

# BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting

## Draft Minutes April 16, 2024

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1. **Meeting called to order:** 1200h
  - **Number of attendees:** 16
  - **Any first-time attendees:** n/a
  - **Regrets:** George Gidora
  
2. **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.**
  
3. **Grace given by:** Joe Hahn
  
4. **Opening Remarks by Chair**
  
5. **Minutes of the Last General Meeting**  
adopted as circulated
  
6. **Pause for Lunch** 1215-1232
  
7. **Introduction of Guest Speaker**  
Jane Bouey – Executive Director for Parent Support Services Society of BC  
Topic: Grandparents raising grandchildren/other kinship care

### **8. Reports and Items for Discussion:**

**Chair:** Gord Griffeth – an email was received from Chartwell; they are inviting us to a visit, but we prefer if they send a guest speaker to our meeting. Leave the issue open for now.

Accepting nominations for AGM next month

**Vice-Chair:** Patrick Harkness – reporting on email sent to Jer Gosling regarding the Abbotsford Branch request for amalgamation. Cheam View does not wish to amalgamate; there is a process for branches that find themselves not viable; Abbotsford should discuss this with provincial body.

Patrick Harkness reported on behalf of the Provincial Table Officers

- An updated brochure has been published, and quantities will be mailed out to all branches this week. (Brian Taylor reported that none had arrived at our mailbox today).
- President Brian Green and Table Officers had completed a project providing several FAQs on the new Canada Dental Plan in hopes it would minimize the messaging on what to do or not do.
- This year, the annual Director’s meeting will be virtual and will take place at 9:00 a.m. on April 23rd. The Table Officers will gather at MS Productions studio in Abbotsford.

**Treasurer:** Brian Taylor

On Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, received branch allocation of \$ 1,143.43, based on 236 members as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Opening Balance Mar. 01<sup>st</sup>: \$ 1,035.46

Closing Balance Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>: \$ 1,055.47

Treasurer’s report adopted as presented

**Membership:** Rhonda Sexsmith.

Deceased members:

John (Jack) Carradice and Corinne Armstrong

Total membership for Chilliwack: 247

Total BCGREA membership: 11,297, up 74 new members

**Secretary:** Hanne Gidora

- no report

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

Patrick Harkness (our Branch Liaison to COSCO) reported on some items

- The executive met with the new Seniors Advocate on March 22, Dan Levitt, for 2 hours, and it was a very meaningful first meeting.
- President Leslie Gaudette and 1st VP Barb Mikulec attended Isobel Mackenzie's farewell party and met various influential people.
- April 14 to 20th is National Week of the Volunteers—Diane Wood, FORUM, supports “Every moment matters.” Diane invited COSCO members to visit the CORE website for details. She extolled the value, impact on society, and meaningfulness of volunteering.
- Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute have just received a number of large grants from Ministry of Health and another organization to continue workshops for seniors. These workshops may possibly be made available on YouTube.
- One of the issues COSCO is involved in is the pay for retina surgeons by the province to maintain ongoing services.
- There is some discussion about the way BCGREA will be represented in COSCO going forward. This will be further addressed at the Cheam View AGM.

**Communications/Web Master:** George Gidora – not here

**Guest Speakers:** Delores Hiles/

**Directors/Past Chairs:** no report

## 9. **Old Business:**

none

## 10. **New Business:**

The AGM and elections will take place at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Branch 2000 Cheam View is accepting nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

George Razzo will accept nominations.

Gord Griffeth stated he will not stand for election. At that time Patrick Harkness submitted his name for nomination for Chair.

Patrick Harkness introduced a notice of motion:

Cheam View Branch 2000 meetings to be held from September to June each year, except for October and January.

Seconded by Val.

Rationale: Currently meetings are being held from October to June except for January. The October meeting coincides with the Provincial AGM and the Branch has been accommodating this by meeting in September instead. The motion will formalize this change in procedure.

**11. 50/50 Draw**

1. Hanne Gidora – \$13.50
2. Bob Wick – \$13.50

**12. Next Meeting: May 21, 2024**

**13. Meeting adjourned: 1246h**