

BCGREA BRANCH 1000 June 9th, 2025 Minutes

Meeting & Luncheon at Fifth Avenue 50 Plus Activity Centre

11:45 am 170 5th Avenue S.E. Salmon Arm, B.C.

JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chairperson, welcomed the 14 members in attendance and called the meeting to Order at 12:30 pm, following our always delicious luncheon provided by the Fifth Avenue Activity Centre.

Minutes of Meeting of April 14th, 2025

JoAnn Fowler asked if there were any errors or omissions in the last meeting minutes which are distributed via email and a few copies at the luncheon meeting.

Motion by Lorraine Ibbitson to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2025 meeting and seconded by Doug Ibbitson, carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Reynolds, Treasurer handed out some copies of the Financial Report showing a balance of \$2857.60. Mary made a motion that the Financial Report be approved and it was seconded by Mary Pakka, carried.

Old Business:

JoAnn, Vice Chair, reported that she had contacted 2 Members whose names had been given to her by Al Barclay, Provincial Membership Chair. These members had previously expressed interest in a Provincial BCGREA Survey in being active possibly on our Branch Executive. At this time neither was able to commit to being on the Executive.

New Business: AGM Synopsis

JoAnn Fowler then gave the following report on the Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the AGM Meeting are also on the BCGREA Website.

On Behalf of Elaine Koskimaki, Secretary and myself JoAnn Fowler, Vice Chair, would like to thank the BCGREA for sponsoring us to attend the BCGREA AGM in

Tsawwassen on April 30th, 2025 - 72 people present in person and 95 Zoom Attendees.

BCGREA Affinity Partners in attendance

- Tom Mclean - Trip Merchant
- Tom Martall - Manulife Insurance
- Hearing Life - Cheryl (benefits)
- Belair Direct/Johnson Insurance previously

Presentations:

Greenshield - Board of Trustees set what the coverage will be. Concerns about coverage should be sent to the Board call center and can be assessed for any issues on plan coverage.

Membership Survey - Dr. Rich Brown

Merchandising Committee - Branch needs to appoint a contact person to assist member's access to purchase merchandise.

Keynote Speaker: Harlan Enns - BC Investment Corporation.

Elections:

Brian Green - President - elected by acclamation

Wilf Brodrick - 1st Vice President - elected by acclamation

Tammy Welch - 2nd Vice President - elected by acclamation

Members can access their presentation/speeches in the AGM Minutes on the BCGREA Website.

Membership Secretary's and Central Support - Al Barclay & Jodine Ducs

Recruitment & Retention Committee Report - Bonnie Billington

Reach out to former co-workers and invite them to join. The first year membership is free.

Treasurer's Report - Johanna Morrow

- Ended 2024 with small surplus of about \$34,000.00
- Able to fund 2025 member survey

Trustee for the BC Public Service Pension Plan Report

Johanna Morrow

- Appointed by BCGREA to be a Trustee of PSPP
- Pension performed very well

Highlights: - In Memoriam presentation acknowledged Glenn Hill's leadership and commitment which was beautifully done.

- Keynote Speaker Harlan Enns - BC Investment Corporation
- BCI is one of Canada's largest Institutional Investors
- Our pension plan is doing very well. To maintain our pension we need to making 6% interest and at present we are making 7-7.5% interest. Harlan Enns presentation is on BCGREA Website to read in depth.

Net Working

While attending the AGM we met with Deb Kerr/Cathy Phillips of the Rocky Mountain Branch. We discussed the possibility of arranging to meet in Golden to connect with Members that belong to both our Branches. We will meet with Deb and Cathy via Zoom to discuss further.

Executive

Since the passing of Glenn Hill, our Vice Chair JoAnn Fowler, has discussed appointing a Chairperson for our Branch with Central Support and they approved the following process. There has not been interest from Members in filling the Chair position. As a result our Membership Chair, Kirstine Hill, has stepped forward to be Chairperson, which we are so grateful. This left the Membership Chair vacant and Carol Swank has volunteered to be on the Executive as Membership Chair, thank you Carol. This present Executive will be in effect until the next election.

The draw for the Askews Gift Card was won by Lorraine Ibbitson.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Elaine Koskimaki, Secretary Branch 1000 BCGREA