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JUNE 17 2024 AGM 6pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Durrie at 6:03 pm at Canyon Lanes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Durrie, Lori Walters, Ang Hunter, Steph Tillotson, Amber Scarfo, Marg Hendrickson, Howard Johnson, (arrived late–Lorna Regehr)

REGRETS: none

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Doug & Jasmine Robinson, Patty Dufresne, Sheri Markovic, Ronda Tremblay, Diane Johnson, Babs Hambly, Donna Lamb, Karen Tillotson, Kathy Monds, Pat Kelly, Dave Rondquist, Jenny Adolph

Tom gave an opening explanation, statement, process of AGM followed by regular meeting.

MOTION to adopt the AGM agenda* Lori..carried

AGM minutes from June 19 2023 adopted as read Lori...carried

REPORTS:

CHAIR: Tom..emailed report & verbal..

There were two organizational matters that I thought would be worth achieving during the year. Forming a committee structure and increasing public awareness of the Enhancement Society and what it does. Proceedings of the board should be apparent and open to public scrutiny as much as possible.

No. 1 Committees. The following committees were proposed.

a) Finance, b) Volunteer Co-ordination, c) Public Relations, d) Town Beautification, e) Membership Communications, f) Co-ordination with Seniors' Programs, g) Events Planning and Co-ordination, h) Collaboration with Other Organizations.

Any committee could be organized by the board and involve any number of members of the community.

Results so far:

1. A seniors' committee has been formed with two board members (Margaret and Tom) and six community members. This committee plans events, meetings and excursions, and oversees the administration of the New Horizons grant. Monthly meetings are held.
2. Fund-raising. Lori and Tom took this on. With licensing from the Gaming Commission we:
 - a) held a community bingo last summer, b) ran a ticket raffle with a cash prize, and c) sent out a personal appeal for donations in December. The money raised so far is being held toward improvements on the community hall.
3. Thanks to Amber, joined by Babs, and Donna, we have a "Welcome Wagon" committee devoted to creating and distributing to new residents a basket of gifts, coupons, and information.

4. Tom and Lori have formed a Concerts and Events committee that has so far presented a) a Christmas music concert, b) the Cascadia Wind Ensemble concert. And c) a multicultural day concert –88 Strings—next week. An application for arts and culture funding has been submitted to the Gaming Commission. The multicultural day and Canada Day events are funded by the government through the Celebrate Canada program.

5. Still needed: Volunteer co-ordination, Liaison with other organizations, Membership communication, and various others.

The goal of public awareness has been reached so far by a) holding all meetings at an hour when more people are likely to attend. The 6:00 p.m. regular meetings have resulted in increased attendance. b) Publishing the minutes of meetings on the Boston Bar website, 3) Announcements of meetings and events posted regularly on Facebook. Please note that paper copies of the board minutes are kept on file and may be read at Canyon Lanes.

In addition to committee work, board members have taken on other vital tasks.

Thanks go to:

1. Angie for dedicated and excellent work as secretary.
2. Lorna for her tireless work with Lions Club bingo.
3. Amber for organizing the “Welcome Wagon.”
4. Stephanie for her helpful contributions on various issues via e-mail.
5. Howard for taking on the job of improving the highway signs.
6. Lori for determined work to keep the food bank operating and improving.
7. Lori for bookkeeping and financial management as well as help with fund raising.
8. Margaret for making sure that everyone is well fed.

Members of the community deserve thanks:

1. Steve for keeping the museum open and running.
2. Pat Kelley for collecting and distributing fresh vegetable parcels.
3. Sandra for managing the Better at Home program.
4. Karen for continuing as editor and printer of the Update.
5. Jenny for driving the shuttle bus and going beyond duty to help passengers load and unload their purchases as well as maintaining a positive and caring atmosphere.
6. Jasmine Robinson for taking on enrolling new membership and keeping the role up to date.
7. Pat and Jasmine for providing the goodies for the seniors’ teas.
8. Sheri Markovic for maintaining the hall and grounds.
9. Kathy Monds for taking on management of the food bank.

We are pleased to be able to continue, with support from Lions Club bingo, the Foot Care and Dental programs as well as the community shuttle bus. Various financial and other issues made closing Family Place a necessity. Plans for future use of the building are open for consideration.

