

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View Executive Meeting Minutes for February 2022 was held via Zoom, Chilliwack; Friday Feb. 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.

- Welcome, first executive meeting 2022

- 3. Minutes of Last Executive Meeting** The minutes of the executive meeting held Dec 10, 2021 via Zoom, were read by Dawn, accepted as read.

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

Chair: Gord Griffeth

- Will defer to old and new business.

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

- Pat attended virtual COSCO meeting this morning, Feb. 11.
- The provincial BCGREA survey has concluded with a return rate of 37.3% which is considered a fairly high return for surveys. Cheam View Branch 2000 had a return rate of 35%. A report summarizing the results will be forwarded when completed.
- 2022 marks the 75th Anniversary of the BCGREA. It started in 1947. Discussion on history document, provided from Peter, previously posted as a link on our old website and supplied to previous Provincial Chair, Ken Pendergast, some time ago. Pat is interested in obtaining copy of the document and will see Peter. There will be a special edition of the Pen celebrating the Anniversary and printed copies will be forwarded to all members.

Treasurer: provided by Brian Taylor

- Brian forwarded November and December's financial statement to all branch executive by email Dec. 29 and Feb. 2, respectively.

- Still outstanding is the submitted uncashed check for \$70, Brian forwarded to COSCO with the COSCO affiliate renewal form in Dec. 2021.
- Branch's bank balance at the end of Dec. was \$4,313.60.
- Pat was reimbursed by the Seniors Health and Wellness Institute the \$25 registration fee for the virtual COSCO conference which he attended and printed minutes received. (Dec 21 email from Pat).
- Peter is unable to open financial statements from Brian. Dawn to send a couple test emails to Peter with statements.

Membership: provided by Lynne D.

- Membership at 144. Increase of 2 with transfers from other branches. Lynne has send welcome letters to both.

Secretary: provided by Dawn.

- All emails received since the last executive meeting Dec. 10th, have been documented although only those needed for meeting reference have been printed out in entirety. Although it's been a two month period, we haven't received many emails from outside Branch executive communication. Dawn reviewed highlights: notices of Virtual Branch 2000 Christmas party (more on that in old business); and BCGREA the Pen newsletter rec'd electronically.

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.

- Stay on the Road workshop scheduled for February 22, 2022 starting at 1:00 pm. To register, use this URL.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBLXBTJALzsM78EP2zQ5Qk2vMwfPBDH7Lfx18JcCq10rWk3g/viewform>
- The Annual General Meeting was held at 10:30 am this morning (Feb 11, 2022). The results are as follows:
 - President Leslie Gaudette – Langley Seniors in Action (LSA)
 - 2nd Vice President Annette O'Connor – Langley Retired Teachers Assoc. (LRTA)

- Treasurer No nominations were received (Executive to deal with this)
 - Betty Bolton will stay on as Treasurer until the next executive meeting
- Three members at Large were elected from four nominations. The results are:
 - Navin Goburdhun – BCGREA – Br 800 New Westminster
 - Marion Hartley – South Vancouver Seniors’ Hub Council
 - Agnes Jackman – BC Federation of Union Members (BCFORUM)
- The other positions on the executive are dealt with at the odd numbered years’ AGM
- Sheila Pither will stay on in the executive as Past President
- There will be a focused discussion- in committee – on the Draft Long Term Care standards recently released by the Health Standards Organization (HSO).
- There is a concentrated effort to challenge the return of pay-for-parking at hospitals and other health care facilities.

Communications/Web Branch Administrators: provided by Rick and Pat

- Rick has removed the email listing of Branch 2000 members from his computer system, excluding the executive members (Rick motioned, Pat seconded, passed at Dec 10 executive meeting).
- Rick attempted taking a screen picture as requested by executive of the zoom Christmas Party but it doesn’t appear it was possible.
- See more under old and new business

Guest Speakers: provided by Delores Absent

Directors/Past Chairs: provided by Peter

- Pension cost of living increase of 2.7% as of January 1st, 2022.

5. Old Business:

- Branch 2000’s first ever Christmas Zoom party took place on Dec 10 2021 at 1:10 pm. The agenda was prepared by Dawn and forwarded to all executive prior to the event. Six executive attended, complete in Christmas festive attire. We welcomed our one and only attending member, Larry Patterson. Three members sent their regrets: Joe and Anita Hahn, Lynne Burger and Harondel Sibble. Their greetings and regrets were included in Dawn’s intro. All executive gave a brief introduction of themselves including highlights of their responsibility and Larry was asked to introduce himself, having 35 years with the Ministry of Highways. In addition Gord led a moment of silence, remembering the victims of the

horrendous local flooding and a warm thank you to all the good work of the executive. Brian included a brief treasurer's report with balance, noting an outstanding check not yet cashed and a request for assistance in auditing our financial records at the end of May. Rick summarized webmaster duties in 2021 highlighting the transfer from our own to the new BCGREA website. Pat included the new BCGREA Provincial executive with his new role as Second vice President and the addition of Administrative Support, Josie Byington. In conclusion we hope to return to in person general meetings as soon as restrictions lift and we can confirm location, Peter will investigate. Larry was thanked for attending. Gord adjourned with a joke at 1:30 pm.

The preparations, announcements, organization, agenda, executive self-introductions, could not have been done better. Lack of participation by members reflects on the ability or interest of our members for electronic communication, levels of computer equipment, internet and/or skills.

- At the last executive meeting both Gord and Lynne reported receiving phone calls theoretically from BCGREA headquarters regarding donations for flood victims and flood relief funding for members respectively. Pat investigated with Provincial and it appears that both calls were not legitimate and not supported by BCGREA.

The following item(s) in *italic* are incomplete and left on minutes as reminders to be done.

- *Business Card Update will be required when we return to any in person meetings, such as the April Director's meeting.*

6. New Business:

- Dawn had previously expressed some frustration with using Campaigner, requesting clarification of procedures, report interpretation and roles at the last executive meeting. Pat to investigate training for Dawn, Rick and himself.
- Peter raised the question of our current bank balance being higher than what has usually been maintained. Is this balance too high? Discussion followed. With the resulting decision to leave as is for now with a further review once we return to lunch meetings as there may be some costs incurred once we return to in person meetings.
- Pat advised that there is plans for an in person, Provincial Directors meeting in April in Prince George. Pat plans to attend as Provincial 2nd vice President and normally Branch Chairs would attend. For the spring

director's meeting both Pat and one representative from Branch 2000 would have their travel expenses paid for by Provincial.

- We all hope to be meeting in person and hopefully at Canton's for lunch meetings as soon as restrictions are lifted. Remembering that when restrictions lift, there may be staffing issues within restaurants that may affect our plans.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next scheduled executive meeting to be held Friday March 11, 2022, at 2 pm via zoom.