leaders Meeting	Wed, June 4	Multi 1/2	
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Jun 13</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Aug 8</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Sep 12</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Coffee Bar Brunch	Thu, Sep 25	55+ Lounge	
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Oct 10</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Fall Dinner Dance TBD	Oct 24 or Nov 14	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>Fri, Nov 14</b>	<b>Multi 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>
Christmas Lunch	Wed, Dec 3	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	
BOD Christmas Event	Wed, Dec 10	Private Home	7 – 10 pm
Pancake Breakfast	Fri, Dec 17	55+ Lounge	

12. Good and Welfare

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**

**OCTOBER 2024**

**A. Albert –Table Tennis, Tennis,**

TABLE TENNIS – The following reports the activities of Table Tennis Group in the month of September:

1. 64 members attended the YGM on September 16.
2. The table tennis group held a lunch gathering on September 14 with 120 members attending.
3. 1140 members showed up in the month of September to play table tennis.
4. 2 play days were canceled due to other activities organized by the community center

TENNIS – We are fortunate to have the City of Burnaby reserve the tennis courts at Central Park for the Bonsor 55+ tennis club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon.

This past season we had 39 members. Club members enjoyed a social pizza and watermelon day gathering after our play time. We also organized a fun social tournament, 12 members participated, trophies were given to first and runner up winners. Refreshments were served as well.

Our 2024 tennis season officially ended on Friday September 27th. Also our year end dinner and YGM took place at Bonsor Active Studio on Sept. 27th. Brenda Felker managed our elections for 2025.

Executives for season 2025:

President: Kan Pavananthan, Secretary: Patricia Lum, Treasurer: Cherry Chang, Members at Large: Georgina Wong, Ray Newnes, Ken Lee, Bob Herar.

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

TAI CHI TRADITIONAL Traditional Double Yang Tai Chi Group, led by Master Victor Chow, practices 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

We have no events of note to report in September.

TAI CHI (YANG STYLE) – Tuesday and Friday classes - no material changes to our program for the month of September.

Tuesdays - we practice Tai Chi (TC) 8, 16, and 24 forms as well as Chi Gong exercises that incorporate breathing techniques.

Fridays - we set aside the first hour for new/newer members to practice TC 8 and 16 forms. The second hour is used to practice our TC Cane (incorporates a walking cane with TC movements).

We continue to accept new members wishing to join our 55+ Tai Chi Group. For new members with little or no Tai Chi background, we encourage them to join our Friday morning class where we have more room with MPR1 and MPR2.

As suggested/recommended in our last Group Leaders' meeting in June, I am pleased to announce that May Luk has been selected to be my assistant and backup. She is a quick learner and enthusiastic member in our Tai Chi Group. I am confident that she is capable of filling in my position when the need arises.

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

As usual, we will sing beautiful songs from 50 & 60s, famous songs from around the world, musical theatre, and folk songs. All in English, such as: Hello Dolly, You are my Sunshine, Over the Rainbow, By the Light of the Silvery Moon etc.

If you would like to sing a solo, please bring your cel phone, recordings, or sing without music. If you use a music script, please give a copy to Esther Chui, ahead of one session. Everyone is welcome!

Sing Along had two sessions in Sept from 1 pm to 3 pm in Mult room 1& 2. There was no special event happened in the month of September. Our karaoke machine is very old. One of the old cords broke the other day. It was temporary fixed by the City staff. We should look for a new chord. Fred Hinmueller is going to be my backup in case I am away.

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

COMPUTERS EDUCATION – Attendance down, blame it on weather and time of year

BINGO – Happiest group at Bonsor

BURNABY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BSAC) – Cameron now in residence at Lougheed Mall, minus badminton and open kitchen programs. Move to last up to five years. Fitness programs at nearby site. Construction of new Confed centre stalled and returned to Council for a looksee. Edmonds hit a record 100 players for a recent bingo game.

