

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for June 2022, held at Chilliwack Curling Club, Chilliwack; Tuesday June 21, 2022.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:05 pm with 23 in attendance including 2 guest speakers (22 lunches, 18 members).
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** was given by Joe Hahn.
4. **Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - Gord received a last minute email this morning from the BCGEU president Stephanie Smith, announcing an invitation to the BC Health Coalition Seniors' Care Accountability Campaign launch on Wednesday June 22 at 2 pm via Zoom. For more information see Gord after today's meeting. Gord's forwarded email to all executive.
 - Nice to see Val and Mike attending today even with Val still hobbling with a walker. Welcome.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held May 17 at Chilliwack Curling Club were read by Secretary. Accepted as read.
6. **Elections**
 - Facilitated by Past Chair Peter Maguire, as a nonelected executive member.
 - Branch members were canvassed for interest in executive positions through electronic General meeting notices as well at the previous general meeting and the current one. No nominations were received by mail, email, and phone or in person.
 - All previous executive with the exception of Lynne Burger, who is stepping down after many years of service as Treasurer, then back up treasurer, ran for re-election in their previous positions. Each elected executive position was nominated by a member, then Peter asked three times for any other interest, with no response. The nominated member was asked if they agreed to stand, to which each of the elected executive agreed.
 - Executive:
 - Elected
 - Gord Griffeth, Chair (nominated by Patrick)
 - Patrick Harkness, Vice Chair (nominated by Dawn)
 - Brian Taylor, Treasurer (nominated by Gord)

Dawn Stubley, Secretary (nominated by Val S.)

Appointed

Lynne Dennis, Membership

Richard Porcina, Communications and Webmaster

Delores Hiles, Guest Speakers

Patrick Harkness, COSCO rep.

*Peter Maguire, Past Chair

A warm thank you to Lynne Burger, for many years of excellent service to Branch 2000 executive and membership.

We paused for lunch served buffet style including a choice of two soups, assorted sandwiches, and a green salad with a choice of two dressings and coffee.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Delores introduced two members of Griffin Security Services, Tara Goldstone and James McLemore.

Griffen Security Services, covering Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope and Aldergrove, offer static guards; mobile patrols; alarm responses, response to call and coverage at special events such as the Richie Bros equipment auctions. The company, established in 2008, is owned, developed and operated by Brian Goldstone, a retired member of the R.C.M.P. Members are professionally trained to take immediate action including making arrests for criminal acts committed on the property of their clients.

Guards initially have to complete a 40 hr training course and achieve an acceptable score on the completion test before starting at the base level with Griffin Security. Staff are then able to achieve higher rankings through training and experience. All staff are required to have a current criminal security check including finger prints.

Griffen Security is also contracted to the City of Chilliwack and has 6 cars patrolling. Security guards in BC are not allowed to carry any kind of weapon including batons so managing the expectations of clients and concerns for the homeless requires trained skills in listening and communication to seek voluntary resolutions. Guards do wear body armour and carry radios for communication.

Tara spoke to the challenges, issues and concerns dealing with the homeless in Chilliwack. Three different types of addicts, from trauma, injury resulting in dependence on pain killers and the mentally ill, all using drugs as a coping mechanism. At last count there was over 700 homeless in Chilliwack including those considered "couch surfers". The homeless population is quite migratory. Griffin's guards deal with the same 50 or so all the time. They seek to find them places to stay or direct them to where they can get meals. Most shelters have rules for guests which are not something many of the homeless dealing with drug additions want to follow. Much of the work the security guards do is getting people to move from the client's property. The number of moved

people has increased from 29,000 to 86,000 (per year?). Narcan use was also reviewed. Brochures on drug issues were made available at the back table. For more information www.griffinsecurity.ca

8. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- The BCGREA will be having their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Tsawwassen, October 18 and 19, 2022, with special recognition of our 75th Anniversary. Branch 2000 should have a good representation as four of the executive have expressed an interest in attending.

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

- Pat would like to acknowledge everyone attending today's meeting. Thank you. He would encourage phoning to get more people engaged. It has been affective in other branches.

Treasurer: Brian Taylor;

- Reviewed the details of the May 2022 financial statement, opening balance of \$5,127.85 with 4 cents interest, income of the 50/50 draw, May lunches with an expense of the new banner. Final balance confirmed by bank statement, \$5,136.64.
- We've just received our first invoice from the Chilliwack Curling Club for \$387.90 which includes the May room rental for time used, lunches at \$12 each, 15% staff gratuity and GST. Today's meeting will be our second invoice from them and we hope to have both paid before our year end June 30, 2022.
- Brian will be facilitating the year-end financial auditing (2 member auditors) for forwarding to Provincial.

