

BPOA 2024 AGM Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 30, 2024

6:00 PM

Alberto Aiello Park

Board Members Present:

Lauren Semeniuk, President
Shannon Husain, Vice President
Lorraine Hay, Secretary
Agnes McMurdo, Events Committee Chair
Absent: Dan Ganas, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Mike Thompson, Larry Ulrich, Justin Semeniuk, Michelle Schofield, Mike Ethier, Kelly Shields, Kailie Bush

An additional 20 community residents were present and names recorded.

Meeting commenced at 6:07pm

Agenda/Minutes

1. Approve 2023 AGM minutes- Lauren Semeniuk
 - Motion to approve and move forward made 1st by Agnes McMurdo and 2nd by Larry Ulrich
 - No business arose and motion carried with all in favor that minutes be approved

2. President's Report- Lauren Semeniuk
 - Opening remarks

 - Important Community Reminders - Safety
 - Bear Activity – Please remove bird feeders in Spring, Summer and Fall, keep property clear of garbage and left out food or drinks (contact Conservation hotline on our website for problem bears)

 - Be mindful of pet and child safety from coyotes and other forest animals.

 - Only 30 km/hour within Belair Properties. RM reduced speed of Lakeshore Road to 70 km.

 - Reminder that ATVs and dirt bikes are not permitted on any of our walking trails within BP

 - To reduce theft, recommendation to keep property looking “lived in”. Example, keep a light on, gates open and low-cost items out in plain view (like beach towels/toys) to give appearance that someone is home. Keep high value ATVs, etc out of view or locked up.

- Swimming off our shoreline – recommend being within arms reach of your children and use life jackets and floating assists where possible. Avoid using inflatables in the water due to sudden change in wind direction

- Community Survey - Go to the website to find a link to complete the survey. It can be found under Explore BPOA / Community Improvements. Our website is www.belairpoa.com. We also have a few survey cards left you can grab on the way out. Or lastly, you can also just scan the sign at the check-in table to complete the survey over your phone. The survey will be open until the end of August.
 - Reinforced that we want to maintain the peacefulness of our community, while recognizing the changing dynamics of our residents (new families). Anything we do will be done slowly over time and with consideration to our residents.

We have no intention of following a Victoria Beach model. We are a small group and as such do not have the resources in any event.
- Launch of Maintenance Plan
 - The BPOA and the RM of Alexander performs many maintenance tasks throughout our community, 12 months of the year. For details go to BPOA Website under Explore BPOA at www.belairpoa.com/notifications
 - Any questions can be directed to our Maintenance Lead, Mike Thompson.
 - We are getting a new Community Street Map sign at Lunney & Westland. This is being 100% donated by Meinrad Baumer, owner of Contempra Signs. Meinrad and his wife, Shirley, are long-time cottage owners in Belair Properties. Thank you Meinrad !
- 3. Treasurer's Report- Dan Ganas - Absent
 - Finance update will be provided by request
- 4. Events - Agnes McMurdo
 - Canada Day event- June 30, right after the AGM at Alberto Aiello Park. Check in starts at 7:30 PM.
 - Rocking Painting - Starts at 11 AM on Saturday July 20. Location is Alberto Aiello Park.
 - Lead by Carol Kemp. Carol spent her summers growing up in the East Beaches area, she is a Professional Graphic Artist and as a passtime also sells painted rocks & rock portraits - all equipment is provided at the event). All Adults and Kids Welcome.
 - Event is FREE for all.
 - Halloween at the Lake - Aug 3 - Greenspace off of Lakeview Drive. Event is FREE for all.
 - Paint Night - Moved to Saturday August 24- Alberto Aiello Park
 - Lead by Corrine Enberg. Corrine is a former Art Teacher and is a passionate Artist who has done previous beach paint nights. Watch for posters and more information (time & cost) on our website. All equipment provided. For Adults & Kids Ages 9 yrs and up.

- Community Bike Rally - Aug 31 - Starts at Alberto Aiello Park
 - All ages welcome. Bike decorating and fun Station Stops and Activities along the route. Prize at the finish line. Pre-registration is required. Watch for posters and more information on our website. Event is FREE for all.

- 5. Membership Program
 - As of June 26, we have 87 cottage memberships signed up for the 2024-2025 year, which helps contribute \$2,610 towards maintenance and operational costs within our community. An additional \$1,030 came in through the membership program as donations towards the Belair Improvement Fund. Thank you!!!
 - Early Bird Winner - James Hand. Congratulations James on winning a \$100 gift certificate from the new Belair Community Store once it opens.

- 6. Park Project Update- Shannon Husain
 - Swing equipment (thanks to Mike Thompson for all your hard work on restoring our swings)
 - Covered Picnic Shelter (size: approx 12' x 24') is now finished and looking great.
 - Seating (new green chairs will face the lake - flower pots added for ambiance)
 - 2 more benches to be added in July
 - Accessible picnic table is now in place
 - 2024 RM Grant update (\$5,000):
 - Shoreline boulder reinforcement (end of July)
 - New road/park partition (replaced old railway ties)
 - Possible new Park Gate

- 7. Other Projects
 - We are investigating with the RM, our ability to do something in the Green space.
 - Currently the decision is paused and awaiting land title transfer from the province. Currently conducting resident feedback via our Community Survey. Will be a 3-5 year planning survey.
 - Date for Shoreline Boulders is currently planned for July 25th & 26th. NOTE: CAUTION to all that these boulders may shift so extra vigilance should be taken to avoid accident or injury

- 8. Election of officers- Lauren Semeniuk
 - First recognize and thank current Board members and community volunteers for all their time and energy. We can't do it without them.
 - Announced that Angela Curtis is stepping down as Member at Large. Thank you Angela.
 - Lauren is stepping down as President after serving three years, call for nominations for President. Nomination of Shannon Husain for President by Brent McCullum. Declared by Lauren Semeniuk that Shannon Husain is new BPOA President.
 - Call for nominations for Vice President. Mike Thompson volunteers for position of Vice President. Declared by Lauren Semeniuk that Mike Thompson is new BPOA Vice President.
 - Motion to change Members at Large group from 10 to 14 people. 1st by Kailie Bush, 2nd by Michelle Schofield. Motion carried.

9. Special Guests

A. Clan Mothers Healing Village guest speaker Claire Friesen gave a warm and informative history/update of this wonderful project. A future invitation to tour the village will be posted on our BPOA Website. All will be welcome.

B. Ward Counselor, Gordon Kaye and Mayor, Jack Brisco - Absent

10. General business

- Comments from the group? No further comments were brought forward.

11. Date of the next AGM will be the weekend prior to July 1 on either June 28 or 29.

12. Close of meeting. Meeting closed at 6:39pm

