

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BCOA BOARD OR DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE
BCOA BOARD – October 6, 2025

Board: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, R. Beauchesne, H. Soones, H. Beasley, P. Beckner, C. DeLorey, R. Graham, M. James, G. Koelsch (E), A. McCormack (E), M. Shepard,
Friends: F. Zakszewski, M. Young(A) L. Dykes, V. Green, M. Badgio(A), G. Burman, L. Burman, D. Clinton, M. Howard, D. Langer, S. Larke(A)L. Reddin
Legend-E-Excused, A-Absent.

Visitors: Tom and Riley Miller. Riley a 22yr old Graduate from Whitman Hansen HS. Riley spends some of his free time collecting cans and bottles sorting thru them to make sure they end up in the proper place. Thus far over 30,000 cans and bottles have been collected with the funds, over \$1,200 being provided to Best Buddies or other non-profits in the area. Riley presented a check for \$50 to the Brockton COA.

The Minutes of Sept 8 Board meeting were approved by members of the board.

Treasure's Report = \$18,593.10 was presented and approved by members of the Board.

Chair's Report: A special thank you to all of those who assisted in the recent Health and Safety fair which was a resounding success as evidenced by the vendors who participated. Another similar opportunity presents itself this month, on Oct. 11, when the Fire Dept is having an Open House at the West St. Location and the Brockton COA will have a table there.
The Chair's report was approved.

Director's Report: The following items were discussed: (and approved)

- Thanks to all of those who worked at the Health and Safety Fair. A huge success
- Revised By-Laws have been approved by the Brockton City Council
- Funding expected from Old Colony Planning Council to support exercise programs.
- Flu Clinic being discussed with Board of Health. No decision yet.
- The Harvest Lunch scheduled for this Month is already full.
- The Director will be attending the Mass. COA conference later this month.
 - Conference is sold out with 550 participants representing 350 Mass. COA's

Assistant Director Report: The following items were discussed: (And approved)

- Health and Safety fair had 30 tables used.
- Volunteers welcome for the upcoming Open House at the West Fire station
- Property tax works off applications are now available. (100 + hrs/year required)
- Open enrollment applications are still being accepted (drug plans)
- Government shutdown is a concern but fuel assistance should eventually be honored.

Program Activities: The following topics were reviewed: (and approved)

- Several nw programs are being introduced this month:
 - Tech classes have been started and have been well received
 - Beginner classes Wednesday, Beginner classes Plus Friday
 - Additional sessions being considered for the January timeframe
 - Grief Support Groups have started. 6 week sessios
 - Ukulele classes have started and will run for 6 weeks.
 - Drug Take Back day will be Oct, 26

New Business:

Looking for two new committees being formed:

- Age Friendly Community
This is a designation from AARP for which we need to provide information such that we are defined as an Age Friendly Community
- 25 Th Anniversary Committee
We are approaching our 25 year as an Organization and it is suggested that we define a way to celebrate the occasion.

More details on the above topics should be available by the next meeting.

Next meeting Nov. 3rd T 10:AM. Meeting Minutes recorded by the Secretary (rcb)