

**These minutes are not yet approved.
They will be approved at the May 2027 AGM.**

May 12, 2026 BCA AGM meeting minutes:

Meeting started at 7:20pm – chaired by Barry Fenton and Eric Andersen

Approval of the 2025 AGM minutes – Michael Bernard moved and Anni Danielson seconded

The 2026 Nominating Committee report was approved - Corinne Bergdal moved and Jeff Powell seconded

Directors were presented and everyone is expected to be back again for the following year: Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Lesley Brooks, Ted Bancroft (treasurer), Lauren Gorgounis, Toby Barazzuol, Mahnaz Fardghassemi, Elmira Nazar, Fariba Leilaby, In-Ah Mellor, Michael Bernard and Eric G. Andersen (chair)

Eric will be stepping down as chair of the BCA but will remain on board as past chair. Elmira, Toby and Mahnaz will be the co-chairs going forward.

Treasurers Report- Ted Bancroft presented the BCA Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report was approved – Elmira Nazar moved. In-Ah Mellor seconded.

Ted mentioned the year ended a bit stronger than previous years. BGND contributed a bit more than in the past years. The surplus is in GICs. The BCA Treasurer, Ted, has reviewed the numbers, and Tosha Silver has also reviewed the numbers and presented a report that was read by Barry. In Tosha's report, it was indicated that they looked over the financial records matching figures and checked the items for key figures. In total 46 cheques were issued with dual signatures from the BCA.

Chair report- Eric presented the chair report and indicated that the business directory has 24 products and 52 services that are based out of Blueridge. Diner en Bleu will be on June 20, and tickets will go on sale on May 20, and it is capped at 120 people. The Seymour Trail Liaison Committee is also a program that the BCA is involved in, and there are meetings to stay in touch about the trails with other stakeholders in a partnership with the NSMBA. The baby-, pet- and house-sitting services are available through the BCA website.

The latest recipient of the Blueridge Spirit Awards was Susanne Mueller for the river cleanup she's been doing for over 6 years now. It was mentioned that the BCA is actively working in collaboration with the Blueridge Elementary School and Seymour Heights Elementary School PACs to stay engaged.

There is a call out for a BCA newsletter editor for anyone that may be interested in the role.

Each committee member provided an update on the projects they have been involved in:

BCA scholarship and FUNdation – Anni provided a brief background on the history of the BCA scholarship. This has been happening since 2015. There were 4 applicants this year, one did not volunteer or live in Blueridge, so 3 were in the running, and 1 was selected as the

scholarship winner. The scholarship is named the Eric Andersen Scholarship because it's named after him since he does so much for the community.

FUNDation – Anni gave a brief description on the initiative. The main requirement is to advertise it to the Blueridge community. The fund is up to \$1000. Each applicant can receive up to \$500. Only one application so far, and the person couldn't do it. So the BCA is looking for more applications.

Blueridge new neighbour greeting – Lesley goes around to meet the new neighbours that move into the community and let them know of the BCA communication forums so they stay informed.

Project Community and Blueridge Sharing Gardens – Lauren provided an update on the sharing gardens and mentioned that Corrine is the sharing gardens director. Sharing Garden update is that it's been a very positive year. There are 4 new people, which has brought in a great new vibe. They have received a sustainability grant. The fence rebuild and the cedar hedge are still in talks for improvement.

Project community – Lauren said the idea is to have multiple homeowners book a service and get a discount as they are all local, and it saves money and travel time.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours – Mahnaz said that this was created to help neighbours who need help with various tasks. Several people have already been helped, and many volunteers have reached out to lend a hand. The goal is to grow this initiative.

Social media – Toby mentioned that there are two main social media accounts Facebook and Instagram at about 1000 people in each platform. Programs, live events, news, projects, etc. are all mentioned in there. There's been a real uptake from the community on this form of communication, and it continues to grow.

Movie Night – Fariba mentioned that a movie night is expected to happen Aug 23 at McCartney Creek Park with a little concession. The movie has not been determined yet.

Volunteers – Elmira mentioned the many hours that were spent on BGND 2025, which was anywhere between 30 to 100s of hours with 25 committee members and over 60 volunteers who spent anywhere between 1-2 hours volunteering on the event day. People fill out the form online to seek volunteer opportunities, and it seems like the first time in a very long time that we're not seeking a social media volunteer.

Art in Blueridge – In-Ah is planning an art exhibit on Oct 3 and 4 at Canlan, where local artists can display their work. More information will come in the future.

Brainstorming session – Michael mentioned that the first session was in 2013 and had 12 participants, and it started to grow in the second session in 2022 and onwards. There will be another session coming up in the fall. There have been many ideas that came from these brainstorming sessions, and they have been executed, so it's a great way to start new projects.

Blueridge Bulletin and website – Jeff Powell said that the BCA website was relaunched in 2021 and there has been steady growth since then. For a neighbourhood of about 1,500 homes, there have been 5,000 or 10,000 views for the year, which is really good.

Introduction of the Scholarship Recipient – Anni Danielson and Lesley Brooks presented the scholarship recipient, Gwentyth Ray, with \$1000 for all of the hard work she's been doing at her school. Her work includes creating a community garden at the school and a clothing swap. She is very passionate about the environment and has also created a bee hotel at the school.

Introduction of the Blueridge Spirit Award (former) recipients – Grover Hernandez and Susanne Fougere (in absentia) - In-Ah (a former recipient of the award) said some nice words about Grover for receiving the spirit award. And Grover passed on the award to Susanne and her daughters. Unfortunately Susanne and her daughters were not at the meeting. The objective of the award is to recognize the residents who show enthusiasm and passion for the community.

Presentation of the Eric Anderson Blueridge Community Association Scholarship:

This year's winner is Gwentyth Rae. A cheque for \$1000 was presented to her

Guest speaker: Mayor Mike Little – provided some updates on key issues within the District of North Vancouver and answered questions. Updates and issues included: traffic near schools, DNV work with invasive species, DNV council decision to reject zoning changes for small-scale multi-unit housing in single-family neighbourhoods, North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the ChemTrade DNV Council decision being brought back to Council and a future public hearing based on additional new information. (And other topics).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.