

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting

April 15, 2025 – Canton Village Restaurant

1. Meeting called to order 12:05 pm

Attending: Chair Patrick Harkness, Treasurer Brian Taylor, Branch Membership Secretary George Razzo

Members: Bill Hannay, Rod Neumann, Richard Porcina,

Guests: Marg Porcina, Jodine Ducs, Theo Ducs

First Time Attending: Judy Burk

2. We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish people and we are grateful for their stewardship.

3. In Memoriam: The Chair asked everyone to take a moment of Silence to honour and remember past members, friends and family, our military and those we rely on in emergency services. WE SHALL NOT FORGET THEM.

4. Grace: Everyone was asked to personally be thankful for what they were about to receive

5. Reports and Items for General Discussion:

- **Chair:** Patrick Harkness – A number of issues were presented:
 - **BCGREA 2025 Annual General Meeting** – April 30th 2025
 - There is a plan for addressing redundant, obsolete, or no longer applicable provisions in the bylaws and policies given Societies Act provisions, e.g., notice of motions, etc. Wilf and Brian will prepare an outline for the AGM. The directors, resolutions, and bylaws committee will work on this. Pat will plan to attend that meeting.
 - The 2nd VP, Tammy Welch, has sent an RFP to suppliers to provide support for The PEN and other social media products. Pat will attend the Communications Committee meeting.

- Because of a recent security breach regarding a branch transfer of funds, in future, dues payments will only be e-transferred to generic branch treasurer e-mails with auto deposit at their financial institution.
- According to the Provincial Membership Secretary, Al Barclay, there is efforts being made to have a provincial Zoom account for branches to use. This will be discussed at the Recruitment and Retention Committee Meeting. George Razzo has shwn an interest in attending this meeting.
- The results from the recent province-wide survey showed:
 - Emails sent: 8,677
 - Emails opened: 6,108 - 70.4%
 - Clicks on survey link: 2,017 - 33% of opened
 - As of March 13, 89.9% of the survey link clicks had submitted a survey.
 - A reminder email went out at 7:30 March 18 and there were 450 survey clicks by 11:00 that morning

There will be a full report and discussion at the AGM.

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• **Treasurer:** Brian Taylor

• Date	Income	Expense	Balance on Hand	Details
Royal Bank				
Feb 28, 2025		-5.00	1620.00	Paper statement
Mar 31, 2025				
Mar 31, 2025				Balance at RBC
			1615.00	
Vancity Credit Union				
Mar 31, 2025				Balance at VANCITY
			194.83	

Brian reported that he and Pat will go to the RBC main branch after the membership in hopes of closing out the account. Hanne has provided them with a letter of direction (per advice from RBC official)

- The matter of the honorariums our Branch voted on, these will be voted on at the 2025 AGM.
- **Membership:** George Razzo
 - 1 New Member Since January 2025: Wendy Mader, Chilliwack B.C.
 - 1 Transferred in: Gordon Tonn, Chilliwack B.C.
 - 4 Transferred out 1 couple and 2 single memberships
 - Tira Hawkins & Mark Carey to Branch 2400
 - Peter Maguire to 2600
 - Cheryl Sheingold to 2100
 - 1 Deceased Member: George Johansen Hope B.C. February 15 2025
 - As of April 2025, there are 192 Members and 44 Spouses for a total of 236 which is a change of 3 (down) since March Report
 - New members will continue to receive the welcome letter. Transferred members will receive a modified welcome letter as they are new to the branch, not to the organization.
- **Secretary:** Hanne Gidora sent a report.
 - Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism – Chilliwack
 - Taoist Tai Chi Open House April 23rd, 1pm – 3pm, Landing Sports Centre on Spadina (The Loft)
 - This form of Tai Chi focuses on the health benefits rather than the martial art. It helps with balance, flexibility and strength. The instructor teaches modifications for those who have difficulty standing for any length of time.
 - The Open House is free; there is a cost for ongoing classes that will be explained at the Open House. Comes to about \$30/month for seniors.
 - Hanne will be at the Open House, for a rare opportunity to see her perform “White Crane Spreads Its Wings”
- **Guest Speakers:** Jodine Ducs and her son Theo attended and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the provincial Meals and Wheels program

focusing on their involvement with the Kelowna MoW, the Vancouver and Surrey programs as well as the one for Chilliwack.

- After their presentation, they gave out MoW samples to everyone.
- Jodine also took the time after the meeting to provide how our members could access the Endless Saving and More App; one of the BCGREA Affinity partners.

6. Old Business:

Our delegates to the AGM have been confirmed.

George has reached out to Anita Hahn regarding a pin left at the membership meeting, so far has been unsuccessful in reaching her.

7. 50/50 Draw:

- Brian Taylor - \$7.50
- Bill Hannay - \$7.50

8. Next Meeting. May 18, 2025 – 12:00 noon

- This will be our Cheam View Branch 2000 Annual General Meeting including elections of officers.

9. Adjournment 1:15 pm