Difficult situations involving personalities have been and are being dealt with as matters in Camera. Amber, Margaret and I decided to close the Boston Bar Community Charities Association and transfer the remaining funds of just over \$4000 to the Enhancement Society. This money will go to improvements on the community hall. I want to thank everyone: all board members and the community members who have worked to see things get done.

In the event that some actions I have taken are causing problems and disagreement, I am hereby placing my resignation on the table for acceptance at any time by the board.

—a brief discussion was had that Tom has been a great asset to the board, & not to resign. He has stayed—

TREASURER REPORT: Lori..emailed report & verbal

Better at Home – We have received funding for another year. The vegies coming up for Better @ Home clients is dispersed by Hope so we don't have to worry about purchasing. Also, there is funding for an extra trip with the shuttle bus once a month. This is to benefit seniors with opportunities other than shopping or medical and was originally suggested for the Adult Outreach program in Hope. The clients must sign themselves up for the program so we can take them. It is not something we can do for them. If no one signs up the funds will stay with Hope. Shuttle Bus – With the support of some of our funders we are able to keep the bus running up and down the highway. It is an old bus with not as many seats as the last one but the upkeep has been minimal and we are hoping it will continue for some years yet.

Food Bank - Food Banks BC have continued to drop money in our account. These \$ help with buying nonperishables, cover travel costs and food under their different categories. I am happy to welcome Kathy Monds as our new Food Bank Manager. And while we have a couple of dedicated volunteers, we are always looking for more.

BB Hall – As you may or may not know already, we have renovated two rooms at the Hall. We will be doing more in the future. Also, we are working on our permit for Fraser Health. Should be going out to them this week

Parks – Sheri is doing a great job with the parks and is keeping everything tidy out there. She has taken over doing the ferry park and also maintains the old Family Place building at the hall July 1st– Will go ahead at 11:00 am, at the BB Hall and Park. After singing Oh Canada and raising the flag outside we will be going inside for some entertainment and strawberry shortcake.

Hallowe'en – The big question is should we do fireworks again this year, we cancelled them last year. Between the generous donation from the Boston Bar Band and the Bingo funds we should have no problem paying for them. I do have someone lined up to take care of the fireworks themselves if we go ahead with them. Also, we would be putting on the normal Hallowe'en party for the kids with costume judging and candy.

Each year we have reports to do for The Society. The Charitable report is the most important one that we do as it keeps our status to hand out Charitable Receipts. There are also reports that need to go out for the various funds that we receive. These are done by the committees that are on the receiving side. So Better at Home, the NH Seniors grants, the Food Bank, July 1st and Multicultural Day funds, any Grants in Aid from FVRD, and if we get funding for the Concerts and Events, they will need a report on how the funds were used. Also when it comes to the Bingo funds, Hope Lions Club overseas these funds and they are governed by the Gaming Rules.

I also wish to thank everyone who works to keep the programs in this community going. You all work hard and volunteer a lot of time and it is very appreciated. You keep the sun shining in our corner of the world.

–Brief discussion on Halloween event being on day of, or closest wknd. Decided day of (thurs) works great. Amber & Mike John volunteers for the fireworks—

BETTER AT HOMES: Sandra Clark..regrets..emailed report, read

April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

32 Clients

22 Clients that use the Better at Home services

7 New Clients

No housekeeping currently

1 yard worker – Maureen Phillips

Barry Bizuk looks after 3 clients in North Bend. Doing Yard work, Maintenance and Repairs, Hauling Garbage, Snow Removal and some housekeeping.

Clients that use the Better at Home Services

17 Clients picked up prescriptions

17 Clients rode on the Shuttle Bus more than ones

7 Clients used Housekeeping

6 Clients used Yard Work

4 Clients used Home Repairs

3 Clients used Snow Removal

We also got a grant to deliver 10 Veggie Hampers 2 times per month to our clients, I have 2 people on the waiting list.

FOODBANK: Kathy Monds reported..

This month we were able to secure a good supply of produce , fruit & non perishables from St Josephs in Mission. We will be able to have access to this on a regular monthly basis, we just need to cover fuel costs. For the hampers, I am still working on securing a meat vendor. I've managed to get bread donated from Save On foods in Hope. We saw an increase in people receiving hampers this month. May had 21 hampers picked up, 13 not. June had 36 hampers picked up, 1 not. With the delivery from St Joesephs the food bank definitely needs more volunteers to help with organizing the delivery and hamper distributions. The Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of hamper week.

