BCGREA BRANCH 1000 APRIL 14TH, 2025 MINUTES Meeting and Luncheon at Fifth Avenue 50Plus Activity Centre 11:45 am 170 5th Avenue S.E. Salmon Arm, B.C.

JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chairperson, welcomed the 21 members in attendance and called the meeting to Order at 12:41 pm, following our delicious luncheon provided by the Fifth Avenue Activity Centre.

At this time JoAnn informed our members of the sad news of the sudden passing of our local Chair Person, Glenn Hill, whom we will miss very much. Glenn was instrumental in forming our new Executive and participated on various committees supporting the BCGREA i.e. the Merchandise Committee as well as serving on the Board of our local Salmon Arm Credit Union. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Kirstine Hill and family. As you are aware Kirstine Hill is our Membership Chairperson.

JoAnn advised that there also was BCGREA Merchandise on the side table for purchase and you also can check the BCGREA website for various merchandise.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report prepared by Mary Reynolds was distributed to the members. The Balance as of this date \$3048.85

<u>Old Business</u>: It should be mentioned that the Members and Guests, of which there were 34 people, enjoyed the Christmas Luncheon at First United Church Hall and catered by the First United Church ladies.

Dates for the BCGREA Meeting for 2025 are as follows:

April 14th, June 9th and September 29th

<u>New Business</u>: The Annual General Meeting is April 30th, 2025 in Tsawwassen, B.C., JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chair and Elaine Koskimaki, Secretary, will be attending the meeting. All BCGREA Members can join the meeting via Zoom by sending an email to: info@bcgrea. ca to register for a link.

Signing Authorities: Mary Reynolds, Treasurer, is our Branch 1000 signing authority and our second signing authority now will be JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chair.

JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chair, asked members if there were Members that would be interested in participating in the Branch 1000 Executive. Carol Swank expressed interest in the future for either secretary or treasurer if there was a need but not as Chair, thank you Carol.

The Askew's Gift Card draw was won by Daryl Koskimaki

The Business part of the meeting was then adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Guest Speaker

JoAnn Fowler introduced Kathryn Vennard, lawyer, Brooke Downs Vennard LLP, who gave a very informative presentation on Wills and Power of Attorney and members were encouraged to ask questions.

Kathryn Vennard distributed a pamphlet on Wills and Estate Planning.

Thank you Kathryn for sharing your knowledge on this very important topic.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Elaine Koskimaki, Secretary Branch 1000