

BCGREA Branch 1000 April 8th, 2024 Minutes

Meeting and Luncheon held at 5th Avenue Seniors Activity Centre at
11:45 am 170-5th Avenue SE, Salmon Arm, BC

Glenn Hill, Chair, welcomed the 20 members and guests in attendance and called the meeting to Order at 1:05 pm approximately following our tasty luncheon provide by the 5th Avenue Seniors Centre

- Glenn requested a motion to pass the minutes of our previous meeting of December 14, 2023. Mary Reynolds moved that the minutes be accepted, and Carol Swank seconded the motion. Carried.
- Financial Report was given and circulated by Mary Reynolds. She reported a balance of \$4902.02 as of April 8th, 2024 and outlined the expenses. ***See attached Financial Report.*** Mary Reynolds moved to accept the Financial Report and seconded by JoAnn Fowler. Carried.
- Glenn welcomed and introduced Jodine Ducs from BCGREA Central Support, West Kelowna and Kim, her technical support person. Jodine gave a presentation on the admin aspect of BCGREA and information on the *Endless Savings and More program* for members. Jodine provided helpful and useful information on the following topics:
 - Current Issues: The Canada Dental Plan is a major concern. Members are being advised not to decline Green Shield coverage. Keep your Dental plan. Green Shield is currently on strike for 6 weeks and customer service is disappointing. New BCGREA Brochure: Jodine will send 50 copies to our Branch.
 - Email Preferences: Members will be receiving an email from BCGREA introducing a user friendly and easier way to select email preferences.
 - Endless Savings & More: Options for Savings. The App is easy to use and it gives members the ability to find stores and partners for exclusive offers. Examples of offers are Bell, Fido, and Telus. Another category is Travel: Hotels & Resorts, Theme Parks & Attractions, Shows & other events, rental cars, and Eatwith. Shopping: stores that give discounts on

purchases. Local stores are Marks, Ardene, Northern Reflections, and Rona. ***See Attachment, Endless Savings & More(ESM)*** for more information. Glenn thanked Jodine and Kim for travelling to Salmon Arm and taking the time to attend our meeting and providing the informative presentation.

- Glenn reported that he had a discussion with the RCMP who said that they are getting many requests for presentations on how Seniors are being scammed and how to prevent these scams. The RCMP has decided to have a public forum for all seniors to address and educate Seniors on this topic. Members will be notified of the date and time of this public forum.
- The meeting was adjourned 2 pm approximately.

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chair. Branch 1000

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Financial Report

Balance as of Nov 30th 2023 \$5535.74

Deposit Dec lunch paid + \$125.00

Cost of meals First United - \$750.00

Deposit dues 3 members + \$ 60.00

Interest Dec 0.45

Jan 0.42

Feb 0.41

Total interest + \$ 1.28

April 1, 2024 Cheque for 35 – 20 year pins

Cheque \$70.00 - \$ 70.00

Balance as of April 8th, 2024 \$ 4902.02



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How It Works

- Install the BCGREA version of ESM on your smart phone.
- View merchant savings organized by "Category".
- Tap merchants to view available savings offers and tap on an offer for redemption details.
- You typically show the offer on your smart phone at payment in physical locations or enter a code for online purchases.

Getting Started

- Go to your app store (Google or Apple) on your smart phone and search for: Endless Savings and More (ESM).
- Download ESM to your smart phone. During registration you will be asked for an "organization code":

Your "Organization Code" is: **bcgrea**

How to Save Hundreds

- Check out the BCGREA "Exclusive Offers" to save hundreds annually with exclusive ESM preferred pricing for smart phones & plans, internet and TV. BCGREA "Exclusive Offers" always appear first when you tap the ESM App.
- Check out the "Travel and Play" category on the ESM App to save hundreds on your next travel.
- When shopping online or out shopping in person, "Tap the ESM App" to save additional hundreds per year on your everyday shopping purchases.