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is at 140 members.

Secretary: Dawn Stuble;

- Your executive review all the incoming emails from Provincial and other sources and ensure via Richard that you get copies of the important issues both new and ongoing in addition to those you recieve from Provincial. Some of these since the last general meeting include:

- Letter from Al Coccola, Chair of the Retention and Recruitment (R&R) Committee introducing an active page on our website as a source in information and ideas for the branches, highlighting the Recruitment Funding Proposal.
- Ministry of Health's response to our letter regarding the reinstatement of parking fees at hospitals
- Personal Planning Series weekly via zoom June 1 to July 13 2022
- Essentials for BC's new standardized funding model for long-term care and the Seniors' Care accountability Campaign launch on June 22.

Transportation: If you need a ride to meetings or if we can assist in any way, please contact Past Chair and transportation coordinator Peter Maguire at pastchair.branch2000@bcgre.ca , or any of the executive.

COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens' Organizations of BC): COSCO website www.coscobc.ca The BCGREA is a COSCO affiliate and meets monthly at Hastings Community Centre, Vancouver. Branch 2000 contact: Patrick Harkness.

- Pat continues to attend the COSCO meetings via zoom.

Communications/Web Master: Richard Porcina.

- Thank you to everyone attending today and especially to those that reply to Richard's meeting notices to let him know if you'll be attending. It's much appreciated.
- If you haven't already, do check out our BCGREA web site at BCGREA.ca. Richard is keeping it up to date. The picture header on Branch Cheam View, is actually a picture taken from the top of Mt. Cheam.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Delores is so pleased to be back co-ordinating Guest Speakers for our meetings and would welcome any suggestions of guest speakers or possible topics you would like to hear about.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- Peter continues to be our contact with the Chilliwack Curling Club and is booking our upcoming fall meetings at this facility.

9. Old Business:

- See previous reports.

10. New Business:

- The October AGM will be covering and discussing results of the Provincial survey in the business sessions as well as celebrating BCGREA’s 75th anniversary. In addition Vince Sherry, Chair of the Constitution and bylaws Committee and Brian Green, President, hope to present a constitution and bylaw review package.
- Pat motioned for the approval and support for the attendance of Gord, Dawn and Brian to the October BCGREA AGM meeting in Tsawwassen. Joe Hahn seconded, all in favour, passed. We have two votes with those 2 members financially supported by Provincial with the third attendee being an observer will be funded by our Branch. Pat will also be attending as a member of the Provincial Executive and funded by them.
- New Branch formed out of Victoria, Branch 2700 Western Communities.
- Gord thanked members for attending today’s meeting and concluded with a joke.

11. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$23.50 was won by Peter Maguire.

BCGREA 75 Anniversary swag of 4 fabric eyeglass cleaners were first drawn and tickets returned for the 50/50 cash draw. We would also like to thank Delores Hiles’ son, guest and photographer, William Snow, who also provided local wildlife photograph prints for four additional lucky tickets. Congratulations to all the winners.

12. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm. **Have a great Summer everyone!**

The next executive meeting date October 14 via Zoom; General meeting October 18, 2022 at the Chilliwack Curling Club.

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Financial Statement April 2022

1.	Opening Balance	\$	4,183.82
2.	Income		
	a) Interest on account	\$	0.03
	b) 50/50		
	c) Collected for meals		
	d) Dues		
	provincial dues payment		944.00

		TOTAL INCOME	\$	944.03
		BALANCE	\$	5,127.85
3	Expenses			
	a)		\$	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	0.00
		BALANCE		
4	Confirmed Bank Balance		\$	5,127.85

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Financial Statement May 2022

1.	Opening Balance		\$	5,127.85
2.	Income			
	a)	Interest on account	\$	0.04
	b)	50/50		25.50
	c)	Collected for meals 16 X \$12		192.00
	d)	Dues \$20 each A.Price,H Sibble, R Smith		60.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$	277.54
		BALANCE	\$	5,405.39
3	Expenses			
	a)	Gord Griffeth chq # 0051 BCGREA Banner	\$	268.75
	b)			
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	268.75
		BALANCE		
4	Confirmed Bank Balance		\$	5,136.64