

Minutes of the BSSAA General Membership Meeting - 2003 01 29

In attendance: Ruth Scherer, President
Nicole McReavy, Treasurer
Gord Macfarlane, Registrar
Dan Nichol, Director of Events
Peter Weldon, Reunion Chair
Linda Kelly
Wayne Fox

Judy Adamczyk, Vice-President
Jeanette Wilson, Executive Secretary
Michael Robinson, Executive Director
Teresa Kobos, Director of Sponsorship
Cheryl Anderson
Sylvia Winski
Wendy Jessop

John Giroux

Start time: 7:40 p.m.

End time: 8:50 p.m.

Call to order: Ruth Scherer, seconded: Dan Nichol

Discussed: Incorporation - Bramalea Secondary School Alumni Association is now a non-profit corporation in the province of Ontario. We now need to register the assumed name BSSAA to be legally allowed to use the initials. All senior officers (Executive members) must also be registered, not just the four on the original incorporation documents.

Discussed: John Chasty - The current principal of Bramalea Secondary School would like an article from BSSAA describing our association and website so he can include it in the school's newsletter. Nicole has written one and will email it to him directly.

Discussed: BramaleaSecondary.Org website - Jeanette to contact Olav Andrade, owner of that site, to explain why BSSAA information has not been posted there since October (his site was down for approx. 6 weeks, then we were close to incorporation). In her message, Jeanette will also explain that all BSSAA information, including 40th reunion information, will now only be posted on our own website, www.bssalumni.com, so as not to duplicate or waste space. She will do this once our website has been updated with all meeting minutes and pertinent information.

Discussed: 40th Reunion - Peter has all but booked the Regal Constellation Ballroom. It holds from 800 to 1450 people to a sit-down dinner. We would have to guarantee the minimum of 800. The cost of the meal would be approx. \$50 including tax and gratuity. There is a parking fee of \$8.00 per vehicle. If we have a live band playing, we will need additional staging through a production company and power at our cost. We are responsible for security at the event as well. Michael and Heather will do a break-even cost analysis to see what we will have to charge for tickets, with everything included (i.e. decorations, band, D.J., etc.). Peter, Nicole and Michael will go to the Regal Constellation next week to negotiate with them (i.e. lower some of the additional costs, make a payment schedule). Hotel rooms are apparently available on site for a premium price (\$99/regular room or \$109/deluxe room).

Discussed: Corporate sponsors - Letters will go out to most if not all Brampton companies as soon as possible (letter has been drafted and edited) asking for a guarantor for the reunion event, as well as other donations. With this money we can make down payments on all necessary items.

Discussed: BSSAA logo - The scroll forming the vertical line of the B has been made longer to attach to the 3 part, making it more like a B than a 3. It was suggested the scroll be moved from behind the 3 part to in front to further enhance the B. Vote: unanimous (15 yays, 0 nays) to move scroll in front.

Discussed: Mission statement for BSSAA - Michael provided the boundaries for creating a mission statement and a sample. Gord will produce one for BSSAA in the next few days.

Discussed: Bank account - We have \$649.00 in our temporary account at Brunswick Bramalea Lanes. That will be transferred to a DUCA account when it is opened. Gord, Nicole and Judy will try to go there tomorrow (January 30th, 2003).

Discussed: Euchre night - Tuesday, January 14th was our latest euchre night with \$45.00 raised. It was successful, but needs more participants. Bring out friends, family, co-workers, other alumni, etc. to the next euchre night on Tuesday, February 11th, 2003 at Brunswick Lanes. The cost is \$15 per person and there's usually one prize per table (every 4 people) and lots of fun.

Discussed: Jake's Boathouse - BSSAA will be hosting a social evening at Jake's on Friday, March 21st, 2003. All alumni are welcome, bring friends even if they aren't alumni. Starting around 8:00, come out for some music and enjoy catching up or meeting new people.

Discussed: Events Committee - Another family bowling night is planned for Saturday, March 8th, at Brunswick Lanes. Register at 5:30 or so and bowl until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, with 4-6 people per lane. Future planned fundraising events include a trip to Casino Rama in April and a golf tournament in May. The events of the 40th reunion will be posted for volunteers to sign and any that get no volunteers will be canceled.

Discussed: Beer Garden - During the week of the reunion festivities, we may have a beer garden on the school grounds. John Chasty will look into the legalities of that and Judy will try to contact someone she knows who works at Labatt's to possibly sponsor it.

Discussed: Promotion - A new poster will be done up with the newer logo, in colour, with our website, email address, phone number, etc. We are hoping to have this new poster displayed permanently at recreation centres, libraries, etc. in Brampton.

Discussed: Entertainment for dinner/dance of reunion - some members would like to have a live band and a D.J. while other members would prefer to have just a D.J. It would be less expensive to go with a D.J. alone, but guests may expect more than that from a gala event that costs approximately \$65/ticket. Cheryl will continue to look into bands and a D.J.

50/50 draw - \$29 to BSSAA, \$29 won by Jeanette Wilson

Motion to adjourn: Linda Kelly, seconded: Cheryl Anderson

Next General Membership Meeting - Wed., Feb. 26, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at Brunswick Bowl

Next Executive Meeting - Mon., Feb. 17, 2003 at 7:30 at Brunswick Bowl