

Brant North Community Safety Group

Annual General Meeting – Nov 16th, 7:00 pm

Gaukel Memorial Arena – Community Room

MINUTES

Attendees: Kim Sinko, Merle Ammerman, Meghan Witteveen, Shirley Steedman, Victoria Scott-McGana, Doug Little, Heather Morrison, John MacAlpine, Jennifer Kyle, Constables fConrad Vitalis & Rowan Hamlet of the OPP

1.0 Call to Order:

Kim called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2.0 Conflicts of Interest:

There were none.

3.0 Review & Approve Agenda

MOTION: **Moved by: Merle Ammerman** **Seconded by: Shirley Steedman**

Motion that the agenda be accepted – Carried

4.0 Approval of Minutes

– there were no previous minutes due to the group regrouping again after 10 years.

5.0 Review & Approve Year End Financial Report

MOTION: **Moved by: Doug Little** **Seconded by: Heather Morrison**

Motion to accept the treasurers report as distributed - Carried

6.0 Discussion of Progress & Accomplishments

Kim outlined the many things this group has accomplished in the last year.

Accomplishments were:

- had speakers on Brant Safe Streets and the OPP spoke on Computer safety.
- Kim has set up a website, Facebook page and other social media.
- Our first community project – a Magnet with OPP information is due to go out soon.
- We now have an OPP – West Region newsletter that communicates a lot of safety information including info about how to participate in our meetings.
- We have received 2 grants from the County of Brant since reviving the group.
- And finally, we have our first fund raiser – Shirley Steedman is doing a wreath workshop Nov 30th – there is one vacancy to be filled. Proceeds from the workshop will go toward the BNCSG's work.

7.0 Election of Board of Directors for 2022/2023

Kim brought forth a list of names that are willing to stand another term for executive. Kim opened nominations from the floor. We had one vacancy for a 'member at large'. Victoria Scott McGarva volunteered to fill the vacant position of "Member at Large". Nominations were closed

Term: The Chairman & Treasurer will hold their position for 2 years with re-election on even years; and the Vice President and Secretary will hold their position for one year and be up for re-election on odd years.

MOTION: **Moved by: Doug Little** **Seconded by: Heather Morrison**

Moved that those in attendance ratify the executive as listed below. Carried

President: Kim Sinko

Vice President: Meghan Witteveen

Election of Board of Directors – con't

Treasurer;	Doug Little
Secretary:	Shirley Steedman
Member at Large	Merle Ammerman
Member at Large	Victoria Scott McGarva

8.0 Constitution Approval

Jennifer Kyle noted that in point 1.1 of Constitution our area of service should be amended to read – that we service Ward 1 including areas of St. George, Glen Morris, and Harrisburg.

MOTION: Moved: by Merle Ammerman Seconded: by John MacAlpine

Moved the acceptance of the Constitution as amended – Carried

9.0 Other Business

9.1 Actions Outstanding: - Kim

- 9.1a The safety magnets are ready for distribution by mail. Kim is working with Canada Post in Ayr to try and narrow down some postal addresses for Brant Count residents that get their mail through Drumbo and Ayr.
- 9.1b We also had discussed replacing the “Citizen’s on Patrol” signs at the four entrances to the village. Now that we no longer go on foot patrols, discussions resulted in the feeling we should change those signs to something more general. Kim is working on a design and will email her findings to us all so we can vote on our preference. Then she will get a quote on the sign. We will be applying for funding for this to the County of Brant.

9.2 Correspondence: None

9.3 Banking: Doug brought up that we need to go to the bank and up-date our information.

Motion:	Moved by Doug Little	Seconded by John MacAlpine
1.0	Moved that we go to the bank and make changes to the name on our account to the new name that the Police Services Committee gave us. AND	
2.0	to set up signees. We will have 4 signees: Doug Little, Kim Sinko, Shirley Steedman, and Meghan Witteveen. We will be required to have 2 of the 4 signatures. Shirley will do a letter for the bank. - Carried	

9.4 Magnet Update

The magnets have been printed and a sample of the magnets were distributed. They will be mailed out shortly.

9.5 Lock It & Lose It –follow-up - Constable Conrad Vitalis lead a discussion on this idea. Since we can no longer go onto private property, he suggested a new idea.

Safety Audit Patrols –

- whereby our committee/group would accompany the OPP on a street
- the purpose would be to take notice of various residences and what they could do to make their property safer.
- We would record our findings and make note of them on our Facebook page.

Lock It & Lose It – con't

- Any residents that come out wondering what we are doing will be given a pamphlet about our work and our meetings.
- It was felt we might have better visibility this way and the word would spread about our work.
- This way we could do several smaller audit patrols in a year.
- Also, if there are any vehicles parked on the street with valuables visible, they will be left with a pamphlet suggesting they keep valuables 'out of sight'
- These audit patrols would be held Saturday or Sunday in daylight hours. Suggested dates were Jan 14th and Jan 29th from 9:30am to 11:00am
- Auxiliary officers would be attending as well
- These audit patrols, would provide information for a subsequent speaker on Home Safety
- Kim and Conrad will collaborate on the hand outs

9.6 Feb & April 2023 Public Meetings:

- Public Meeting February 15th will be on safeguarding, where we will take info from the audit patrols and use as information for discussion
- April 19th tentative plans for Paul Davis – speaking on Cyber Media. Cost \$1500.00 + HST. Kim will investigate into grants/funding for this project. Perhaps consider partnering with Paris group.

9.7 Fund Raising Event

- We have our first fundraising event – A Wreath Workshop. We have one vacancy left if everyone can spread the word. Event is Nov 30th at the Gaukel Memorial Arena – Community Room

9.8 County Fundraising Ideas Brant County Grant –

- Deadline date is usually at the beginning of February – Kim will check the County website in a couple of weeks to see if the information is posted.
 - Will be seeking funding for Paul Davis – potential speaker for April public meeting.
 - Funding for 4 new gateway signs announcing our presence in the community
 - Funding for a vertical banner for meetings and promotion at public events ie: Applefest

9.9 Future Projects

Date to be decided for a public meeting on 'Seniors and Online Safety' and also 'Sextortion' – information for parents on how to handle online scammers that take advantage of kids, ask for photos, and then try to extort money from them

9.10 Open Discussion & Concerns

COMING EVENT: OPP and Nova Vita Partnership –

OPP Constable Conrad Vitalis announced a speaker – “Anti Human Trafficking”

- DATE OF EVENT: Nov 22, 2022 from 7-9 pm at the Paris Sports Complex

Next meeting – Planning Meeting January 18th