



PO BOX 255 Boston Bar BC V0K1C0
May 13/2024 Meeting minutes

Attend: Lori, Tom, Ang, Howard, Marg, Lorna

Regrets: Steph, Amber

Members: Patty Thomas, Larry O'donaghy, Ronda Tremblay, Susan Cosulich, Sherri Marcovic, Babs Hambly, Donna Lamb, Doug & Jasmine, Steve & Sandra Clark, Don Taylor, Diane Johnson, Pat Kelly, Kathy Monds

Meeting called to order: at 6:03 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-AGM is June 17 2024 at 6PM Canyon Lanes

-1 board of directors position coming due

-Need volunteers to join, there's no limits on the amount of members we can have. If this organization were to fold it would be detrimental to the community..footcare, dental, shuttle bus, parks, hall, events, food bank & many other things

**APPROVE last months minutes (April 15/2024) Minutes are now posted publicly on the Boston Bar website, already board approved via email before they were published on www.bostonbarbc.net

-Karen has been working on updating the website with more current info & pictures.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Emailed report, Lori: -Charitable Report went on April 22 nd . New format and it's all done online.

-Better @ Home Financial Reports went to Hope on April 29, we have not received our latest funding yet.

-The Food Bank is going well and I have turned everything over to Kathy Monds who is taking over as manager. I have made a food bank email that went out in May's paper.

bbnbfoodbank@gmail.com. It is set up on the tablet. Also, on the tablet in shared excel sheets are the monthly client sheet, inventory sheet, and reports that Food Banks BC need kept track of. Such as the Agency Relief Fund (ARF) that I just completed and there will also be one for the Emergency Food Purchasing Program (EFPP). Kathy and I will be working together until she is familiar with everything.Nick from Food Banks BC has received two complaint emails. Someone has given his address out to people to send in complaints and I wish to stress that Nick is BBNBES's contact for the Food Banks BC for the purposes of running the food bank program. This is not an email that should be out in the community. All complaints can be emailed to us at the above address or a message can be left on the voicemail for the phone.

We have no problem addressing complaints and look forward to improving our service as we go on. I am in the process of putting Telus voice mail on the Food Bank Phone. That way Kathy can access it from her phone and respond to the calls. I think we can change the message to say that this is an answering service and all calls will be responded to.

-We put new rear tires on the bus last month, the cost was \$1359.46. According to the inspection the front tires are still in good condition. The inspection and repairs other than the tires came to \$714.10. There were some repairs done to the exhaust.

-Someone phoned Fraser Health and complained that we were serving food in a rat/mouse infested hall. Fraser Health was up on Wednesday and checked the hall and left a note on the counter to call them. I did the next day. He was very nice and said he found no sign of rats/mice and that we seemed to have everything that should be in the kitchen, ie three sink dish washing station, along with the dishwasher, fridge and freezer and stoves. He said that we were non-compliant in not having a permit. I must fill out papers for that and send them in along with Marg's Food Safe Certificate. I am working on these forms. The cost for each year would be \$250.00. Also, whenever someone else rents the hall and uses the kitchen, they must fill out a Temporary Food Premises Application that we have to send to Fraser Health. This is at no cost they just need to know when the kitchen is being used. Other than that, he gave us permission to carry on as usual on the premise the permit will be done shortly.

-With regards to the Family Place Building. I have transferred most of the money from the Programs account back into the Family Place account. As you will have seen from the email, I sent Robin a request for information on what is happening. I hope to hear back from her by the time of this meeting. We will not be renewing the internet service for the building. The last day is May 14 th . We are getting Nobody's Perfect money in for the current year. I have emailed Fraser Health and asked about returning it but have not heard about back from them. Will send out another email later this month. We had a \$1000.00 donation from Emil Anderson that went into the general donation fund. And the money is in the bank for Canada Day/Multicultural Day \$4000.00

Verbal report-Introduced Kathy Monds (new food bank manager) She has spoken with Nick re getting into the groove going forward, there will be some bumps to work out during the transition. Tom thanked Lori for taking on the food bank transition.

-Tom applied for Grant in Aid to pay for museum rental, it's been approved just waiting for funds

BINGO Lorna report; email & verbal..We have been selling 3500.00 worth of bingo cards for the past few weeks. As of the game on May 23rd there will be another 300 cards available for Boston Bar every week until the end of June when we break for the summer. Out of the \$3500 our community receives \$1400 every week to support the programs.

Tom reported foot care & dental care going good. Still the same issue of no-shows on foot care day, only penalty is no future bookings for no shows.

BETTER AT HOMES Sandra reported: NO employees, housekeeper or yard work. Don Taylor offered to help. Yoga exercises start tomorrow at the school, 3:30 PM (May 14)

UPDATE: no report

**** MOTION**** to adopt all reports..Howard, carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- June 9th Wind Ensemble concert is confirmed. 30 players
- Through "Celebrate Canada" grant, \$600 approved for Canada Day, remaining \$3400 will be for Multicultural day. Variety of ethnic snacks, musical band that plays all different cultural music
- NEED volunteers for both days. Canada Day, (contact) RCMP, ambulance, Fire dept, flag raising, local band inside playing, strawberry shortcake, all needs volunteers to help.
- Seniors tea- poorly attended, looking into using the Family Place building as better lighting, smaller space, no echo like the hall. Good snacks & conversations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CN Station committee meeting this Wednesday Canyon Lanes 1:30 pm to go over architectural drawings.
- Memorial wall...Ang will install the big top plaque that Lorna previously got. (In memory of) Enhancement Society previously agreed to pay for the new plaques for the wall, for those that have stone plaques already purchased. Any new memorial plaques to be ordered via Doug's Engraving in Chilliwack, purchased by locals wanting them, to maintain continuity of the memorial wall board, plaques previously agreed to be 4 inches tall, 6 inches wide, font & wording up to the purchaser. Patty Thomas agreed to work with Lorna on this project.
- Highway signs...Howard reported 2 people are drawing up design concepts for the board to approve
- Don Taylor briefly introduced his "food growing sustainability" ideas.

Comments/Questions:

- Concerns of the tenants under the store, their child using Family place playground, jumping the fence to get in (private fenced property) tenants using hall garbage can, tenants illegally parking their vehicle in the hall firelane. Tom will talk to store owner & hopefully get this addressed asap
- Garbage pick up NEEDS to be a weekly consistent pick up.
- locks on cans needs to be confirmed/addressed to prevent illegal dumping
- Irene Fisher's memorial at the hall June 22, details to follow
- Thank you card from locals affected by Kookopi fire
- ESS discussion re last years fire events, what the practices are going forward.

ADJOURN: 6:49 pm