

Baldur Community Development Association met on Monday, October 5th in the R.M. of Argyle Council Chambers.

In honour of the Baldur Communities In Bloom Committee and their recent notification of once again receiving 5 Blooms, BCDA members discussed purchasing a 5 Bloom Community sign. Several options were brought forward. The members felt that the Flower Committee members should be consulted and the decision can be made at a future meeting. BCDA would like to congratulate this committee on their devotion to community development.

The Events Committee reported that the organization details for the Community Auction and Mini Homecoming, set for April 3, 2010 are progressing. Committee heads for food service and decorating have been found. Randy Pawich Auctions and the Baldur Recreation Centre have been booked. Confirmations of donations to the auction have started to arrive. It was decided to place an ad in the October wide circulation paper explaining the event and requesting donations. This will be a major fundraiser for BCDA. The proceeds will be dispersed to umbrella organizations of BCDA and other worthy community projects. The Events Committee has set June 18/19, 2010 for Solstice Days and Music In The Park will be held on September 11, 2010. Please contact Penny Johnson or Kristine Janz if you would like more information.

The Crime Watch schedule is complete and runs to December 31st. There is always room for more volunteers for this successful program. Please contact Shirley Conibear for details.

Further improvements to Veteran Park continue. The signs for the washrooms at Veteran Park were installed. The turf area will be sprayed for weeds. The north parking lot has been gravelled. There was discussion as to what else should or could be done at Veteran Park. A community bulletin board as well as a place to advertise local business and a place to display brochures will be researched.

The Argyle Heritage Centre has purchased two dehumidifiers and paint for the upstairs suite. They would like to thank the Baldur & Area endowment fund for their assistance. The booth at the Regal's games was once again successful as was the used book sale. The group will be applying to the Manitoba Community Services Council for a bingo to help with the renovation costs of the upstairs suite.

Baldur School students were once again called on to volunteer their time at community events. This spring they helped with gathering books for the Heritage Book Sale. They volunteered at Solstice Days and Music In The Park, as well as assisting with the banquet at the Baldur Regal Recognition Night. BCDA has also asked for youth volunteers for the Community Auction. BCDA would like to thank Principal Randy Hanson for encouraging the students to participate.

As of January 2009 the Baldur Memorial Hall came under the umbrella of BCDA. The hall still has its own committee and bank account. Lately, the revenue has not kept up with the fixed expenses. There was plenty of discussion as to what should be done. Please refer to an article found elsewhere in this paper.

The website continues to be developed. It takes many hours of volunteer time to make, sustain and improve the www.townofbaldur.ca website. We do need community input. Have a look and if you can submit an article, list of team rosters or coming events. The website is receiving high praise from outside the community. It will develop over time with community involvement and insight.

It was noted that the “Baldur” signs at the west and east side of town are in need of repair. We are in the process of getting the sensors fixed and new bulbs installed. Discussion took place on the advertising of an Economic/Development Officer. Please refer to the advertisement in this paper. The Baldur & Area Endowment Fund was discussed. Deadline for applications was October 16th and disbursement of funds will be October 21st.

The Baldur Housing Project is full steam ahead. The application for “Seed Funding’ from CHMC has been sent. Preliminary drawings are in the works and financial information is being completed. The Economic Development Committee will be spearheading this project. A separate incorporated committee under the BCDA umbrella is in the process of being set up. The committee has \$4,000.00 in senior housing donated funds for immediate use. A public meeting will be held in November explaining the project to interested people. Please email bcda@inetbiz.ca for more information or speak with Mark Collins.

Next meeting: November 2, 2010