



British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association
Region 2 – Lower Mainland Parks Network

MINUTES - June 23rd, 2010 - New Westminster, B.C. Centennial Lodge

In Attendance:

Andrew Banks - West Vancouver Parks, Claude LeDoux - New West Parks, Gerhard Vandebosch - Surrey Parks, Glen Minaker - Maple Ridge Parks, Jane Baile - Maple Ridge Parks, Julie Pavey - Port Moody Parks, Lanny Englund - Coquitlam Parks, Len Walters - City of Langley Parks, Marty Benson - Surrey Parks, Shirley McKell - West Vancouver Parks, Todd Gross - Port Coquitlam Parks, Bill Hardy - BCLNA representative

Call to Order: 9:18 a.m.

1.0 Adoption of May 26th Minutes by Andrew Banks and Shirley McKell

2.0 Presentation by Lanny Englund on Invasive Species Management by the City of Coquitlam

3.0 Bill Hardy, representing both the BCLNA and the CanWest Hort Show, spoke about the trade show coming up Sept 29th and 30th and will be at the new trade and convention center. He mentioned that the BCLNA now owns all of the show and hopes to expand the show to include equipment areas and possibly an outdoor field day. He spoke of some of the seminars and they promise to be of interest to staff in our areas. He also offered to host the September BCRPA Meeting in one of the rooms at the trade center so that everyone can spend the afternoon afterwards there seeing the show. BCLNA has hired a new executive director, Leslie Tannin.

4.0 Round Table discussion -

- Large groups have been showing up in playground areas and Parks not sure where they are coming from.
- Water parks mentioned as a research area
- Fleet sizes shrinking in one municipality for "green" reasons and because area is tighter and smaller to get in at.
- One company is providing dog bags free of charge to municipalities in return for advertising on the bags.
- One city has 4 new off leash dog parks.
- One city bought some plastic patio chairs to "let loose" in a Park to see if they are used or vandalized or stolen as a test project.
- Park developments and re-orgs were mentioned
- An engineering firm designed a new rain garden in one local municipality.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 a.m.

Moved by: Shirley McKell Seconded by: Todd Gross

NEXT MEETING: Will be held in the new Trade and Convention Center on either September 29th or 30th. An agenda will be circulated later for this meeting. The BCRPA Committee will not meet over the summer.