

BHCA MEETING MINUTES



Date: Mar 25, 2026

Time: 6:39 pm at Cuppa Chico

IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Valiant-Saunders, Donna Kind, Mike Hood, Nancy Westran, Marie Sievers, Nancy Robertson

ABSENT

Cass Ryan, J.-P. Hood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy W. reviews minutes prepared by Anton Kirei (volunteering as secretary). Nancy R. will post minutes on BHCA website, section "About Us".

AGENDA

Quorum reached (over 25% present). Agenda adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1) Officer meeting reg. Community center booking, will be taken care of this week. A resident's ask: to help with organizing local baseball leagues matches Beacon Hill & Orleans, when/if we have the time to organize that and rent baseball diamonds for the championships. The question of insurance and safety, responsibility for the children participating. Cass and others may support with organizing, advertising, etc. The resident initiator may come and present his proposal. Majority voted for. He'll be invited to the next meeting to discuss.

2) Monthly Facebook membership drives: remind and encourage. For the June 30 elections: 2 positions.

FINANCIALS

Closing bank balance for March includes final monies from City of Ottawa for 2025/2026 rink maintenance. As this was the longest skating season, volunteers clocked 812.5 hours of supervision, an unprecedented number of hours and days. Cheques for the following have also cleared: City of Ottawa cheque for July 1st Radford (Eastvale) park rental; June 30th rental of one room at BHNCC for AGM; July 1st rental of all of BHNCC; and October 31st rental of two rooms for BHCA Halloween Party.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Eco chair: Marie asked reg. visualization materials: horticultural processes & invasive species removal (strangling the vine prior to seed release). Marie Sieves - make a post about garlic mustard invasive specie, illustrate how to cut them properly in early May. To prepare and post the materials in April.
- 2) Donna and Nancy W. to work on a sponsorship document. Plus a Flier to design & present. No updates.
- 3) Crime Stoppers community engagement: set a date based on popularity and availability, to check with Brad. More people to be invited. Presentation is ready & finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Another post idea: save owls (rat traps instead of poisoning) and help wild turkeys. Nancy R. to help with illustrations from ChatGPT. Another post idea for April: early and plentiful ticks warning, early and lengthy pollination period of allergenic plants. Include mentions of environmental friendly solutions.

Another possible eco point to promote: subsidies for solar panels. Marie & Nancy R. (Environmental committee) to promote environmental volunteer meetings and activities. Related initiatives. Butterfly gardens creation by BHCA volunteers, with BHCA signs. All voted for this initiative. Also other environmental initiatives, to be drafted by Marie as a project.

- 2) Customary Bakers market organization
- 3) Ask Nancy R. to send the BHCA logo version to Anton and others, for using in various visuals.
- 4) May 7th morning: 9:30-11:30 - volunteers from Tim company's office will do a big cleanup at Ski Hill park.

We will hold a clean up event on another date, another location: the Spring Clean of April 25th, Saturday morning. Specific location: Jasmine park, 10 to 11:30. Invite more people from the community to volunteer. Everyone voted for. The city will provide trash bags and gloves, we'll need to organize the pick up of filled bags.

5) [Julie] Idea: walking club, 5-6km routes to develop and mark. Most attendees voted for the walking club and are going to join it. Fee: \$2-3 per walking session (printing signs, extra water bottles, etc.). There might be an existing walking community in the area on FB.

6) Summer garage sale event planning, date to pick. Julie suggested June 20th. Signs are to be distributed and put up in advance. Be careful to ensure no sign pollution, some people could also place signs on their lawns. Signs we have in stock: up to 100. Could also ask local businesses to put up these signs, as printouts in transparent files. Also potentially spread information as electronic fliers and ask people involved in the sale to print out. Julie can print out the required materials free. Unanimously voted for June 20th. Julie will count the signs and we'll get them refreshed with tape, we'll pick them up from Julie's place when the snow is gone (April).

7) Community events promotion via Facebook ads, for this specific area / postal address scope. A pilot campaign for an even to check the response rate. Anton to try. Majority voted in favor - to investigate focused ad localization.



ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:30 at Cuppa Chico.

MISC. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) AGM presentation: include the point reg. 812+ hours of volunteer work registered
- 2) The Constitution to be changed and uploaded to website, plus the leading positions to discuss with the Board, election based on votes.
- 3) Request to Brad (community building): venue arrangements for the AGM on June 30th. Prior to that: a board meeting on June 24th to prepare for AGM.