

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Draft Minutes AGM May 21st, 2024

1. Meeting called to order 12:00

Number of attendees: 12

Any first-time attendees: none

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 Patrick Harkness

4. Opening Remarks by Chair

Gord Griffeth expressed thanks to everybody who worked with him during his term as chair

5. Minutes of the Last General Meeting.

Minutes of last General Meeting as well as minutes of 2023 elections were posted on our website. No errors or omissions noted, accepted as published on the Branch website.

6. Pause for Lunch

7. Reports and Items for Discussion:

Chair: Gord Griffeth – appreciates the help received over past couple of years

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

Patrick Harkness reported on behalf of the Provincial Table Officers

The updated brochure has been published, and quantities mailed out to all branches.

The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, October 16th with the new BC Seniors' Advocate as the Key Note speaker.

- It will be held at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn
- Johanna Morrow, Provincial Treasurer will host a meeting of Branch Treasurers and the Finance Committee on Tuesday, October 15th. Expenses to attend will be covered by the Provincial Treasury.
- Treasurers should receive notice of this event in the near future.

A mix-and-mingle evening is planned for Tuesday, October 15th

With the change in our fiscal year (now January 1st through December 31st,) the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Arrangements have already been made with Coast Tsawwassen Inn.

Another attempt to provide our BCGREA membership with our own Stay on the Road workshop was unsuccessful due to instantaneous registrations.

- The poster was sent at 11:00 pm and by 7:00 am the next day all spaces were taken.
- Another attempt will be made to work with ICBC and have our own workshop.

8. Treasurer: Brian Taylor – the April bank statement has not yet been received.

Opening balance April 1st: \$1,055.47 (based on previous report – closing balance as of March 31st, 2024.)

The dues top up of \$1143.43 was received on April 11th, 2024.

Closing balance April 30th: estimated at \$2,218.22

Q: Did Jane Bouey get her mileage reimbursed? George Gidora to follow up.

Reminder: any expenses need to go on the expense form, which is available on our website.

Moved by Brian Taylor, seconded by Gord Griffeth to accept the Treasurer's report

The motion was carried

9. Membership: Rhonda Sexsmith – we currently have 206 members

10. Secretary: Hanne Gidora -

Correspondence was received from Parent Support Services Society, thanking us for the opportunity to attend the last branch meeting.

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

This is to try a new format to distribute news to reduce the number of emails coming into your Inbox.

Here are a number of recent posts to our website which relate to COSCO priorities and where you may choose to take action.

Information and actions on the Rights for Older People. The exciting news is that COSCO will be represented along with our national affiliate, National Pensioners' Federation at the United Nations in New York. Here are some websites where you can learn more and take action:

<https://coscobc.org/lets-keep-connecting-generations-beyond-global-intergenerational-week/>

<https://coscobc.org/urgent-advocate-for-the-rights-of-older-persons-today/>

<https://coscobc.org/global-rally-on-the-rights-of-older-people/>

Here is the annual report from our national partner, the Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network, including activities of the COSCO Health and Wellness Institute and work done by the Public Awareness Committee, where COSCO is represented

<https://coscobc.org/medication-appropriateness-for-all-canadians-our-23-24-annual-report/>

A welcome update from the provincial government on Primary Care

<https://coscobc.org/bc-gov-news-province-takes-more-actions-to-strengthen-primary-care-for-people/>

Congratulations to the City of Maple Ridge for supporting our HandyDART campaign.

<https://coscobc.org/city-of-maple-ridge-joins-call-to-fix-handydart/>

Thanks to all of you for your contributions and support to ensure COSCO fulfils its mandate as The Voice of BC Seniors.

Pat asked for a show of hands to see how many members use the website to read meeting minutes. As a result, he proposed to send out the minutes to members as well as posting them to the website. This would also be helpful for those members who don't have access to a computer but can receive emails.

- 12. Communications/Web Master:** George Gidora – no problem sending out minutes – should it be done together with the meeting notice? Incoming executive can decide.

13. Election of Branch Executive

Proposal:

To elect table officers for a 2 year term and staggering positions as follows:

Chair and treasurer to be elected for 2 years on even years

Vice chair and secretary to be elected for 2 years on odd years

For 2024, chair and treasurer will be elected for 2 years; vice chair and secretary will be elected for 1 year

For 2025, vice chair and secretary will be elected for 2 years; chair and treasurer will continue their term

The proposal was accepted.

Results of Election

Position	Nominated	Elected
Chair	Pat Harkness	Pat by acclamation – 2 year term
Vice Chair	None	None – position is open for 1 year term
Secretary	Hanne Gidora	Hanne by acclamation – 1 year term
Treasurer	Brian Taylor	Brian by acclamation – 2 year term

14. Old Business: none

15. New Business: none

16. 50/50 Draw (who won and how much)

Norm Denney: \$8.50

Fred Smith: \$8.50

17. Next Meeting dates

June 18th, 2024 – 12 noon

18. Meeting adjourned 12:50