

Minutes of the BSSAA General Membership Meeting - 2003 04 30

In attendance: Jeanette Wilson, Executive Secretary Michael Robinson, Executive Director
 Ruth Scherer, President Nicole McReavy, Treasurer
 Gord Macfarlane, Registrar Dan Nichol, Director of Events
 Teresa Kobos, Director of Sponsorship Linda Kelly
 Sylvia Winski John Halls

Start time: 7:50 p.m. at Kelseys Restaurant End time: 10:10 p.m.

Call to order: Jeanette Wilson, seconded: Dan Nichol

Reading of the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting: Jeanette Wilson

Motion to accept the minutes as read. Moved by Gord Macfarlane, seconded by Teresa Kobos. Vote carried 10 yays, 0 nays.

Old Business:

Discussed: Archives of memorabilia - T.L. Kennedy Secondary School is having their 50th anniversary reunion on May 9th. Michael Robinson has called and is waiting for a reply to find out how they went about digitizing yearbooks on CD-ROM so we can do the same. Michael will try to go to their reunion to see their archives and would like anyone else who can go to join him. Teresa Kobos will try to go.

Discussed: Ticket reprinting - the batches of tickets with illegible disclaimer on the back have been reprinted and will be perforated this week. Gord Macfarlane will get them when done.

Discussed: Other events at reunion - Dan Nichol has received 4 or 5 new names of volunteers via the website and he will email the coordinators of the events affected. We still need volunteers for year reps.
Security: John Halls will look into possibly using a security company at the school (Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, if required) and pay-duty police officers at the Regal Constellation.
Souvenirs: Heather Reid had been looking into pens, pins, shirts, etc. Nicole will contact her to get quotes and continue the search to have souvenirs (keychains, T-shirts, mugs, wine glasses, mousepads, etc.) available at the reunion
Photographer: Michael Robinson will look into having a photographer set up at BSS and the Regal Constellation.

Discussed: Sponsor letters - 17 letters were returned to sender (us) due to change of owner/manager/place of business, etc. We got one response, a rejection from Zellers. We need to send more letters to companies that are not on the Brampton Board of Trade list. Michael Robinson will give Teresa Kobos a final list of those companies, then several BSSAA members need to find the companies not on the list and approach them directly.

New Business:

Discussed: BSS Student Council - Michael Robinson and Jeanette Wilson attended a meeting on the BSS Student Council (SAC) on Tuesday, April 29th. The students will promote volunteers among the student body to help with the reunion in August. The time they put in with BSSAA will count toward their 40 hours of community service necessary to graduate, but also give them a feeling of building the community. Michael will set up a separate volunteer sign up page on our website so students can sign up directly with us. Student Council members will make posters to promote our cause within the school in the next couple of months, as we need the volunteers to commit themselves before this school year ends in June. BSSAA will also give students who work especially hard for us a letter of reference.

Discussed: Soccer challenge - BSS coaches are on board with the idea of a children's soccer challenge at the school during the week of the reunion.

Discussed: Teachers' retirement party - Michael Robinson's ticket to attend the retirement party for several retiring BSS teachers (on Thursday, May 15th) has been paid for by the school. We should send 1 or 2 more representatives of BSSAA to promote the reunion. Ruth Scherer and Jeanette Wilson have agreed to buy their own tickets (\$28 each) so they may attend and mingle among the many current and retired teachers who are expected to be there. Gord Macfarlane is giving Jeanette 100 gala event tickets (#1228-1327) to sell at the retirement party. Michael will try to get the word out to any teachers who plan to attend the retirement party that tickets to our gala reunion event will be available at the party.

Discussed: On-line vote - 11 votes were cast. 9 were in favour of all 4 motions, 1 abstained and 1 voted in favour of the second and third motions, but not in favour of the first and fourth motion.

Discussed: BSSAA Foundation - A meeting has been scheduled at the Peel District School Board central board offices on Friday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m. with Barry Oliver (Peel Board's legal adviser) and BSS Principal John Chasty, as well as Michael Robinson and Cheryl Anderson, representing BSSAA. Michael hopes to find out if the Peel Board can set up a charitable account for us through them so we can issue tax receipts for any donations we get. All donations and/or sponsorships involved with BSSAA must go through the Peel District School Board.

Discussed: St. John Ambulance - They recommend we have 2 attendants per day at our events, more if there are sporting events. These attendants cost \$100/day each. They need a minimum of 4 weeks notice. We would need attendants for Friday night at BSS (wine and cheese, beer garden, open house for memorabilia), Saturday during the day (sporting events, open house, heat) and possibly Sunday if we hold any events at the school that day. We would not likely need them at the dinner/dance at the Regal Constellation. Michael Robinson will ask the T.L. Kennedy reunion committee what they have done in the same situations.

Discussed: Band for dinner/dance - Several BSSAA members went to check out a band called Nancy Be, managed by alumna Jay McAleese (sp?). He has blocked off Saturday, August 23rd for us, so that if we decide to go with them, they will be available. We need to ask Jay a few things: if he works with any DJ's, how long a set by the band lasts, information about his deposit/payment schedule.

Discussed: Rental of BSS facilities for reunion - We need an agreement with the Peel District School Board to use the facilities at BSS for the reunion in August. The trustees can waive the cost. We will also need liability insurance. Since the fields are taken over by the City of Brampton to play sports on as of May 1st, we also need an agreement with the City to use the fields for events at the reunion. This may include liability insurance, but it may need to be purchased separately as well. Michael Robinson has contacted the City and the Peel District School Board and is awaiting the forms to come. He is hoping for some political influence (Mayor Susan Fennell or Councillor Dick Metzack) to donate any fees involved at the City level.

Discussed: Treasurer's Report - The balance as of April 22/03 is \$664.43. There are cheques to deposit totalling \$425. The next deposit for the Regal Constellation is \$1000 on May 15/03. That cheque was issued tonight. The Executive members, at least, are strongly encouraged to purchase their own reunion gala event tickets by the next meeting to ensure there are adequate funds in the bank to cover the Regal's next deposit cheque.

Discussed: Upcoming meetings - The Monday before the May General Membership meeting is Victoria Day so it has been suggested we move that meeting.

Motion to change the date of the May Executive meeting from Monday, May 19th to Wednesday, May 21st, and to add a working meeting strictly for the reunion on Monday, May 12th, all to be held at Brunswick Lanes (upon verification of availability by Wendy Jessop), moved by Dan Nichol, seconded by Teresa Kobos. Vote carried 10 yays, 0 nays.

Discussed: Fundraising events - The planned trip to Casino Rama was cancelled due to SARS concerns. The golf tournament was moved to the week of the reunion. Michael Robinson should have more information regarding the viability of the golf tournament by June 1st.

Discussed: Michael Robinson's list - The mailbox for BSSAA at BSS has been changed to BSS Alumni. We still have no voice mail there, however. Michael Robinson will ask John Chasty or Pat Weaver about it soon. He is also looking into having computers available to us at the reunion. Michael's graduating year (1975/1976) is having a mini-reunion of their own at Oscar's restaurant and bar on June 21st. Teresa Kobos volunteered to help Michael sell reunion gala event tickets that night. Michael and John Chasty will prepare a business case to present to the Trillium Foundation regarding BSS becoming a Centre for Excellence in the Technology area.

Adjournment: moved by Michael Robinson, seconded by Linda Kelly. Motion carried 10 yays, 0 nays.