

East Beaches Social Scene Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023

Present: Brad Marr, Frank Bagnall, Bill Squires, Jascha Boge, Sherry Gruhle, Shelley Penziwol, Bev Reske, Gord Kaye, Dennis Muldrew, Al Rear

Absent: Tammi Kelly

Brad Marr welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Brad presented the agenda and asked if there were any additions. Under AOB, we added an advertising opportunity, letter from IERHA and the May 16 general meeting agenda.

MOVED by Bill to adopt the agenda as amended; **SECONDED** by Gord. **Carried.**

Adoption of minutes from the board meeting on January 5, 2023.

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

Matters arising from the minutes

- None

Correspondence

- Email from IERHA about annual funding for our Service Purchase Agreement (SPA).
- Email from Heather Dionne thanking us for purchasing new carpet bowling equipment and requesting that we purchase more sticks due to an increase in attendance.
- Service Canada is doing a survey handled by Ipsos Reid, related to services for grant recipients (including New Horizons grant recipients). Dennis or Brad will do the survey when it is available.

Old business

Action items

- Action items from January 5 were reviewed. A new list is attached to these minutes.

Reports

Library

- Shelley spoke about space challenges for Library Allard's Victoria Beach Branch, which is in the basement of the EBSS. The board granted the library permission to develop a proposal for library expansion options in the basement.

Treasurer's report

Frank presented the treasurer's report for December 2022 to March 2023

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

Program coordinator

- Tammi shared her report by email. We have 267 members to date. Lots of events are coming up in April/May – information sessions about how to be “bear smart,” birds of prey and foraging; a creative writing workshop; social events including a Mexican Fiesta Social. Tammi also highlighted events in June and over the summer. Tammi completed a certificate in Facilitating Older Adult Learning through the University of Manitoba.

Maintenance

- Bev reported that spring maintenance was completed, which addressed filters and coolers, etc. A keyboard shelf for Tammi was installed, a desk was assembled in the resource centre and the pantry door and bingo cabinet were fixed.

Fundraising and basement workshop

- Dennis reported that we have four grants in the works – Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) for further building improvements, development of outdoor activities under the federal Community Services Recovery Fund, and two New Horizons grants (one new project and an extension for last year's concrete work).
- Dennis has been receiving inquiries about the basement wood-working workshop from people wanting to learn more and asking about whether there was an instructor.

Event committee

- Bill noted that Jan/Feb was quiet this year and the committee will plan to do more next year in the winter period. He reported on the Hawaiian social and Irish dinner in March, plus the Chinese dinner coming up in April. Also coming up are the Mexican Fiesta social, the rib dinner, Lobsterfest and the fashion show (on two days). 2500 raffle tickets were printed, to be drawn on Saturday June 24. Please take books to tickets to sell.

If anyone on board wants to help on the event committee, contact Bill.

Bill asked for contributions to the silent auction on both days of the fashion show, including prizes and cash for purchasing items.

MOVED by Bill that the EBSS contribute \$500 toward silent auction prizes for the fashion show; SECONDED by Sherry. Carried.

Communication

- No report

Governance

- No report

New business

- Brad spoke about our revised SPA with the IERHA, which will support four days of programming.
- 2021 New Horizons grant – our concrete work was delayed last year due to wet weather; we received an extension to complete the work this spring.
- New exterior notice board – A team of volunteer workers would like to purchase pressure-treated lumber and posts to rebuild the notice board outside.
MOVED by Bill that we spend \$800 to acquire lumber and supplies for a new bulletin board; SECONDED by Bev. Carried.
- Volunteer positions are still open – concrete project coordinator, nominating committee, funeral catering lead, bingo canteen lead (new role), secretary. Will do a membership drive at the upcoming general meeting on May 16.

Any other business

- Advertising opportunity. Beaches of 59 are asking for \$59/year for advertising on their platforms. This is the nonprofit rate. We will table this for our next meeting and gather information about whether this would be useful to us.
- IERHA training opportunity for the board – two half-day virtual sessions. We are interested in participating.
- May 16 general meeting agenda was discussed. Tammi will send out an invitation to members.
- Frank asked that we look at automating certain regular payments. Will gather information and discuss at our next meeting.

Jascha moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Next board meeting: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Shelley Penziwol, Secretary

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