

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View Executive Meeting Minutes for April 2022 was held via Zoom, Chilliwack; Friday Apr. 11th.

- 1. Meeting was called to order** by Chair Gord Griffeth at 2:05 pm with 7 in attendance: Gord Griffeth (Chair); Peter Maguire (Past Chair); Patrick (Pat) Harkness (Vice-chair/COSCO rep. / provincial 2nd Vice-President); Brian Taylor (Treasurer); Richard (Rick) Porcina (Communications); Lynne Dennis (Membership); Dawn Stublely (Secretary).
Absent: Lynne Burger (backup Treasurer); Delores Hiles (Speaker Coordinator).

- 2. Opening Remarks by Chair** provided by Gord.

- Upcoming April 27th Directors meeting in Prince George. Pat will be attending representing both Branch 2000 and his role as 2nd Vice President in Provincial executive.

- 3. Minutes of Last Executive Meeting** The minutes of the executive meeting held Mar. 11, 2022 via Zoom, were read by Dawn, accepted as read.

- 4. Reports and Items for Executive Discussion:**

Chair: Gord Griffeth

- How can we hold an in person general meeting May 17? Discussion followed regarding Peter's previous update discussion with Canton Gardens and brainstorming for other venues and timeline needed. Peter volunteered to canvas possible meeting rooms/luncheon options to meet our requirements. Brian will check if there is any pre COVID sign in sheets so that we could contact previous regular attendees.
- With the BCGREA's 75th Anniversary this year there is a new updated logo reflecting the 75 years. Gord suggests we proceed with a second banner with the 75-year logo. Executive concurred. Dawn and Brian to investigate previous banner ordering information and cost to forward back to Gord for ordering via Staples.

Vice-Chair (and Provincial 2nd Vice President): Patrick Harkness

- Pat attended virtual COSCO meeting April 8. See COSCO report.

- On Feb 22, Pat was a co facilitator of the free zoom “Stay on the Road” workshop. But for those interested there is another free zoom “Stay on the Road” workshop upcoming.
- There is an upcoming two-day Succession Planning workshop “Passing the Torch” planned for May 10 and 11.
- Pat received email notification that former BCGREA member and COSCO President, Rudy Lawrence, passed away April 8.
- As Provincial 2nd vice President, Pat attended an in person executive meeting in Tsawwassen, agenda included the recently summarized BCGREA province wide survey and upcoming Director’s meeting in Prince George.

Treasurer: provided by Brian Taylor

- Brian forwarded February’s financial statement to all branch executive by email which included our three-cent interest and \$20 deposit of dues.
- An updated January’s statement was also emailed, including the COSCO membership fee under expenses.
- Branch’s bank balance at the end of Feb. was \$4,263.67.
- Victoria should soon be sending us a check for dues deducted from pensions and next month’s financial statement should include check to cover stamps for membership letters.

Membership: provided by Lynne D.

- Membership remains at 143.
- Nothing heard as yet from hard and soft bounced email communications with members.

Secretary: provided by Dawn.

- All emails received since the last executive meeting Mar. 11th, have been documented although only those needed for meeting reference have been printed out in entirety. Several emails of importance include those pertaining to the upcoming Director’s meeting; the possibility of the creation of a new Branch, balancing the members in Victoria area to reduce the distance required by some to meetings and the BCGREA survey summaries. See new and old business.
- Dawn will continue to check with the Chilliwack Library as to when meeting rooms will be available for in person executive meetings.

Transportation: This position is currently on hiatus until we have need of.

COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens’ Organizations of BC): provided by Pat

Cheam View Branch 2000 is an affiliate with the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations (COSCO). Before COVID-19, COSCO met monthly (2nd Friday) at the Hastings Community Centre, Vancouver, however, currently, meetings are being held virtually. See Link to COSCO (coscobc.org) on our website.

COSCO DELEGATES MEETING REPORT

2022-04-15 – Br 2000 COSCO Liaison Report by Patrick Harkness

COSCO 's monthly meeting was held virtually and opened by President Leslie Gaudette at 10:03 am on April 8th. Mme President acknowledged that she was conducting this meeting on the unceded lands of the Sto: lo people, the territory of the Semiahmoo, Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations. Highlights follow.

- COSCO is still needing someone to step forward and fill the Treasurer's position.
- Since the last meeting two "*Passing the Torch*" presentations were delivered by the team (virtually). The next scheduled presentation is May 10th and 11th.
- As of December 31, 2021, COSCO has 64 Affiliates and 92 Associates with 2 new affiliates joining.
- BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization – Jerry Gosling. Their AGM is on June 7 & 8 at Williams Lake. Isobel Mackenzie keynote speaker. 90th Anniversary
- Stay on the Road Workshop on May 2, 1:00pm to 3:00pm via Zoom
- United Way *Provincial summit on Healthy Aging* will be held at the Executive Hotel Vancouver airport April 28/29. Leslie Gaudette and Albert Lemonnier will attend on behalf of COSCO. Annette O'Connor and Patrick Harkness to staff the table.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 13th starting at 10:00 am

Communications/Web Branch Administrators: provided by Rick and Pat

- Rick now has his own BCGREA provincial email address. These provincial executive email addresses are available to all members via the BCGREA Branch 2000 website.
- Rick proposed posting the recent executive meeting minutes to the BCGREA website so that Branch 2000 members, in lieu of general meetings, can see that their executive are regularly meeting and addressing the BCGREA business on their behalf. Executive agreed, Dawn to provide minutes to Rick for that purpose. Rick will then update minutes on website.
- New website needs some updating for currency.

Guest Speakers: provided by Delores Absent

Directors/Past Chairs: provided by Peter

- Pat successfully facilitated a unique provincial executive email for Peter, pastchair.branch2000@bcgre.ca.

- Peter will be investigating possible meeting locations on our behalf and report back ASAP. Thank you, Peter.
- The City of Burnaby has greenlighted the BCGEU affordable housing project which will result in 292 housing units, plus childcare and office space for the union. See the BCGEU website for more details.

5. Old Business:

- COSCO members including BCGREA Branches were urged to sign and send the petition letter to Premier Horgan and Minister of Health regarding the pay parking reinstated at BC hospitals and related health facilities. A version was presented for anyone's use, or you could go onto the website noted and participate. Dawn completed petition letters with Pat's assistance and Gord's approval which were forwarded by email to Premier Horgan and Minister Dix. For more information on the issue see website: www.hospitalpayparking.ca .
- Updated Business Cards will be required when we return to any in person meetings, such as the April Director's meeting, general luncheon even branch executive. Pat will check with Provincial to see if they provide Provincial executive with business cards for the April Director's meeting.

6. New Business:

- An in person, Provincial Directors meeting is planned for April 27th, 2022, in Prince George. Pat plans to attend as Provincial 2nd vice President.
- The Provincial BCGREA Recent Membership Survey results will be a major discussion point at the Directors meeting in P. G. The member response of Branch 2000 at 37% was considered excellent. Executive were forwarded copies of the results for their Branch and for the province. General discussion occurred amongst branch executive that had read the information. Pat to forward the one-page summary to executive. More on these important results will occur after the Director's meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Next scheduled executive meeting to be held Friday May 13, 2022, at 2 pm via zoom.