PUBLICITY- No Report

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – No Report.

BRIDGE (PRACTICE) – A friendly group meets every Tuesday, year round, from 1 to 4 pm in the Bonsor 55+ Centre room MP3 for an afternoon of practicing bridge skills and non-competitive bridge play. This is an Intermediate Level group and some playing experience is desirable, but you don't need to be an expert to join us. We encourage additional players to come and try out our group. We have 21 members

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

BUS COMMITTEE - Our new bus is proving quite popular as we had 16 trips in August and already have 13 scheduled for September. A huge thank you to Keith Saunders who has helped get everything done in terms of keys and maintenance. A number of our Society groups are now booking the bus for day trips.

BADMINTON – September was an eventful month for the badminton club. Here are the highlights of our activities: 2025 55+ Badminton Club Registration & Lottery Draw Registration for the calendar year 2025 finally arrived on September 10. All the hard work of the committee members and volunteers came to this final moment under the direction of our registrar, LK Chieh. Directional arrow signs were set up by the staircases and the elevator leading to the Banquet Hall on the 2nd floor. A sandwich board sign showing mandatory supporting documents was placed outside the Banquet Hall. A queue had already formed at 8a.m. even though the doors open time of 9a.m. had been advertised. Extra application forms were made available by a table outside. When all the executives were ready to receive applications, the doors were open early for registration at 8:40. A total of 235 applications were received at the close of the Burnaby resident registration period at 11:30a.m. By 1:30p.m., a total of 322 applications had been received. On September 17, a lottery was conducted to draw unlucky applicants to maintain the 290-membership quota for 2025. A list of names who had previously been drawn in the 2023 lottery was made available and they were excluded in the current draw process. A total of 32 names were drawn and recorded so that this list will now form the exclusion list for 2025 should these applicants decide to apply to join in September 2025. The draw was conducted in the presence of the two invited members of the badminton club, the 55+ liaison director, members of the executive committee and staff from the Bonsor Recreation Complex. All unsuccessful applicants were promptly informed by both telephone and email of the draw process and all 2025 successful members were informed of the good news by the end of the month.



*Free Grip, Better Badminton (FGBB) Program* The FGBB Program previously launched on August 9, is continuing and has provided new grips, free of charge, to a total of 46 members. The program is available every Friday from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM outside the gym.

*PBB (Play Better Badminton) and Training Programs* Free drills and practice games continued every Thursday in Gym 2 in September under supervision of the volunteer trainers. The PBB training coordinator ran three (3) free lesson clinics between Sep12 through Sep 26 for nine (9) members who had never previously enrolled in any training program. One of these lessons was conducted in Chinese.

*Peter McConville Cup* badminton tournament & lunch Information on the upcoming November events, the badminton tournament & accompanying lunch was posted in the bulletin board by the third week in September. A total of 53 members have signed up by month end for the tournament. Sign up for the lunch will be available from October 1 onwards.

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

KARAOKE – No report.

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

##### Wednesdays Class:

The Wednesday Social Line Dance was running smoothly in September. We had an average of 25 participants in each session, majority were regular members. There were 5 new members and 2 non-members joined the program during the month. Total revenue \$104.00. As Christmas is just 2 months away, I would like to organize a small party for the members on Wednesday, December 18th. Based on the average number of participants, I would like to request a funding from the Society. A large portion of the funding will be used for the Christmas party, the remainder will be used for the Chinese New Year celebration on January 29, 2025.

##### Fridays Class:

Everything went well in September. We will be approaching the Board for funding for a Christmas party. 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.

##### *Membership Update*

Our membership has grown to 40, an increase of two members since the August report. In addition, we have a few individuals attending on a trial basis. We are hopeful that, after participating in three sessions, they will formally join the group.

### *Practice Sessions*

This fall, we do not have Intermediate Plus class, allowing us to concentrate on three levels instead of four. This has given us more time to enhance the quality of practice.

