

BHCA MEETING MINUTES



Date: May 27, 2026

Time: 6:38pm at "Cuppa Chico"

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Nancy Westran, Cass Ryan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

AGENDA

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1) Crime Stoppers community information meeting: June 23rd 7-9pm, extendable depending on Q&A, notice to be posted on Facebook. Brad cannot join, so Sean S. and Jacqueline G. will be the expert speakers, with Don K. as a backup. The Presentation is ready & finalized, it will be shared with board members.
- 2) June 20 Garage Sale preparation: mostly ready, Facebook coverage started, 43 signs are ready (to be put up ?? days before the event). Anton: Get the event link on Facebook and prepare beautiful QR codes. Next, Nancy R. to print out the promo stickers, then we need to place them in strategic spots across the district.
- 3) There are 3 vacant board positions for the June 30 election.

FINANCIALS

Financial matters: Apr May 1st opening balance was \$9562.12. As of end of May, our closing balance is \$9497.93.

OLD BUSINESS

1) The Eco chair: Maria asked reg. visualization materials: horticultural processes & invasive species removal (dog-strangling vine removal prior to its seed release). Maria Sievers - make a post about Garlic mustard invasive specie, illustrate how to cut them properly in early May. To prepare and post materials.

2) A BHCA flier to design & present. No updates.

3) Pollinator gardens creation initiative. Maria will apply for the permission from Municipality for fall 2026 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.

- Misc. 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.

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 7 divisions, categorized by age from 4 to 19. Two seasons: Spring (twice a week) and Summer (1-2 times a week). Need several 4 teams (12 players) for Spring and 1 team (12-15 players) for Summer. The volunteers' kids may join for free. Player & coach 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 events: May 30-31 Celebrate Summer involvement; next: the customary Makers market.

3) [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.

4) [Idea postponed to future, with more funding required] 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 investigate. Majority voted in favor - to investigate focused ad localization.



ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 7:48pm

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 at Cuppa Chico.

MISC. ACTION ITEMS

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