

Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026 at the Blaine Community Center

Call to Order at 12:33 pm, May 11, 2026

Roll Call Sarah Cutler, Donna Rayburn, Kelle Rankin Sunter, Conrad Leer, Heino Sunter, Debra Brown, Maureen Call. A Quorum was present.

Approval of April 13, Regular Meeting Minutes Kelle Rankin Sunter requests a motion to approve the April 13th Minutes. Conrad Leer moves to accept the April 13th minutes, Debra Brown seconds, approved unanimously.

No Treasurers Report as Sue Cushman was absent. Kelle Rankin Sunter summarized our account standing stating that we're not spending substantial sums of money. Monies have been moved to appropriate investment, money market and checking accounts as specified by the board.

Old Business Report that we have completed the bylaws and they are publicly posted on the Clubroom Board for review. We appreciate any input and would take it under advisement. It was made clear much of the Bylaws are dictated by the State of Washington Non-Profit Bylaws Template. The Articles of Incorporation for BBBSA has been officially filed by the State.

New Business BBBSA applied to be at the Bellingham Bells "Community Wednesday". We were accepted for Wednesday August 5th. We will be listed on a Banner at the game and have an information table for us to promote BBBSA, it's activities, goals and mission. Furthermore we will receive 25 Free Bells Tickets to do with as we please. Last, not least, BBBSA will receive a \$2,000 donation. Much applause ensued. There is an opening for Secretary which Heino Sunter is currently the acting Secretary. Kelle Rankin Sunter presented a motion to accept Heino Sunter as the acting Secretary. Donna Rayburn so moved, Conrad Leer seconded, passed unanimously. It was announced that Sue Cushman submitted her resignation leaving an opening for Treasurer. Debra Brown stated she would like to be Treasurer. Kelle Rankin Sunter requested a motion to accept Debra Brown as the new BBBSA Treasurer. Heino Sunter so moved, Maureen Call seconded, passed unanimously. Membership is percolating along with continuing signups and no fees to join BBBSA. The Park District's Facility Fee is entirely separate.

Events and Fundraising Report The field trip to Anacortes is not filling up. People may have thought it was only the Boat Show which it is not. The Great TV Raffle is continuing on its path. The Raffle Ticket artwork is done, ready for the printer, \$150. An insurance bid for the booth was received, \$100. Any fees incurred will dictate the total number of Raffle tickets to sell in order to achieve the \$5000 net revenue limit. There will be an individual container for each of the 6 TV sizes. The purchaser can choose which TV size they wish to win. One ticket will be pulled from each container on Wednesday July 15 at 12:30 pm during the Birthday Lunch at the Blaine Community Center. The Fun Friday Bingo Raffle was discussed to help pay for Bingo expenses. Bells tickets will be

Raffled off as well as a 50/50 Raffle or even a 50/25/25. Kelle Rankin Sunter presented a motion to approve BBBSA sponsoring the Friday Fun Bingo prizes to the amount of \$25 per week. Conrad Leer so moved, Donna Rayburn and Maureen Call both seconded. Passed unanimously.

Heather Lindsey of BBBPRD2 Our continuing partnership at the Community Center is greatly appreciated. A new program called “Happy Feet” will start this Friday 5-7pm with a live DJ and dancing and dance lessons. Wish to make it ongoing monthly. The Community Dinner is sponsored by BBBPRD2 with Gateway cooking the Pulled Pork for the sandwiches, which is wonderful and should be yummy! Heather Lindsey wanted to reiterate, restate and reaffirm their “Open Door Policy”. “Come and ask Questions” up front rather than doubt and the rumor mill which spreads mistrust, poison and negativity. The door is open. There have been questions regarding a “dedicated staff” at the Community Center for seniors. The answer is “yes and more”. Laura is the Operations Manager for BBPRD2 who spends most all of her time at the Blaine Community Center. Now we have Carol, Community Center Senior Program Staff. She is great at administrative and computer related work an artist as well as managing the coffee, visiting, cleaning and being around the Community Center. Lynn and Pennie are both Activity Coordinators who spend much of their time at the Blaine Community Center during Senior hours and others like special events and closing time. Ivy tirelessly works all around the Blaine Community Center for events, closings and other times. Then there is Olea who is here for special events. BBBPRD2 has a team of people, each with their own specialties all of whom are at our disposal dependent on need. The Blaine Community Center, during Senior hours from 8am to 5pm, anyone working here is available for Seniors, the door is always open. Now is your chance to ask any questions of me. Anything, anyone, going once, twice. No one came forward with anything. It was further noted that everyone is in a budget crisis, loosing funds, deficits, cuts. Blaine Community Center is the only center gaining Senior attendees making us the model Senior Center for Whatcom County.

Presidents Report The September Election Meeting is 4 months away, please consider running for the BBBSA Board and join in the decision making. We have reduced the 10 or so logo ideas down to 3 BBBSA Logo selections, please vote for your favorite.

Motion to Adjourn Conrad Leer so moved, Sarah Cutler seconded, passed unanimously at 12:58pm.