

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 - Draft Minutes

1 Meeting called to order 12:03

- **Number of attendees:** 12
- **Any first-time attendees:** Hanne Gidora
- **Regrets:** Val Stephenson, Rhonda Sexsmith

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 Pat

4 Opening Remarks by Chair

Thanks to Val and Sandy for offering to take on the secretarial role and to Val for stepping back

Thanks to Hanne for accepting the role of secretary

5 Minutes of the Last General Meeting

Meeting minutes can be viewed on the website

6 Reports and Items for Discussion:

Chair: Gord Griffeth

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

Handed out information on the new Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

Treasurer: Brian Taylor

Presenting financial statements for November and December of 2023, and January of 2024

Opening Balance Nov. 01, 2023: \$2,292.63

Closing Balance Nov. 30, 2023: \$2,081.55

Opening Balance Dec. 01, 2023: \$2,081.55

Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2023: \$1,276.57

Opening Balance Jan. 01, 2024: \$1,276.57

Closing Balance Jan. 31, 2024: \$1,090.45

Dues received have to go back to the provincial body and were sent end of January

No bill has been received yet for COSCO – usually around \$ 200-300 based on membership. Pat will reach out to COSCO regarding their invoice.

Motion by Brian: I move my report - the three months of branch 2000 financial reports, for November/December 2023, and January 2024 - be accepted.

Seconded by George G.

The motion was carried

Our Branch 6 months audited year end statement for July to December was completed and passed on to the Provincial Treasurer mid January, which changes our year to January thru December, instead of our previous July to June financial year end.

We are now a member funded organization, and have specific rules to follow. Our membership dues are \$20/year. At this level, CRA allows funding of members up to \$6 per member per year. This means we can no longer fund the lunches at \$5 per member per meeting.

Motion by Brian: that we no longer subsidize members for lunch

Seconded by Gord

The motion was carried

Membership: Rhonda Sexsmith. No report

Adjourned for lunch 12:15

Reconvened 12:45

Secretary: Hanne Gidora – Correspondence received from BCGREA Merchandising Cttee. regarding their altered decals; information how to obtain merchandise; and inviting the Branch to appoint a contact person to the Committee. Samples passed around for review.

Discussion on appointing a contact from our Branch, no volunteer at present.

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

Reported on new Canadian Dental Care Plan. Many of us will not be eligible as we have access to dental plans, even if we chose not to opt in, or want to opt out as the federal plan has better benefits.

Rob Newman read from a letter he received from CDCP – says he “may” be eligible.

Communications/Web Master: George Gidora

Training with Jodine is completed, doing notices and posting on website; hoping to put more news items on the site if Pat or Gord forward items of interest to the members.

Guest Speakers: Delores Hiles/

We need somebody to help Delores to find guest speakers. Contact Pat or Gord if you know any interesting speakers on issues relevant to seniors.

George G suggested somebody from Parent Support Services of BC – will call Delores about it.

Having an agenda with a guest speaker might increase interest/attendance for the meetings.

Directors/Past Chairs:

nothing to report

7 Old Business:

none

8 New Business:

none

9 50/50 Draw

\$14 each won by George R. And Bob Wick

10 Next Meeting dates

The next meeting will take place on the third Tuesday in March. Notice to go out as usual.

11 Meeting adjourned 13:01