**MINUTES OF BCA BOARD MEETING November 17th, 2014**

**Location: Clubhouse**

**PRESENT:**

Jen Suiters Julia Ryman Damon Mahon Ceil Greber

Peter Hughes Steve Jurman Kristen Pesch

Guests: Dirk Page

**Secretary Report (7:00 – 7:15) – Julia Ryman**

Julia read the minutes from the August 11th board meeting

**Treasury (7:15 – 7:30) – Ron Kotun /Jen Suiters**

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

Jen went through Ron’s financial summary as he was not present. The current checking balance is $1950, plus $564 from B52 sales. PNC loan balance is $16,298, PNC line of credit balance is $8,753.99 with $1,974.04 available. Sembower and Sullivan were both paid off in August. Trimbur is paid off for 2014. We owe Vigliotti $4,500. We owe Peter Hughes $294.27 for maintenance bills and he presented a new invoice for $50 from Sullivan. We owe WHSD $4,461.10 and continue with our payment plan of $525/mo. Pool has paid $8,500 so far, owes $801.01.

Rentals – we have 2 bookings through the end of the year and none for 2015. The new rental person has had personal issues so Jen is handling rentals again for the time being. Zumba Jen has not paid since August, apparently she was injured in a car accident. All other regular renters are up to date.

**2014 Nominating Committee (7:15 – 7:30) - All**

**Potential President Nominee/Charter Bylaws**

Dirk Page has put himself forward as a potential nominee for President. The problem is that he does not live within the Blackridge limits; he lives just outside on Gaywood Drive. While the Charter Bylaws do not explicitly prohibit this, it was agreed that it is implicit. It was thought that the general membership may be opposed to Dirk’s nomination but the problem remains that no-one else has put themselves forward for the position and Jen is anxious to step down after serving for so long. It was agreed that this matter needs further discussion with *all* board members as so many were not present at this meeting.

**Events Results (7:30 – 7:40) – All**

**Dred Not Wines – October 3rd Fall Fest – October 11th**

Night at the Races – Profit was $1187 (less than last year)

Wine Tasting – Profit was $415 (revenue $1,000, expenses $585.08)

Fall Fest made $80 in contributions. Next year we will sell tent spots for Craft Fair to run alongside Fall Fest

**Membership Update (7:40 – 8:15) – Kristin Pesch**

**Current membership number**

**2015 Membership Drive / Block Captains (Next Steps)**

Current membership is 198.

Block captains will deliver Welcome Package to new people as and when, and to everyone else Dec – Feb.

In January, Kristen will do thank you notes to members who have already joined in the hope that this will encourage them to renew their membership. The board is happy to assist in this endeavor.

Gary Pete will be asked to do a calendar listing all upcoming events, with a note that dates are subject to change so members should check the website and emails.

**Upcoming Events (8:15 – 8:20)**

**Holiday Decoration Contest Interest (December 1st start, $200 prize)**

**Proposed 2015 Calendar / Flyer / Dates:**

**April 11th (Saturday) – Beef and Beer July 4th (Saturday)– 4th of July Bike Parade**

**May 17th (Sunday) – Strawberry Festival August 16th (Sunday) – Carnival**

**May ??? (Prom Season) – 27 Dresses? September 19th (Saturday) – Night @ Races**

**June 20th (Saturday) – Garage Sale October 10th (Saturday)– Fall Fest**

No concrete plans for Gingerbread House making but Ceil may run it again as it was a successful event in previous years.

**Fundraising (8:20 – 8:30)**

**B52 Ticket Sales**

**27 Dresses – Dates for Next Year?**

Hofbrauhaus – if we sell out bus, minimum profit is $565

B52 is the critical fundraiser for 2015 as it pays our taxes

We need to encourage additional monthly contributions wit memberships or monthly sustaining payments. We currently only have 5 sustaining members.

**Facilities (8:30 – 9:00) – Peter Hughes**

**Work Groups – November 8th**

**Need help to coordinate the “9 Mile Watershed” next session (recruit attendees from Churchill, Wilkinsburg, Penn Hills)**

**Additional Boy Scout Projects – Dirk Page**

The next work group date is January 17th. It was noted that some board members had not been aware of previous work group dates. This was because the email had only been sent to those who had signed up. It should be added to Damon’s email of upcoming events to reach a wider audience. The group will work on the entrance to the BCA clubhouse and painting projects in the Spring. Dian Law is working on funding. The clubhouse stage has been tiled.

Dirk Page has 2 boy scouts who have proposed work projects: 1. Ethan Harrington would like to work on the playground; he proposes to replace the mulch and any broken railroad ties, repaint the swing set, replace broken swing seats. 2. Sean Edgar would like to work on the path from the pool to the park; use 6 x 6 to shore it up, dig out and lay pipes to channel the water.

Marita Garrett will be contacted regarding coordinating the “9 Mile Watershed” session as she is a Wilkinsburg council member.

**Other matters**

Dirk proposed doing an event on New Year’s Day run by the Venture Group. They would set up a fire in the park and provide hot chocolate, coffee and donuts, and orange juice for Mimosas if anyone wants to bring left over champagne.

Julia will send a thank you note to the boy scout who worked on the steps down to the park.

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 12th 7:00 PM @ Clubhouse**