

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for October 2022, held at Chilliwack Curling Club, Chilliwack; Monday October 17, 2022.

- 1. Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:05 pm with 19 in attendance including 1 guest speaker (18 Curling Club lunches).
- 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 Peter Maguire.
- 4. Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - Gord has had a turn in his health and has moved into an assisted living facility and will no longer be able to attend out of town meetings. With the support of the executive, Gord will remain as Chair for the rest of his term. Thank you Gord.
 - No new members or guests attending today's meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Last General Meeting** held June 21 at Chilliwack Curling Club were read by Secretary. No errors or omissions, accepted as read.

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/tea.

- 6. Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Delores introduced Lori Weslowsky, of Kindred Care, which offers Senior and Elderly Support Services. Lori runs her own business and prides herself in compassionate caring reliable services. These can include, companion care, organizing, helping with hoarding issues, driving to appointments, laundry, meal preparation, shopping and pet care. Pet care she feels is important as our pet are therapeutic and with some assistance clients may be able to keep their pets instead of rehoming. Kindred Care is not a registered company and doesn't carry costly insurance. This service does not replace and is not registered with Fraser health home care but offers additional separate services and support.
Lori provided examples of a wide range of support she has given to several of her clients. She finds it very rewarding work, where you have to be creative. Lori has had others working for her but is currently handling her clients personally.
Lori can be reached at email lorilynnw@gmail.com or Cell: 778 549 3510.

7. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

- Pat as Provincial 2nd vice-president, facilitated the creation of the BCGREA's 75th anniversary calendar featuring scenes from across BC. The calendar was forwarded via mail to all BCGREA members. If anyone didn't receive one, please contact Pat for a copy.
- Pat raised the contents of the 2020-21 BCGREA membership survey/questionnaire that indicated that 70% of members requested communication from Provincial and Branches by email. The BCGREA heard the members and enlisted a program called Campaigner to facilitate email notices using the provincial official membership listing, which is also from a new data program. When you receive an email message from the BCGREA please open. Our recent change in general meeting date was sent out October 12 to 92 Branch 2000 members who had supplied us with email addresses. Unfortunately Campaigner reported back to us that only 22 people or 24% had opened the notice. Some of these notices did go into members SPAM files. If you did not receive this date change email please check your SPAM file, open the message and click on the "this is not SPAM". That should ensure that future messages come into your in basket. Your executive did try to contact as many members as possible we knew that did not open the message and may usually attend the general meetings. We did not want any members to show up at the curling club on the wrong date. If you do not want to receive these emails please do not unsubscribe, instead modify your preferences to select what communications you'd like to receive or not. If you do unsubscribe it's very difficult if not impossible to get you back on. If you need assistance on modifying your preferences please contact Pat. If you have changed your phone number in the last few years please check in with Membership chair Lynne Dennis to make sure we have your current phone number. Thank you.
- There are 84 employers represented in BCGREA.

Treasurer: Brian Taylor;

- Brian reviewed the details of the summer and September 2022 financial statements and June 30 year end. Statements and year end are presented at the end of the minutes. Brian asked if the statements could be moved as read, Peter Maguire seconded, passed.
- Brian noted that he has been advised by the Bank that we will no longer get a complimentary paper copy of the monthly bank statement by mail unless we opt to pay \$5.00 for it, starting October 2022.
- Brian facilitated the year-end financial auditing with one member as auditor/trustee. A huge thank you to member Ray Smith for his continued assistance with the year end.

We do really need two year end auditors. No experience is required and limited commitment required as the review is done only once a year before the end of July. Please see Brian if you can help out. Executive would really appreciate your assistance.

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is at 144 members including 4 new members and one transfer. We currently have 3 members with unpaid dues for 2022. If these members have not paid by the end of the year they will be dropped off the membership list. There is currently a lot of discussion by provincial regarding those members not yet on automatic dues check off (DCO), that do not pay their dues in a timely manner, to encourage them to move to automatic check off. At the upcoming AGM there will be resolution for discussion in this regard. Stay tuned.

