

**Minutes:** Membership Meeting

**DATE:** February 11, 2025

**Location:** Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order, 1:30 pm**

Lea acknowledged that we gather here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nations. There were 20 in attendance

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

Lea welcomed our Guest Speakers: Umesh Lal and Marie Balance, Inspectors for the City of Nanaimo Fire Department. They spoke about the common causes of house fires – unattended cooking – distraction – electrical cords. It is recommended that we test smoke alarms once a month. Change smoke alarm batteries once a year. They strongly recommend that we keep our bedroom doors closed at night. The most important thing to remember is this - In the case of a fire – Get Out – Stay Out. The inspectors presented tokens to those who answered their questions correctly. Lea presented them with a mug, pen, and chocolates.

COFFEE BREAK

1. **Executive Roll Call:**

√ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson

√ *Roz Kennedy* – 1st Vice-Chair/Programs

√ *Kathy Torhjem* – Secretary

\_\_\_ *Vacant* - Treasurer

√ *Warren McCormick* - Membership

√ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee

ab *Maria Noel* – Director, Special Events

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

M/S Kathy Torhjem/Roz Kennedy. Carried.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting** - January 14, 2025 meeting.

MS Roz Kennedy/ Warren McCormick. Carried.

4. **Correspondence –**

- A letter was received from a member of another branch asking for our support for better extended benefits. Lawrence suggested that rather than write to the Pension Corp on her behalf, we could develop a resolution to take to the provincial AGM petitioning our provincial body to advocate with the PSPP for increased extended benefits. Our executive will follow up on this suggestion.

6. **Treasurer's Report** – Warren will be added as a signing officer.

7. **Membership** – *Warren McCormick* – All is well. Non DCO members are encouraged to pay their fees for 2025

8. **Telephone Co-ordinator's Report** – *Chris Crabtree* – everything is going well,

9. **Special Events** – *Maria Noel*

Spring Luncheon is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Maria will be asked to make arrangements with the Legion. We will ask Maria to invite the Cowichan Valley and the Parksville/Qualicum branches.

10. **Guest Speaker** – *Lea Campbell*

- ❑ Megan Gaiga, the Programming Coordinator Alzheimer Society of BC, will be our speaker in March.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS** M/S Lawrence Johnson/Roz Kennedy. Carried.

11. **Unfinished Business** – The Branch continues to be in need of a volunteer to take on the position of Branch Treasurer. Please consider if you have interest in joining a wonderful Executive Team and are free two afternoons a month.

- The Duncan branch continues the process of setting up. Allen Coccola continues to send updates. The new Branch will soon have their own page on the BCGREA website.

12. **New Business** - Reviewing the Summer Games. We hope to be able to provide volunteer information to our members interested in assisting the Summer Games.

I have been in contact with Al Coccola and have agreed to be the Merchandise Contact for our Branch. I have placed an order to have a few items on display at our meetings.  
Zoom call on March 6.

13. **Good and Welfare**

Door prizes this meeting. Two \$30 gift cards from Thrifty. Foods - Kathy Torhjem and Roger Lytton were the happy winners.  
Reminder that the previous month's minutes can be found on the BCGREA.ca website .

14. **Next Meeting**

- ❑ Date: March 11 *2025*
- ❑ Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, *595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo*
- ❑ Guest Speaker to be Megan Gaiga of the Alzheimer Society

15. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 3 pm on a motion of Chris Crabtree

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