

# BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting

## Draft Minutes June 17, 2025

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**1. Meeting called to order: 12:30**

- **Number of attendees:** Patrick Harkness (Chair); Brian Taylor (Treasurer); Hanne Gidora (Secretary); George Razzo (Membership); Val Stevenson; Fred Smith; Rob Neumann; Larry Patterson
- **Any first-time attendees:** n/a

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

**3. 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** given by Pat

**5. Opening Remarks by Chair**

The Branch 2000 survey has been sent out. It was pointed out that it is not formatted for phone; there is no spot for answering the questions one by one, but it is possible to add comments at the end, also iPad doesn't always work.

There was some discussion about the reasons for poor attendance at meetings. It has never picked up following the COVID pandemic. Other organizations have the same problem. Attendance was better when there was a speaker at every meeting, but somebody has to take on that responsibility. Perhaps we can take on one or more issues in the community to add focus to meetings?

**6. Minutes of the May General Meeting.** Approved and will be posted on the website

## 7. Reports and Items for Discussion:

**Treasurer:** Brian Taylor

There were no transactions in May.

### **Vancity Credit Union**

Date	Income	Expense	Balance on Hand	Details
May 01, 2025			2,374.83	
May 31, 2015			2,374.83	

**Membership:** George Razzo

We have one new member and one transferred in. A welcome letter was sent to both new members.

Currently we have 194 members and 44 spouses for a total of 238 Members - an increase of 2 from our last report in May.

**COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens' Organizations of BC):** Patrick Harkness

Pat handed out the latest issue of Cosco News. He attended the Seniors' Wellness Fair in Aldergrove on the occasion of Seniors' Week.

Cosco is having its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Their 2025 conference, "Human Rights and Aging," will take place on October 3-5, 2025, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. The registration fee is \$300, \$250 for seniors, \$75 for virtual attendance. Val expressed interest in attending.

Cosco was mentioned in "Today's Senior" as well. This free magazine for seniors is available at the library.

## 8. 50/50 Draw (who won and how much)

1. Hanne Gidora \$8
2. Brian Taylor \$8

**9. Next Meeting dates** – no meetings in July and August; the next meeting will be on Sept. 16, 2025 **Meeting adjourned 13:00**