### *Community Support*

As always, we deeply appreciate the ongoing support and generosity of the Centre. Their contributions continue to play a crucial role in our activities.

## **E. Mary –Snooker, Open Arts, Website,**

SNOOKER – We were the winners of the LMSSL Champions Bonsor B Team ! 2024

We have set up some fun new events. Including the 9 ball two day tournament in October ;which includes any member to play with handicap. Chris and Rick as the Leaders for this event. Will include a lunch. We secured the Bonsor banquet hall for November 19, at 11:30 . I am coordinator For this “wrap up party” with a full hot lunch and casino (with coupons), entertainment and 3 prizes for the top people with the most coupons left. \$20. Charge

-Tonight Oct 9 6:30 is a movie night , burgers and chips“ sponsored by Su and Andy with “the colour of Money” Tom Cruise”

-We also have our Bonsor bus booked for Saturday October 26 to bring our players and support team to play @ West Vancouver “ Mary Horton Tournament “ and bring home the trophy as we tied last year as we hosted .

Looking forward to the months ahead. Approximately 64 members.

We are preparing to have the 3 tables re clothed for Nov of 2025 and asking for member donations. With inflation and supplies it is costly to keep a gold standard in our Bonsor Snooker Room. We are also respecting and support the new coffee bar hours, now open Tuesdays 9:30-3:30.

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. Highlight of the month was our participation in the Art Walk of Mulberry PARC on Sep 21. Over 20 members attended - showing some 30 paintings. Our host commented on the quality of our paintings and our enthusiasm. We look forward to next year’s show. We are still getting more new members, and are already planning our Christmas Display, and all our members are very enthusiastic and want to be a part of this project.

As our group continues to grow resulting in crowded tables, Bonsor has been most accommodating by adding one more long table to our session. This pretty well max'ed out the number of large tables that we can have in the room. Future growth will have to be done by adding small tables on an as needed basis. We will monitor the situation closely.

As always, details of the group's displays can also be found on our webpage:

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

WEBSITE – Very little activity since the last board meeting. Our present webmaster wishes to retire, and we are actively seeking a replacement volunteer. As it is our "face" to anyone interested in our Society, we need this website to be up to date and interesting.

**F. Margaret Li – BEARS, Mah Jong**

BEARS - We meet on Friday mornings at 10 - 12 and knit or crochet, have tea and cookies, lots of friendly chat and are getting ready for the fall Sale. 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.

MAHJONG–

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. With a growing membership base, diverse activities, and plans for special events, our club remains committed to creating memorable experiences for all its members. We encourage all members to actively participate in these events to foster a stronger and more connected community.

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

DANCE - *Monday/Wednesday*

Dance the afternoon away to recorded, international ballroom music. A great opportunity to practice your steps. The monthly attendance for the month of August: Monday 487 and Wednesday 483.

DANCE – *Thursday Evenings*

A fun social dance (including ballroom, Latin and other dancing) with a live band playing. Light refreshments included. Everything went well ...we had 9 newcomers...we hope they enjoyed themselves and will continue coming. We also lost one of our regular dancers...we sent a sympathy card to the family.

WEIGHT ROOM/CARDIO – All is well with this program. Staying physically & mentally active is a big help for those attending our group.

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

VOBBS – No report again this month, still planning for the Fall.

COFFEE BAR & BAKING –

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 (Bonsor Singing Seniors)**

CHOIR (Bonsor Singing Seniors)

Sept 6: 4 attendees (not a practice. We were filling the song-binders, using the Arts Room.) Sept 13: 11 attendees. Sept 20: 18 attendees. Sept 27: No practice due to planned power outage.

Counting all 3 days (= 33 attendees), the average for September is 11 people.

I've booked 2 Christmas concerts so far: Renfrew Park Recreation Centre on 11th Dec, and Mulberry Parc Residence on 20th Dec. We have approached the Board for replacement equipment of the microphone cord and cymbal stand.

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