–brief discussion..how it took 8-9 hrs to put all supplies away, and if future deliveries like this continue, the space at Canyon Lanes doesn't have enough storage.

SENIORS COMMITTEE: Lorna emailed report & verbal..Bingo sales have been very good this past few months. Bingo for this year has been played from September 7th/23 to June 27th/24.[To date Bingo receipts have brought in \$130,290, of which we receive 40% for our local coffers. There are two more "Bingo Thursdays" and that will likely bring in another \$7000.00.I would like to point out that the bingo players are helping to pay for items that are a definite benefit to our community. Thursday night dinner by Marg and bingo are a great way to spend a time with friends and to contribute to our community.

UPDATE: Karen emailed report & verbal..The past year has had a few ups and downs, as always.As anticipated, after I gave my annual report at the last AGM, the printer packed it in a month later. By that time, I had purchased a few costly replacement parts which were all still quite new. That was quite disconcerting, but as luck would have it, I was able to purchase the exact same model of printer from Brother in July, 2023. Those new parts were removed from the old printer and stored away for the day I will need them. The printer keeps track of all the machine information, which I check monthly. For example, nearly a year and 23,000 pages later, the drum unit (which holds the toners) is down to 24% so that will be the next part I will need to replace but as mentioned, I have a new drum unit already in waiting. Which is cost-saving. The actual paper itself has been a bit of an issue due to some crazy price fluctuations this past year so I just keep my eye on the price of the preferred (Hammermill) paper that is sold by Amazon. If it's not reasonable, I go to Staples. However, I'm not fond of Staples paper...it's not exactly "jam-free". Paper jams can do a lot of damage to the 'fuser', which is an integral and extremely expensive part of the printer. Toners have been killer, cost-wise. When printers are under warranty, only OEM (original equipment manufacturer) toners are allowed or the warranty is void. A set of the 4 colours, which are super high yield, cost nearly as much as a new printer which is daunting to say the least. I have reached out to Brother while making my last couple of orders to please give our non-profit society a break. They have given me 25% off and they also gave us 6 months extended warranty for free...which is of course done to encourage me to continue ordering their OEM toners. I do plan to experiment in the very near future with a Canadian company that provides much cheaper compatible toners. I won't however deal with Amazon who supply compatible products from off-shore manufacturers. The reason is a microchip issue. The Canadian company guarantees that the microchips in their cartridges will be recognized by the printer. Having said that, I will order just one toner and test it out. As to advertisers, we did raise the rates out of necessity effective January 1 st , 2024 and unfortunately, we lost some longtime advertising supporters but this was more so due to their own corporate marketing cost restraints...but we have gained other advertisers over the past few months and what's been very beneficial for the paper has been the big specialty ads taken out for terms up to six months. We also received a generous contribution from FVRD Grant-In- Aid to offset this year's heavy expenses. Keeping the Update FREE to our community members certainly requires some effort in soliciting breaks from suppliers as well as encouraging local businesses and businesses from outlyings areas to advertise with us. Hopefully, we will be able to continue to keep everything in a comfortable balance.

–brief discussion if Bingo funds can help cover update costs, as community “thing”. Yes, but have received “grant in aid” in the past from FVRD

****MOTION**** That Bingo Money to be used as necessary to support the update** CARRIED

****All above reports were adopted as presented****

ELECTIONS: Karen Tillotson advised the members that one position of the executive board/officers was open for elections. She read the elections policy.

RECORDING SECRETARY...3 year term. Ang Hunter held the previous position, & submitted with regrets, not accepting nominations & not standing/staying. Letter was accepted with regrets.

There were 3 nominations for the position, 2 were declined, one accepted. The accepting nomination was declared for Karen Tillotson as Recording Secretary for a 3 year term...CARRIED

DIRECTOR...2 year term...To maintain board member/director continuity & to fulfill committee titles, nominations were taken for directors.

There were 3 nominations for the position, 1 was declined, 2 were accepted (1 later declined after the AGM). The accepting nomination was declared for Doug Robinson as director for a 2 year term...CARRIED

Elections are complete....

QUESTIONS: none

****MOTION to adjourn at 7pm**** carried

Regular meeting to follow