

BCGA Executive Meeting
8pm, October 20, 2015
Skype Conference Call

Ian Hewitt,, Sandy Nixon, Barb McInnis, Brian Lang & Terri Hadwin. Kathleen Brophy could not attend

- 1) Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda at 8:09
- 2) Approval of Minutes of September Meeting -Ian moved to approve, 2nd by Brian
- 3) Communications - emails will be distributed by Ian. Got a thank you from Lake Country for banner and prizes
- 4) Reports
 - a) President - thanks to Barb for the CITO hosting, had great attendance. Thanks to Sandy for attending the Midlife Crisis event and helping with the geocaching booth. BCGA Banner was displayed
 - b) Treasurer - Reimbursement to Sandy and Ian. Sandy & Ian will get paid with paypal.
- 5) Business Arising
 - a) GeoArt - geocache page has coordinates entered. Ian has done some work on the pages. Deadline for completion Nov 15th - caches placed and submission to reviewers. There was some concern that future BCGA executive may not want to maintain the geocaches, and if they so decide to archive them it is possible. There are many geocachers out there that will help with the maintenance.
 - b) Action Items for discussion
 - Include discussion of member survey, circulated by email by Ian
- 6) New Business
 - a) Donation request for Metro Vancouver GIFF event on Nov 8th. Gold country has donated a large amount of swag. BCGA will donate 4 coins and 4 pathtags. Ian motion, Sandy second. All in favor.
- 7) Meeting Adjourned @ 9:51

Round up of Action Items

Priorities

1. One major event - Lillooet Event - Terri, Barb and Sandy
 - Update – Budge can't be finalised until sponsors have been collected
 - Terri is applying for a NDIT grant. Possible \$1000 sponsorship. Looking for concrete dollars for funding. Gold Country will contribute \$500 to \$1000.
2. Enhancing the profile of the BCGA across the province – Ian, Barb and Kathleen
 - Build a network of volunteers, starting by re-establishing regional reps. May have 2 reps so far, are wanting to have at least 6. Deadline was set as the 31st.
 - Run smaller events in regions not covered by the major event, but only after the volunteers in part a are established.

Update – met by skype call, put out regional rep request in newsletter – no further discussion needed at this time

3. Website - Brian and Ian
 - Update – Brian has added Ian as an administrator, Ian to being working on content, Server move needs to happen as a priority – no further discussion needed at this time.
 - We are having a problem with spam on the forum. It was suggested that we limit the forums to BCGA members but that would stop visitors from contacting locals for help. Suggested that the

forums be deleted and links to the various facebook pages be added to the website. Terri made a motion to remove the forums on the BCGA page and replace with links to various facebook sites. Second by Sandy. Terri amended motion that they be accessible by members only. All in favor. Motion passed.

When the website is moved to the new server, the daily New Cache notifications will cease. As will the weekly emails to the executive with milestone announcements.

Ian has updated the BCGA website with various things, including the stats, links and documents. Ian is working on a member survey to send out to membership. Ian will send Brian details for the survey site. Sandy to upload the member spreadsheet in docs for Brian to get the list of members.

Fundraising

1. Maximising the Lillooet grant and the budget for Lillooet - Terri and Barb
Update – email circulated by Terri on their discussions at Richmond – need for discussion?
2. Geocoin and pathtags - Barb and Brian
Update – We have lots in stock... Ian would like a few to sell at events. Barb to send some.
Geocoins in stock - Barb said we have some 2011, some 2013 and hundreds of 2014 left. Sandy to put the 2011 coins she has in stock on ebay and see how it goes. There is a site that sells geocoins, Sandy to look into it.
3. Other merchandise – Ian
Update – t shirts with slogans added, clothing mentioned in newsletter, will be added to website. No discussion needed at this time.
4. Grants and sponsorship – Michelle (by board request)
Update – email circulated to board by Michelle – discussion requested

Events are harder to get funding for, Michelle looking into getting funding for CITO's as an environmental focus and events like Richmond as education program, with a focus on education family and youth etc. Need to have our website and social media set up properly to share with prospective organisations. Most deadlines are after the new year. Michelle will keep on this. Barb to send link to the Coquitlam city for funding. Municipal governments have different applications available, which may be something to look at in the future.