Secretary: Dawn Stuble;

- See Vice- Chair's report on special email message to advice of general meeting date change and Communication and Web Master Position opening. Dawn prepare the latest email and sent it to administrative support in Victoria for posting and subsequent reporting via Campaigner.
- Your executive reviews all the incoming emails from Provincial and other sources and ensure you get copies of the important issues both new and ongoing in addition to those you receive from Provincial. Of special note:
 - Oct. 4th's BC Government Retired Employees Association's email "Update from Canada's Minster of Seniors" Message from the Minister September 29, 2022, has lots of information members might be interested in.

Transportation: Branch executive have removed this topic from one individual's co-ordination in light of limited usage by members as well as increasing fuel costs and possible insurance issues. We as executive continue to support members in attending meetings and will assist as needed in facilitating transportation in the way of taxi's or fellow members giving a lift to a fellow member. Feel free to contact executive if you need assistance.

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. COSCO purpose is to assemble, co-ordinate and advance proposals and resolutions concerning the welfare of elder citizens, and submit them to the appropriate government bodies; and to advance the social and physical welfare of all elder citizens in the province of British Columbia.

- Pat continues to attend the COSCO meetings via zoom as COSCO has yet to hold face to face meetings since the COVID meeting precautions were initiated.
- Pat brought to our attention the recent passing of a valued COSCO member and champion of senior rights, Sheila Pither. More on this highly respected and recognized woman can be found on the COSCO web site.

Communications/Web Master: Vacant.

- Executive and members would like to extend a huge Thank you to Richard for his years of service as Communications and Web master. He now has given up this position but remains a valued director of the executive without portfolio. Thank you Richard.
- In the meantime Dawn will attempt to step in but not fill
- **If anyone has any interest, is somewhat computer savvy and would like to help your Branch with this position please contact any of the executive. Attendance at all meetings is not a necessity of this position and position can be just Communications. Thank you.**

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Delores would welcome any suggestions of guest speakers or possible topics you would like to hear about. We have a lot of experience and abilities among our members. If any of our members would like to be our guest speaker please contact any of the executive to discuss and then coordinate with Delores.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- See Transportation protocol process updates.
- Peter continues to be our contact with the Chilliwack Curling Club and has booked our upcoming meetings to and including June 2023, at this facility. Peter is currently looking into a special meal for our December's General meeting where we will not only celebrate the festive season, but BCGREA's 75 Anniversary and our very own Branch 2000 Cheam View's 25th Anniversary. Whatever the menu, it will be buffet style. We hope to see as many members as possible attend this special social luncheon with limited meeting items. Watch for upcoming details and be sure to mark Dec 20th off on your calendar.

8. Old Business:

- See previous reports.

9. New Business:

- The October 18-20 AGM in Tsawwassen, will be covering and discussing items raised and being implemented from results of the Provincial BCGREA 2021 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. Gord will now not be attending the AGM but Branch 2000 will be well represented with two voting members Treasurer, Brian and Secretary, Dawn. Vice Chair Pat will be attending as Vice President for Provincial and reporting on Communications and the Pen.
- Peter urged Members to help out in Executive positions. Now is the time to step up and discuss options with current executive members who could give assistance and training. Don't wait until June. Start now.
- See previous reports.
- Gord thanked members for attending today's meeting.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$16 was won by Donna Reimer.

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

The next executive meeting date to be confirmed for either November 10/11 via Zoom;

Next General meeting 11:30 am November 15, 2022 at the Chilliwack Curling Club.

**CHEAM VIEW BRANCH BCGREA #2000
Financial Statement June 2022**

1.	Opening Balance		\$ 5,136.64
2.	Income		
	a) Interest on account	\$	0.04
	b) 50/50		23.50
	c) Collected for meals		240.00
	d) Dues ? Deposit		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	263.54
	BALANCE	\$	5,400.08
3	Expenses		
	a) chq # 52 R Porcina	\$	11.05
	b) chq #53 DCO Dues 12x16 mbrs		192.00
	chq #54 May general meeting		387.90
	chq #55 June general meeting		474.30
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,065.25
	BALANCE		
4	Confirmed Bank Balance	\$	4,334.83

