



First Avenue Athletes Village Housing Co-operative

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Coop Main Lobby
7 pm

Minutes

Attended: as per sign in register.

Chair: Herb Bentz, President

Introduction: New members were welcomed. This general meeting is to update members as to the status of the coop. The Annual General Meeting will be in January.

1. Call to Order: 7:06 pm. 37 members were signed in at the call to order; quorum achieved.
2. Approval of Agenda: M-#205, S-#407/ Carried.
3. President's Report: Presented by Herb Bentz. Copy of report attached.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Tony Doman. See report attached.
5. Garden Committee Report: Presented by Kerrie O'Donnell. See report attached. A big thank you to Peter Ghesquiere for spearheading the composting management.
6. Announcements and Acknowledgements:
 - i. Lee-anne Ekland, Vice President, was appointed the liaison between members and the board. A contact email address is on the bulletin board. There is a members' Facebook group; signs are on the board if people want to get connected to the Coop, and to the Village as a whole. Members should feel free to email Lee-anne with questions or concerns. Lee-Anne introduced Streetbank.com, a place to share and barter skills, etc.
 - ii. Coop member Fabian Lavoie went to the London Olympics and his team won silver for wheelchair rugby. Congratulations, Fabian!
 - iii. Deidre Maultsaid and Brianne Szirony have taken on the task of forming a Safety Committee. They are trying to organize a free emergency preparedness workshop for members in October. This would be about a 3 hour presentation. Deirdre will send an email around when date confirmed.
 - iv. Michelle Goss Baxter took on the task of organizing Halloween for the coop kids. See signs by the mailboxes for information.

- v. The Board is looking into creating a coop website. The directors want to keep members informed. A brief summary of decisions will be distributed to all members by email after each board meeting. On the CHF BC website there is a forum/section for Athletes Village Members. This is where the draft handbook will be located. The website is: www.chf.bc.ca.
- vi. Coop members are eligible for discounted City community center passes. Members can get a letter confirming residency from the office coordinator [call ahead please 604-873-1066] and then go purchase a pass. Thanks to Francesca de Freitas for organizing this.
- vii. Francesca has organized for a nurse to give an onsite baby CPR course for \$14 per couple. If members are interested in attending, please contact Francesca. Her email address is on the board with the Storytime information.
- viii. Yuri Artibise, Director, addressed the Coop policies: The board has been reviewing the policies and rules, and there are a few to be brought to the members' attention as a reminder. Non-smoking: smoking is allowed in only 5 assigned; no smoking of any substance is allowed on balconies, patios, or in common areas. People smoking in prohibited areas are not only a legal concern, but may affect the health and comfort of members' and other residents. Please be aware of the restrictions and ensure that family and guests abide by them. Members have expressed concerns about dogs off leash in the hallways and common areas. Please keep pets on leash when outside units. The fire marshal asked that the board remind members that parking lots are for vehicles only and not for storage. Insurance can be at risk, and storage can be a fire hazard. Keep only bikes in the bike room.
- ix. Catherine Porter, Director, addressed the meeting: It has been a privilege and honour to sit as a director for the Coop. The resident board is doing a really good job!

7. Close of the Meeting: 7:48 pm

A potluck social will be held in the lounge after the meeting.