

Minutes of the BSSAA General Membership Meeting - 2002 07 31

In attendance: Ruth Scherer, President
Nicole McReavy, Treasurer
Michael Robinson, Executive Director
Gord Macfarlane, Registrar
Peter Weldon, Chair 40th Reunion
Teresa Kobos
Sylvia Winski
Roberta Brown

Judy Adamczyk, Vice-President
Jeanette Wilson, Executive Assistant/Secretary
Heather Reid, Director of Finance
Dan Nichol, Director of Events
Cheryl Anderson
Linda Kelly
John Giroux
Lindsay Collins

Jennifer Coombes
John Halls

Start time: 7:30 p.m.

End time: 9:10 p.m.

Call to order: Ruth Scherer, seconded: Judy Adamczyk

Reading of the minutes of the last General Membership Meeting by Jeanette Wilson

Motion to accept the minutes: Michael Robinson, seconded: Ruth Scherer, carried unanimously

Old Business:

Discussed: Internet domain name - Ruth Scherer has begun this process, but got to a point where Michael Robinson's computer expertise was needed. They plan to work on it together. The name bssalumni.com is currently registered to Ruth until it can be transferred to BSSAA. Our website is using the free hosting services of Netfirms.

Discussed: Registration and incorporation of BSSAA - Michael Robinson has begun working on this, but due to the OPSEU strike in the spring, the normally 7-day process is now taking six to eight weeks. Some alumni have offered to try to get the forms more quickly to speed things up. Once this is done, the government will send us a provincial tax license and the city of Brampton will send us a business license. Then we register for a GST number and set up a bank account.

New Business:

Discussed: Contacting alumni - Classmates.com can send a mass email to all registered BSS alumni regarding BSSAA, the 40th reunion, etc., but they are currently working on their system, so Peter Weldon will contact them again in a few weeks. They say a Gold (paying) member can send the mass email once to all BSS registrants. We will look into registering a Gold member with the email address of bssalumni@rogers.com (or something like it) so that when alumni receive the email, they will be more inclined to open it, rather than if they received it from an individual they don't know. By the September General Membership Meeting (Wed. Sept. 25, 2002) we wish to have access to the Classmates.com mailing list so we can survey how many alumni plan to attend the 40th reunion, especially the dinner/dance event. Membership fees for BSSAA will begin in September at \$30 annually (the first fees to include September 2002 - December 2003 inclusive). New BSS graduates attending post secondary schools can join for free.

Discussed: Reunion Committee meeting - Peter Weldon will go to the International Centre with Ruth Scherer within the next two weeks to discuss halls, catering, etc. and will report at the next General Membership Meeting (Wed. Aug. 28, 2002).

Discussed: Alternate venues for the dinner/dance event of the 40th reunion celebration - the International Centre has various room sizes, so we may not need to change location. Once we survey alumni and have a better idea of how many to expect (early fall), we can look into various venues (depending on the number).

Discussed: Prizes for fundraising events - Heather Reid has a contact who will get back to her with novelty suggestions (with the BSSAA logo/crest on them), quantities and price ranges. Cheryl Anderson will contact someone about T-shirts. Steve Robson can produce bumper stickers.

Discussed: Fundraising Event - golf tournament. The 9-hole, par 3, fun golf day has been changed to Saturday, September 14th, 2002. We'll likely start at 3:00 p.m. but confirmation of the time is still to come. The fee for this event, around the \$35 mark (again, confirmation will come later) will include the 9-holes of golf (to be walked, no carts) and a barbecue. We're looking into having a bar set up as well. For the more serious golfers, we'll offer an 18-hole tournament in the spring.

Discussed: Events Committee - meetings. The Events Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. before the General Membership Meetings each month. At the next meeting (Wed. Aug. 28), tasks for the events at the 40th reunion will be broken down and assigned to people. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

Discussed: Next Bowling Fundraiser - Saturday, November 2, 2002. This will be from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Brunswick Bramalea Lanes.

Discussed: Bramalea Through the Ages - Alumnus Steve Robson is willing to put together a pictorial wall for the 40th reunion. Alumni are encouraged to send any/all photos and memorabilia to BSSAA so we can send them on to him. Memorabilia currently in the BSS office, which is being archived, could also be used. Actual photos may be better than electronic ones, but we'll confirm that with Steve Robson.

Discussed: Open positions at BSSAA - Michael Robinson will make it clearer on the website which positions are available and what they entail so that willing alumni can join.

Discussed: Teacher participation in BSSAA - liaison Blair Hammond. Starting in September, 2002, the school liaison teacher Blair Hammond should begin attending BSSAA meetings. We expect to possibly see Harry Melon at some meetings and retired teacher Jane Marshall may show up as well.

Discussed: Posters for BSSAA - availability at functions. Once the domain name registration is complete, we can produce posters with our website as well as our crest/logo. These can be put up at functions such as the Parents' Night at BSS and other community events where potential alumni may be.

Adjournment: Moved by Dan Nichol, seconded by Teresa Kobos.

Next General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Brunswick Bramalea Lanes.

Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Brunswick Bramalea Lanes.