Financial Statement July 2022

1.	Opening Balance		\$ 4,334.93
2.	Income		

	a)	Interest on account	\$	0.04
	b)	50/50		
	c)	Collected for meals		
	d)	Dues ?		100.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$	100.04
		BALANCE	\$	4,434.97
3		Expenses		
	a)		\$	0.00
	b)			
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	0.00
		BALANCE		
4		Confirmed Bank Balance	\$	4,434.97

Financial Statement August 2022

1.		Opening Balance	\$	4,434.97
2.		Income		
	a)	Interest on account	\$	0.03
	b)	50/50		
	c)	Collected for meals		
	d)	Dues ?		
		TOTAL INCOME	\$	0.03
		BALANCE	\$	4,435.00
3		Expenses		

a) \$ 0.00
 b)

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 0.00

BALANCE

4 Confirmed Bank Balance \$ 4,435.00

Branch 2000 Financial Statement SEPTEMBER 2022

1. Opening Balance \$ 4,435.00

2. Income

a) Interest on account \$ 0.04
 b) 50/50
 c) Collected for meals
 d) Dues ?

TOTAL INCOME \$ 0.04

BALANCE \$ 4,435.04

3 Expenses

a) \$ 0.00
 b)

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 0.00

BALANCE

4 Confirmed Bank Balance \$ 4,435.04



British Columbia Government Retired Employees' Association
2022 Branch Financial Review

Purpose – To provide a reasonable assurance to the membership that:

- dues and other contribution have been deposited to the Branch bank account;
- expenses are appropriate, properly approved and recorded; and
- bank balance reconciles to the treasurer's financial records.

Process – Each Branch will select a financial review committee of at least one person, preferably two people, that have not been involved in the financial transactions of the Branch. The committee will review the records and sign off below. Not all transactions need to be reviewed. The committee can randomly select a sample of about 10% of the transactions or select one or two months to review in detail. A copy of this signed page will be forwarded to the BCGREA treasurer: treasurer@bcgre.ca (or: 881 Tutor Way, Mill Bay BC V0R 2P1)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The committee will check for the following:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All funds are kept in an approved financial institution and there are two authorized signers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The July 1, 2021 Branch record's opening balance matches the prior year's closing balance (see attached for a list of Branch June 30, 2022 closing balances).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The June 30, 2022 bank statement reconciles to the Branch records.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Based on the sample entries reviewed, Branch ledger entries appear to be complete and up to date.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Based on the sample entries reviewed, there is supporting documentation for income and expenses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The treasurer's total balance on July 1, 2021, plus all funds received, minus all expenditures, equals the treasurer's total balance on June 30, 2022.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the June 30, 2022 bank statement and branch year end report are also sent to the BCGREA treasurer.

Reviewers' Statement:

Branch Name: CHEAMVIEW Branch Number: 2000

I/We have examined the Branch financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and are satisfied that they meet the requirements set out above.

Name: Ray Smith Signature: Ray Smith Date: Aug 11/22

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Bank Statement can be viewed upon request.

Branch Name: CHEAMVIEW Branch #: 2000

Opening Balance 4,435.01

Income

Advertising Revenue _____
 Dues *1 1,373.00
 Interest Income .45
 Miscellaneous Donations 0
 Partner Contributions 0
 Pins Sold 0

Total Income 5,808.46

Expenses

Advertising _____
 Bank Charges _____
 Bursaries _____
 Database _____
 Dues *2 70.00
 Donations / Gifts _____
 Good & Welfare _____
 Honorariums _____
 Insurance _____
 Legal & Accounting _____
 Meeting Costs Travel _____
 Meeting Costs Room Rental 636.00
 Meeting Costs Meals 456.00
 Newsletter 0
 Office expenses/Storage 261.53
 Social Events _____
 Telephone _____
 Website _____
 Contingency _____

Total Expenses 1,473.53

Closing Balance 4,334.93

*Dues *1 - Income is the net amount for all membership dues.
 Dues *2 - Expenses are dues paid to other organizations such as COSCO.*