

BHCA MEETING MINUTES



Date: June 24, 2026

Time: 6:48pm at "Cuppa Chico"

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

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) New memberships: +53 (both new and renewed)
- 2) Crime Stoppers community information meeting: POSTPONED to Aug 5 or Aug 12 @ Beacon hill community center, extendable depending on Q&A, notice to be posted on Facebook. Brad cannot join, so Sean S. & Jacqueline G. will be the experts, with Don K. as a backup. The presentation is ready, finalized, shared.
- 2) June 20 Garage Sale: 43 reusable advertising signs were set up, then collected. 141 households registered for this sale. In 2027, we should organize the Garage sale much earlier, in early June, when people do their spring cleanups.
- 3) AGM election will be held virtually, on July 21 or 22 @ 7pm - 8:30pm, incl. an online voting procedure via conference call. Majority voted in favor of an online AGM on July 21, all BHCA members should be notified asap, incl. instructions, and then reminded. There are 4 vacant positions for the board election. . The form should include name, email, phone, address, plus a Personal Data handling disclaimer. An additional offline follow-up to be held afterwards, on Aug 26 (?) Important: The 2027 AGM to be held on April 6th.

FINANCIALS

Financial matters: no major updates.

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.

4) 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Nancy R.: spread the word in Facebook about July 1st fireworks planned in a nearby area.

2) July 1st Canada Day event planning (starting at 11am till 2pm+), organizers should meet beforehand at 10am) @ Beacon Hill North community center & park. Post a Facebook notification, everybody to wear red & white. Preparing tents, entertainment means, incl. a quiet room, crayons for drawing, etc. 4 volunteers are available for bbqs & party preparations, plus DJ Chris with his speakers, Julie will bring folding chairs. Also eco chairs may be organized for the event by Nancy R. Food for the event: 200 halal hot dogs & ice-cream sandwiches donated by Tim (June 31st). Nancy W. may bring portable coolers, Mike will pick up the provisions, garbage bags & cleaning utensils prepared. Nancy R. will bring pocket lights on threads to give out to the kids.

3) The customary Makers market.

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) [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, with focused ad localization.



ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 7:56pm

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting date is Wednesday, July 29, 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 lead positions to discuss with the Board, the entire voting procedure.