



**MINUTES:** Membership Meeting

**DATE:** May 13, 2025

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

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

I would like to acknowledge that we gather here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

There were **14** members present.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

Lea welcomed our guest speakers **Marlene Bell, President of the Nanaimo Hospital Auxiliary and Laura Greig, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.**

Formed in 1900 in Britain, there are 235 (20 men) volunteers in Nanaimo. All are unpaid. In 2024 they donated 54, 000 hours.

Nanaimo Bars were founded by the auxiliary in 1952. It has always been a fund raiser – the gift shop at hospital (45 years), doesn't make a lot of money but offers support. The Thrift Store (established in 2005) is the real money maker. They rely on community for donations. All items are reasonably priced. The store space is not large enough, so cannot take large appliances and furniture. Small appliances, books, good clothing and household linens are welcome donations. Non-Profit society. No longer under Island Health. Hospital volunteers are separate. Craft group makes jewelry, knit baby items, quilts, gifts for patients at Christmas. Clothing that cannot be used goes to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. In 2025 they will donate \$1,250,000 of essential equipment and services for the Nanaimo Hospital and the proposed Cancer Clinic.

Ice machines, blanket warmers, wheel chair bus for Dufferin Place, birthing bed, bed pan washer, bladder scans, ECG machines are some of the items purchased this year. They have set aside \$250,000 per year for the next five years for the cancer clinic.

The auxiliary is always looking for new volunteers. Go to **[www.nrghauxiliary.org](http://www.nrghauxiliary.org)** for more information.

COFFEE BREAK

2. **Executive Roll Call:**

✓ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson

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

✓ *Kathy Torhjelm* – Secretary

✓ *Warren McCormick* - Membership/Treasurer

✓ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee

✓ *Maria Noel* – Director, Special Events

3. **Adoption of the Agenda:** M/S Roger Lytton/Brian Wheaton. Carried.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting:** April 8, 2025. M/S Marilyn Terry. Judy Lynx. Carried

5. **Correspondence:** NONE12

6. **Treasurer Report** – *Warren McCormick* Opening Balance – January 1, 2025 - \$ 3814.28; Income – Year to date - \$ 2176.45; Expenses Year to date - \$ 1225.74; May 12, 2025 Closing Balance \$4764.99

7. **Membership Report** - Warren McCormick - 450 members, 548 when spouses are included. Our numbers are down because about 100 went to the new Cowichan Valley branch.

8. **Telephone Co-Ordinator Report** – *Chris Crabtree* – may need more phoners.

***MOTION TO ADOPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS: M/S Roz Kennedy/Marilyn Terry. Carried.***

9. **Special Events** – *Maria Noel* – no report.

10. **Guest Speaker** – *Lea Campbell* – September will be Tom Martell of Martell Insurance

11. **Unfinished Business:** Spring Luncheon – June 24<sup>th</sup> – Tickets are \$20. for Members, \$25. for Non-members. This cost includes the facility rental, complete meal, gratuity and GST. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may contact Warren at [bcgre.ca](http://bcgre.ca), Branch 600, Treasurer. ([treasurer.branch600@bcgre.ca](mailto:treasurer.branch600@bcgre.ca))

12. **New Business:**

- a) Provincial AGM went well, The Provincial Officers continue in their roles, Elections were held and all won by acclamation.
- b) Review of the Provincial Membership Survey was presented. The members who indicated that they are willing to volunteer will be contacted. Thank you.
- c) Summer Games, I will join Al Coccola at the BCGREA information table on the date of Registration, September 9<sup>th</sup>

13. **Good and Welfare**

Tilly Williams, a long-time member of Branch 600 passed away May 1<sup>st</sup> at Nanaimo Seniors Village.

Door prizes this meeting. Two \$30 gift cards from Thrifty Foods - Lorna Fulton and Roger Lytton won the door prizes.

10. **Next Meeting**

Date: Spring Luncheon on **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at *Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256*

Next Membership meeting date will be **September 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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September Guest Speaker, Tom Martell – Insurance Services.

Reminder that the previous month's minutes can be found on the [BCGRE.ca](http://BCGRE.ca) website.  
*Today's minutes will also be added.*

11. **Adjournment** – Lawrence Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:47 pm.

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