

East Beaches Social Scene Board Meeting
10:00 am, Thursday, August 11, 2022

Present: Brad Marr, Frank Bagnall, Dennis Muldrew, Shelley Penziwol, Gord Kaye, Jascha Boge, Tammi Kelly

Absent: Gina German

Brad Marr welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Brad noted that Ernie Georgakopoulos passed away on Tuesday.

Brad presented the agenda and asked if there were any additions. No.

MOVED by Gord to adopt the agenda; **SECONDED** by Dennis. **Carried**

Adoption of minutes of the board meeting held on May 12, 2022.

MOVED by Gord; **SECONDED** by Jascha. **Carried.**

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

Brad invited Rod Bollman to share his special hall rental report before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.

Rod explained that he has been involved with hall rentals for over a decade and this next year will be his last year. He wanted everyone to understand what's involved as hall rentals raise significant revenues (approx. \$4000/year) for the EBSS. He described three categories of rentals:

- 1- meetings/workshops (few people involved, set up is modest), sometimes coffee is required. One person can handle these kinds of events. Usually 2-3 year.
- 2- Celebrations of life/arts & crafts/family gatherings. Rod acts as an event planner for these – he goes through options with the client by email, sends a summary of what was agreed to, etc. These kind of gatherings can have up to 150 people and the bar may or may not be involved. Many involve linens, decorating tables, possibly the kitchen. If kitchen is involved, clean up is required. These kinds of events require about four volunteers.
- 3- Weddings/anniversaries/family reunions. These are large events with full meals for up to 180 people. We do not cater any longer (we could decide to do this again). Clients can choose to get their own permit, buy own alcohol, etc. or they come in under our permit – they pay our bar prices per drink, we get the revenue and we assume responsibility or liability. We need more than a few volunteers to run this kind of event.

Rod also stressed that technical help is important for presentations, music, etc. He also mentioned that we need new cutlery, decorations, small wine glasses – he estimates roughly \$1,000 for these items.

Rod is willing to work with someone new. Tammi is putting together a list of volunteers for these kinds of events. We also need a funeral coordinator.

Brad thanked Rod for attending the meeting and for sharing his report.

Correspondence

- On June 16 we sent a letter to RMVB about pedestrian safety when crossing Hwy 59 at Ateah Road, asking if they would consider approaching the MB government to reduce the speed to 50 km/hr from where the highway turns to the gate, and the possibly of adding a crosswalk or at least signage about pedestrians crossing the highway.
- Dennis has requested no parking signs to place on the highway for market days.
- Frank mentioned that the RM Alexander grant came in last week.
- The Royal Canadian Legion is looking for ads for their recognition book.

Old Business

Credit card – we now have a credit card through Sunova Credit Union with a \$2,000 limit.

Action Items

Action items from May 12, 2022, were reviewed. A new list is attached to these minutes.

Reports:

Hall rental report (Rod Bollman) see above

Treasurer's report

Frank presented the treasurer's report for May to July 2022.

MOVED by Frank; **SECONDED** by Gord to accept the report. **Carried.**

Program coordinator's report

291 members, 12 honorary, some renewals coming in.

Great success for events post-COVID.

Return to Folklorama. Aug 3 tour successful.

Rainbow Stage coming up on Aug. 17.

Boreal Shores Art Tour on Aug. 20 and 21.

Fall supper planning starts Aug. 25 for supper on Sept. 24 (\$25/person). No take-out this year.

Two surveys are running – a volunteerism survey to understand where people are at about volunteering and a COVID protocols survey to understand how people feel about our current protocols and if we should change them.

We still have lots of rapid COVID tests.

Our Bell MTS internet contract expired so we cannot keep our Bell MTS email account. We created a gmail account: ebssinc1@gmail.com. We will cancel our Bell MTS account by Aug 25th (end of billing cycle) – there may be costs for this.

Two grants from the IERHA – one is approved but we haven't received a cheque yet; for the other we have received funding.

Tammi will take some vacation soon, hopefully Barb will cover from 10 am-2 pm on those days. Would like to start a planning committee for the 50th anniversary of EBSS coming up in 2024.

Events & fundraising report

Need to do interim/final reports for two major grants so far.

The next season of grants will start in the fall.

Fall supper event is taken care of. We will need volunteers for the Christmas tea.

Maintenance report

Dave Jackson is stepping down, leaving Gerry August and Brad. Three new volunteers have come forward – Ray Reske, Charlie Boudreau, Don Chesney (Ray will be team lead).

Building Sustainable Communities funding – will have some money left. The grant manager said to use money for something air quality related. Each air purifier has a filter (\$400 each). Each filter should last two to three years. We could purchase filters, and then Dennis can submit the final report. We discussed the impact on our cashflow and decided to wait until September (new fiscal year) to purchase filters.

We received two quotes for lawn irrigation replacement, two quotes for painting the building and an electrician quote for a number of small things. All of these will require grants.

Our well water passed the lab test.

New carpets for hallway.

Tried spider spray this year.

Communication

Nothing to report.

New Business

- Flowers and card to Dianne Georgakopoulos – Tammi will purchase flowers and card.
- Resignations/Nominations
 - o Heather resigned as past president – we will not fill this position.
 - o Jordan sent letter of resignation.
 - o Gina will not continue after end of August (end of term).
 - o Dennis and Gord will continue.
- EBSS COVID protocols & membership surveys – all board members should respond.
- Air quality update
 - o Engineering report done. Ad hoc committee to review – Jascha, Ray and Brad. Will make formal presentation to board about how to proceed on next steps.
- Items for agenda for August 2022 general meeting – **meeting cancelled.**
 - We can use the proposed agenda for the AGM in September:
 - o Recruiting for fundraising convener, hamper convener
 - o Recruiting for directors (3 required)

- Maintenance report
 - Update air quality project
 - Update on concrete repairs

Any Other Business

- Planning for AGM – discussion about having a luncheon again. The line dancing participants will need to start early and finish early so that they're done by 11 a.m., which will allow for set up of the luncheon at noon before the meeting.
- Both the RMs of Victoria Beach and Alexander have requested more detail in our funding requests. Discussion – we can provide more detail on the projects we are working on without indicating that funds will be used for specific things.
- Frank suggested that we hold off our budget discussion until the new fiscal year and a new board is in place. He will do a year-end report at the AGM and at a future meeting we can have a budget discussion.

Gord moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

An in camera meeting proceeded after the board meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shelley Penziwol, Secretary