

**Details below:**

**AGENDA – AGM, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7 PM**

**1) 7.00 PM - Introductions**

**2) 7.05 PM - AGM – present directors: Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Lesley Brooks, Rhoda Irwin, Ted Bancroft (treasurer), Amy Pankratz (communications), Ruth Hanson, Donna Sacuta, Nima Sahebi and Eric Andersen (Chair)**

**Nominating Committee – Barry Fenton (Lesley, Amy and Eric assisting in 2020) - Proposed Board members for 2020-2021: Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Lesley Brooks, Rhoda Irwin, Ted Bancroft (treasurer), Amy Pankratz (communications), Ruth Hanson, Nima Sahebi and Eric Andersen (Chair) and NEW board members: Lauren Gorgounis, Michelle Leroux and Mahnaz Fardghassemi.**

**Eric started the meeting, took a moment to acknowledge all board members**

**Donna is stepping down, thank you Donna for all your hard work**

**3 new board members: Eva Nagy moved to support 3 new board members and Elmira Nazar seconded motion, approved by all hands 😊**

**- welcome and thank you for coming on board!**

**7.15 PM - BCA Treasurer's Report, including 'audit' – Ted Bancroft – see attachments**

**Skip chair's report, organized well by Michelle, thank you Michelle!**

**Ted: year end Feb 29 2020 (last year of BGND)**

**Volunteer (Tosha Silver ) audited report BEFORE Covid... Thank you Tosha for your extensive report, plus a few recommendations:**

- Advised to have reg accounting for Blueridge Garden (Donna will continue this)
- Advised to have to have TWO signature lines on all cheques paid out by the BCA (currently only one line for two signatures).

**Committee reports for the past year:**

**7.25 PM - Rhoda Irwin – Blueridge Creek clean-up**

- Blackberry cleanup on Swinburne
- Blueridge Creek undertaken by Susanne Mueller in September

**7.30 PM - Eric Andersen – Project Community (current ones)**

- good response for the projects, wood burning fireplaces, gas, and hedge trimming
- amazing amount of contributions to the LGH (\$1,115)

**7.35 PM - Amy Pankratz - Blueridge Community Care Packages**

Amy explained how we successfully delivered 450 bags to the Lions Gate Hospital and the Berkley Care Centre, followed by several 100 to the RCMP, then another round to the fire department and finally beer for North Shore Rescue

**7.40 PM - Amy Pankratz – Communications and Website (including advertizing in the Blueridge Bulletin)**

Amy shared that nearly 600 recipients get the Blueridge Bulletin once a month.

We are now up to five parties who are advertising in the Blueridge Bulletin which helps a bit on our finances.

In addition to the BCA Facebook page, Amy has started a separate Blueridge Community Neighbours FB page where all the participants are able to post (unlike the BCA FB page where only Amy and Tyler are able to post).

#### **7.45 PM - Anni Danielson and Donna Sacuta – Sharing Garden**

- Blueridge Garden maintained by several members of the garden,
- Food grown for non- profit was sold on an honour system (by donation) at the United Strangers Coffee.
- the profit was donated to Spectrum Society and Harvest House
- Major issue is the poop and garbage bags left on the grounds, as well as the teens leaving garbage and climbing on the roof of the shed (looking to find a solution to the teens hanging out there)
- Climbing was done via water barrels which have been replaced by taps
- Roof repairer will take the water barrels (no cost for repair, no charge for barrels)
- Lighting a possibility to create light at night
- Revamp Butterfly Project (make it bigger and more beautiful!)
- Discussion around garbage can; Lauren or new member Emma will be contacting Councillor Jim Hanson

#### **7.50 PM - Anni Danielson – Trail walks**

- On pause due to Covid

#### **7.55 PM - Lesley Brooks and Anni Danielson – scholarship**

- 2019 had several applications, ended up selecting recipient according to volunteering within Blueridge (Matthew)
- 2020 Kate Bourdon recipient

#### **8.00 PM - Lesley Brooks – Good Neighbour Greetings**

- No door knocking due to Covid, but prepared to drop off handouts rather than knocking on doors as Covid is going on so long

### **Any other Updates**

#### **3/ New business**

#### **8.05 PM - Volunteer Coordinator – Michelle Leroux**

- wants to create database of volunteers, and maintain database
- Do a survey, find out what motivates you, what is important to you

#### **8.15 PM - Project Community – Lauren Gorgounis (future ones)**

- Offered to put together home maintenance checklist/help to streamline your (professional) home maintenance!
- 6 youth waiting to help out! One who will be re-designing the Library in the Blueridge Garden

#### **8.25 PM – Blueridge Business Directory – Mahnaz Fardghassemi and Amy Pankratz**

- About 20 businesses on Blueridge Business listings, hopefully it can be added to the website as well

#### **8.30 PM - Blueridge Awards – Ruth Hanson**

- Toby Barrazaual has offered free awards for the neighbourhood where appropriate (such as street honored for Diner on bleu)
- 3 awards per year to start with
- Ruth, Anni, Leslie, Michelle, (maybe Lauren?) would be the ad hoc committee along with Toby to determine who/what receives the award
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**8.35 PM - Neighbourhood fundraiser – Ruth Hanson (Neighbours could group their scarecrows together in a scene, but each scarecrow is sold separately. Afterward they could be auctioned off? – See attachment)**

- Christmas tree “contest” and raffle off perhaps?
- separate committee with Ruth, Michelle, Lauren, on Christmas tree neighbourhood plan!

**8.40 PM – How to better advertise the BCA activities – Eric Andersen**

- Hopefully artistic contributions from Kate and Isobel will help!
- Could we post a calendar with events that happen on that day?
- If we could strategize calendar for community events and also incorporate Lauren’s maintenance, will connect/think on this more to see how feasible this is.

**8.45 PM - November newsletter– Eric Andersen**

- Late to get to print shop/ delivered extremely well and quickly! Thank you to all the new volunteers who stepped forward to deliver.

**8.50 PM - New BCA initiatives???**

- FireSmart program in Blueridge (initiated by “Ingrid”) – wait to see if there’s a response to the FireSmart Program
- Try new fundraising (perhaps paper-shredding?)
- Offer an electronic recycling (done in past to promote sharing garden simultaneously)

**4) 8:55 PM Any other business?**

- Rick Cook spoke to say thank you – thank you for the rocks and thank you for the Halloween events!
- Elmira Nazar will help with changing PDF format for the “welcome” brochure and distribute it!

**5) Adjournment (at the very latest 9.00)**

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