



Nanaimo/MidIsland Branch #600

MINUTES: Membership Meeting

DATE: Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order 1:30 p.m.:**

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

Guest Speaker: ElderDog Canada - Nanaimo Branch—

Sharon Steevak was introduced by Lea Campbell as our guest speaker. Elder Dog is a non-profit organization assisting seniors (55+) in caring for their dogs, so they can age in place and can live in age-friendly communities. Research shows that as they age seniors find their relationships with families become more negative with focus on what seniors can't do instead of capabilities that they still have. Your dog still thinks you are fine. There is more isolation as seniors age. Having a dog is a critical part of social engagement. You have to feed, care for, and walk a dog and so stay socially connected with your community. Top five losses that seniors often face – driver's license, financial independence (power of attorney), appliances (stove turned off in favor of microwave), food choices (family provide meals), pets. Elder Dog (in BC there are 13 out of the 37 groups in Canada) is a free service to support keeping your dog in your home – shopping and walking services, temporary foster care, re-homing if necessary. If you are interested in volunteering with Elder Dog then visit their website www.elderdog.ca and see how you can become involved.

<u>AB</u> Lawrence Johnson - Chairperson	<u>√</u> Lea Campbell -1st Vice
<u>√</u> Kathy Torhjelm - Secretary	<u>AB</u> Gloria Johnson - Treasurer
<u>AB</u> Maria Noel - Director	<u>√</u> Warren McCormick - Mbrshp Director
<u>√</u> Roz Kennedy - Director	<u>AB</u> Chris Crabtree - Phoning Committee

There were 21 present.

2. **Adoption of the agenda** – M/S Gail Moore/ Pat McCue that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

3. **Adoption of the Previous Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024**

M/S/C Marilyn Terry, Pat McCue that the May minutes be accepted as circulated.

4. **Correspondence:**

- Correspondence 01; e-mail dated May 14, 2024 thank you from Monica and John Kirkhope
- Correspondence 02; e-mail dated June 11, 2024 George Bowden 1st Vice President of B.C.G.R.E.A re: Annual General Meeting
- Correspondence 03; email dated June 26, 2024 B.C.G.R.E.A. R&R Committee re: Seniors Games
- Correspondence 04; email dated June 28, 2024 Patrick Harkness 2nd Vice President of B.C.G.R.E.A. re: information on healthy living
- Correspondence 05; email dated July 2, 2024 from Canada's Minister for Seniors regular update
- Correspondence 06; email dated August 9, 2024 from Office of the Seniors Advocate regular update – will be our speaker at the November
- Correspondence 07; email dated August 15, 2024 from George Bowden 1st Vice President of B.C.G.R.E.A. re: elections of officers and Pension Board Trustee at Annual General Meeting
- Correspondence 08; email dated August 20, 2024 re: latest edition of the B.C.G.R.E.A. newsletter “The Pen”
- Correspondence 09; email dated August 26, 2024 re: notice to register to attend B.C.G.R.E.A. Annual General Meeting via Zoom
- Correspondence 10; email dated August 30, 2024 re: Official notice of B.C.G.R.E.A. Annual General Meeting of October 16, 2024

5. Committee Reports

- Treasurers Report (Gloria Johnson) see attached.
- Special Events Report (Maria Noel) – no report
- Membership (Warren McCormick)- We have 687 members
- Newsletter (Lea Campbell) – Fall newsletter will be ready for the November meeting.
- Telephone (Chris Crabtree) – another phoner needed.
- Guest Speaker (Lea Campbell) – Seniors Helping Seniors from COSCO will be presented at the October meeting.
- C.O.S.C.O. (No Report)
- AGM/Directors Report (Delegates) – see Elections below.

- MOTION TO ADOPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS –
M/S Brenda Jones/Marilyn Terry. Carried.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Need for a treasurer – no volunteer yet
- Need for more phoners – Judy Lynk volunteered to help.

7. **Elections:**

- Kathy Torhjelm conducted the election of officers.
- Election for Branch Chairperson – Lea Campbell was elected by acclamation
- Election for Branch 1st Vice Chairperson – Roz Kenney was elected by acclamation.
- Election of one (1) delegate to B.C.G.R.E.A. Annual General Meeting M/S Roz Kennedy/Roger Lytton that Lawrence Johnson be the Branch 600 delegate. Carried. Lea Campbell will attend as chair, Warren McCormick will attend the Membership Workshop, Gloria Johnson the Treasurers' Workshop, and Kathy Torhjelm will attend as Provincial Secretary.

8. **New Business:**

- Meet and Greet Event in Duncan (October 8, 2024 at the Community Centre) (same day as our Membership Meeting, Who are we going to send – Lawrence Johnson and Roz Kennedy will attend)
- Seniors Games are in Nanaimo in 2025 probably in September – we will keep this on the agenda for discussion on how we can participate.

9. **Good and Welfare:**

- Draw for two \$30.00 Grocery Store Gift Cards- Judy Lynk and Pat McCue.

10. **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo, 595 Townsite Road

11. **Adjournment:** At 2:40 pm on the motion of Marilyn Terry.

#600 NANAIMO/MID ISLAND BRANCH			
REPORT FOR: JUNE 2024			
OPENING BALANCE		\$6371.20	
CREDITS			
Social	\$45.00		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$45.00	
DEBITS			
Social - June luncheon	\$797.00		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$797.00	
CLOSING BALANCE		\$5,619.20	
Affiliation Dues Payable			
Jan 2024	\$140.00	July	\$0.00
Feb	\$40.00	Aug	\$0.00
Mar	\$80.00	Sept	\$0.00
Apr	\$0.00	Oct	\$0.00
May	\$40.00	Nov	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	Dec	\$0.00
Sub Total	\$300.00		\$0.00
TOTAL AFFIL DUES OWED	\$300.00		

#600 NANAIMO/MID ISLAND BRANCH			
REPORT FOR: JULY 2024			
OPENING BALANCE		\$5,619.20	
CREDITS			
50/50			
Interest			
Social			
TOTAL CREDITS		\$0.00	
DEBITS			
Meeting - Hospitality	\$174.68		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$174.68	
CLOSING BALANCE		\$5,444.52	
Affiliation Dues Payable			
Jan 2024	\$140.00	July	\$0.00
Feb	\$40.00	Aug	\$0.00
Mar	\$80.00	Sept	\$0.00
Apr	\$0.00	Oct	\$0.00
May	\$40.00	Nov	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	Dec	\$0.00

Sub Total	\$300.00		\$0.00
TOTAL AFFIL DUES OWED	\$300.00		

#600 NANAIMO/MID ISLAND BRANCH			
REPORT FOR: August 2024			
OPENING BALANCE		5,444.52	
CREDITS			
Nothing to report			
TOTAL CREDITS		\$0.00	
DEBITS			
Nothing to report			
TOTAL DEBITS		\$0.00	
CLOSING BALANCE		\$5,444.52	
Affiliation Dues Payable			
Jan 2024	\$140.00	July	\$0.00
Feb	\$40.00	Aug	\$0.00
Mar	\$80.00	Sept	\$0.00
Apr	\$0.00	Oct	\$0.00
May	\$40.00	Nov	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	Dec	\$0.00
Sub Total	\$300.00		\$0.00

