**MINUTES OF BCA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 23 2012**

**Location: BCA CLUBHOUSE**

**PRESENT:**

Jen Suiters Julia Ryman Steve Jurman

Ceil Greber Cathy Taylor Lee Borellis

Ron Kotun Gary Pete

**AGENDA:**

***Treasury (7:00 – 7:30) – Ron Kotun***

***• Current Cash, Capital Fund Account Balance, and Liabilities***

***• 2012 Budget Review***

***• 2012 Allegheny County Assessment***

Ron presented the accounts. Funds are still low at present so he is spreading payments thinly among our current debts. We owe $5,300 and have $2,300 in our account. The heating seems to be working consistently since the recent repair so he will begin to make instalment payments. A backflow test was necessary and this has been carried out. We owe $600 to Habitat for Humanity for the new ceiling tiles.

***Assessment – Steve Jurman***

The BCA has been reassessed at $908,000. Steve said to appeal this we need to hire an appraiser. He said there are several issues:

* The assessors took the land into consideration not the building
* Most of the land is unusable
* Raw acreage tells you nothing
* We need to check into zoning and environmental factors with reference to development potential

The building valuation is $310,000. There are a lot of issues relating to grandfathered clauses e.g. the entranced to the BCA would never get PennDot approval today.

We are a non-profit organization but this does not mean that we are automatically tax exempt. 501c = charitable.

There are significant arguments against the $908,000 assessment. We should think of trying the informal procedure route as well as the formal route. The deadline for filing is sometime in March.

The assessment was contracted out to a company that is not even based in Pennsylvania so has no local knowledge whatsoever to make an informed assessment.

***Building Update (7:30 – 8:00) – Judi Roth & Jen Suiters***

***Spring Painting & Curtain Replacement Status – Judi Roth***

***Curtains – In Progress***

***Painting – Habitat did one coat, 2nd coat applied January 21st, Final touch ups February 18th***

5 of the windows in the ballroom still need painting, as well as the hall ceiling and one coat on the back wall. More volunteers are needed to complete the work. It is also worth checking if Jeff Fossick would donate some time as he lives in the community and gets business from us.

***2012 Events Planning (8:00 – 9:00) –Jen Suiters / Sarah Kuharik / Ceil Greber***

***• Newcomers –April 14th***

***• Blackridge Turns 60 Benefit???– Saturday, May 19th***

***• Strawberry Festival – Sunday, May 20th***

***• Garage Sale – June 24th***

***• 4th of July Bike Parade – Wednesday, July 4th***

***• Bingo & Flip a Lid 3 (September, October?)***

***• Fall Fest & 3K Bike Race – Saturday, October 13th***

Sarah will email a checklist of the things she needs for the *Newcomers’ Event* on April 14th.

*Blackridge Turns 60 Benefit –* the building actually turns 60 in 2013 so this will give us plenty of time to organize a spectacular event and build up interest in the community. Ron Kotun volunteered to chair this event but it was agreed that we need to get the Garden Club and Swim Club involved. It seems that Lauren Lopez has lost interest in organizing the event.

Ceil will organize the *Strawberry Festival* as usual.

It was decided not to have the *Garage Sale* this year due to a declining lack of interest in the annual event. It will now be held in alternate years, which will also give people more time to accumulate items to sell.

Ceil will organize the *4th July Bike Parade*.

*Bingo* will be held sometime in June

*Flip a Lid* will be held in September

*Fall Fest and a 3K Fun Run* will be held on October 13th

It was agreed to hold a Craft/Vendor event again but not so late this year as last year’s was too close to Christmas and therefore many people had already done their gift shopping. It will be held before Thanksgiving and we will charge about $25 a table to the vendors. As this event becomes more popular we can also take a percentage of takings.

***Other matters***

Additional ways of making use of the building were discussed. Anything with an educational connection would be beneficial to our status and it was also suggested that it be used as a senior center for older members of the community to congregate. To make it more of a social gathering place generally was also put forward e.g. have a movie night. The building needs to be used more.

***2012 Meetings***

***• March 29th 2012 – Thursday***

***• April 26th 2012 - Thursday***