

BHCA MEETING MINUTES



Date: Apr 29, 2026

Time: 6:37 pm at Cuppa Chico

IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Valiant-Saunders, Donna Kind, Mike Hood, Nancy Westran, Maria Sievers, Nancy Robertson, Cass Ryan

ABSENT

J.-P. Hood (resigned from the board)

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) With J-P resigning, there are 3 vacant positions for the June 30 election
- 2) Crime Stoppers update: June 23rd 6-7pm. Brad cannot come, so Sean will be invited for the info session. Presentation is ready & finalized.

FINANCIALS

Financial matters: Apr 1st opening balance was \$9412.56. As of end of April our closing balance is \$9568.13.

OLD BUSINESS

1) The Eco chair: Marie asked reg. visualization materials: horticultural processes & invasive species removal (Dog-strangling Vine removal 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 May.

2) A Flier to design & present. No updates.

3) Butterfly gardens creation initiative. Need to get a permission from Municipality to create a small plant garden, for a community group: spot, idea, organization details. Free registration, need to fill out the forms. Starting small, to get the permission to plant them on one side of BH Community center. Everyone voted in favor.

FB post ideas: 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. Maria & Nancy R. (Environmental committee) to promote environmental volunteer meetings and activities.

4) Donna: garage sale preparation campaign to start with Nancy R., aiming for 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 signs, as printouts in transparent files. Potentially, spread information as electronic fliers & ask people involved in the sale to print out. Julie can print out the required materials free. Julie will count the signs and we'll get them refreshed with tape, we'll pick them up from Julie's place when the weather is nice (May). Nancy W. to find out when it's ok to put the signs out, e.g. 2 weeks in advance.

NEW BUSINESS

1) North Gloucester Little League baseball initiative was presented, training fields: 614 Eastvale Dr fields. Help needed: 2 more people for the league board, then invite volunteers. Need promotion/coverage, at least 200 kids to register for 2027. There are age 7 divisions, from 4 to 19. Two seasons: Spring (twice a week) and Summer (1-2 times a week). Need ?? teams for Spring and 1 team for each district for Summer. Volunteers' kids may join for free. Player & coaches insurances are required, these will be affordable, sorted out by the initiator. Both mentoring and coaching will be provided. How BHCA can help: A. Post the information on BHCA Facebook, also vote for a League name in FB; B. See if can get access to the arena's storage, potentially donate bats; C. find coaching volunteers (need a description for that); D. find a volunteer to create a website for the initiative; E. Police record checks for volunteers. Nancy W. will reach out to the initiator to discuss the practicalities.

2) Organization of the customary Makers market.

3) May 9th morning (Saturday): 9:30-11:30 - volunteers from Tim company's office will do a big cleanup at Ski Hill park.

4) [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.

5) Nancy W.: 2 bins to buy to transport/store the garden chess & checkers, up to \$100, to be stored in Julie's shed.

6) BHCA 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 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 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.