**BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting** Minutes Nov. 19, 2024

1. Meeting called to order: 12:10 Nine members and one guest present.
2. A 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.

Val Stephenson’s husband passed away on Oct. 10th

Al Price’s wife passed away in September

1. Grace – done privately by members

# **Opening Remarks by Chair**

Patrick expressed concerns with attendance both here and at the AGM. There was some discussion about the reasons for poor attendance. It was suggested that a survey be sent to all members of Branch 2000 to find out what the barriers are and suggest ways to improve branch activity.

Christmas meeting: The 2023 Christmas meeting was expensive and low-key; the Executive suggested our December 17th meeting luncheon be “from the Canton lunch menu.”

1. Minutes of the Last General Meeting Sept.

Moved by Rob and seconded by Val

m/s/c as circulated

# **Reports and Items for Discussion**:

**Chair:** Patrick Harkness – Report from AGM

The motion to expand membership to anybody under the BC Pension Corporation and have just one membership type was defeated.

The motion to allow branches to have their COSCO membership, with dues paid by the Central office, was tabled.

**Vice-Chair:** position open

**Treasurer:** Brian Taylor – closing balance end of October: $2241.65

There have been ongoing problems with our bank account since HSBC was taken over by RBC, e.g. changing our mailing address, which took 6 months to fix. Now we’re receiving mail from other branches, and there seems to be no solution available at RBC. RBC does not offer great service to non-profit community organizations.

Motion: that BCGREA Cheam View Branch 2000 change to another financial institution on or after Jan. 1, 2025

Moved by Brian and seconded by Rob

m/s/c

Pause for Lunch - 1230-1245

**Membership**: 245 members

New member Bill Hannay

**Directors/Past Chairs:** George Razzo, Rick Porcina, Gord Griffeth

George Razzo shared information about Streams Canada Foundation

1. Old Business:

Call for volunteers to fill the Vice Chair position

Call for ideas for guest speakers

# New Business:

A general discussion occurred regarding the aftermath of one’s spouse passing away and how difficult it was for a woman (the wife) to obtain funds from a joint account, among other matters.

There was also a discussion about the BC Memorial Society and the possibility of a future guest speaker.

At the AGM, it was discussed that non-DCO members (who pay by cash or cheque) could pay directly to the Provincial office instead of the branch since the branch has to pass on the money anyway.

Motion: that BCGREA Cheam View Branch 2000 ask Central Support to manage annual membership fees for non-DCO members

Moved by Patrick and seconded by Brian

Discussion – the branch will still accept cash or cheques if a member prefers to pay the branch.

m/s/c unanimous

1. **50/50 Draw**

1. Hanne – $14.50

2. Val- $14.50

3. Al won Starbucks Cards that Val had donated

1. **Next Meeting dates**

December 17th

**Meeting adjourned** 13:10