

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for November 2022, held at Chilliwack Curling Club, Chilliwack; Tuesday Nov. 15, 2022.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:00 pm with 19 in attendance with one later arrival for a total of 20 attendees. Branch secretary, Dawn Stublely, at home with a bad cold.
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 hopes that Dawn would be better soon.
 - Gord and attendees welcomed three new members in attendance. New members were invited to introduce themselves.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held Monday Oct. 17 at Chilliwack Curling Club were read by Past Chair, Gord Griffeth, in absence of Secretary Dawn Stublely. 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:** Patrick Harkness, showed a short but worthwhile video showing how to safe-proof where you live. He suggested showing other videos in this series at our future meetings.

7. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time.

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

- Nothing further at this time.

Treasurer: Brian Taylor;

- Brian in addition to attending the October Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Tsawwassen with Dawn and Pat, attended a Provincial Treasurers meeting on Oct 18. It was a very productive meeting, with most branch Treasurers in attendance.
- Brian shared our current income and expenditures showing us with a balance at the end of October of \$4278.38.
- 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 to meet with the bank, to investigate electronic (paperless) reports.

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 was at 139 members. However in response to the Retention and Recruitment's posting forwarded by BCGREA via the BC Pension Corp. to all past retirees, offering no membership fees until 2024 for new members, we have 48 new applicants to Branch 2000. New membership lists have not yet been completed by provincial and additional members are possible. Stay tuned.
- Patrick shared the success of this initiative for the whole province. On Oct 24th the BCGREA provincially had 7,486 members and by Nov. 3, after the mail out, we gained 2,232 for a total of 10,078, a 28% increase in total membership.
- As Lynne did not attend the AGM, Dawn was invited to attend the Provincial Membership meeting as an observer.

Secretary: Dawn Stublely absent due to illness;

- Secretary's note: Our branch website has been updated including Oct.'s minutes, thanks to Administrative support, Josie. See www.bcgrea.ca/branches/cheamview-chilliwack-agassiz-hope-branch/2000/

COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens' Organizations of BC): www.coscobic.ca Our branch is a COSCO affiliate. 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.

- Our Branch 2000 liaison, Pat, reported that November's zoom meeting was rescheduled from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, due to the conflict with Remembrance Day.

Communications/Web Master: Vacant.

- **We are still actively looking for someone to help with posting articles, information and updates on our web page.**

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- See other reports.

Directors/Past Chairs: Richard Porcina/Peter Maguire;

- Peter has successfully arranged for our Christmas luncheon December 20. It will be a buffet-style full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. As well, a special cake will be there commemorating the BCGREA's 75th Anniversary and Branch 2000 25th Anniversary.
- Please contact Pat Harkness with your intent to attend before Nov. 30.

Regarding the December 20th luncheon, the following was discussed and approved

- Branch 2000 will host a portion of the meal cost. Those attending, including members, partners and guests, will pay the usual luncheon cost of \$12.00 each.
- Delores Hiles will arrange for Santa to be here. The branch will support his lunch as well.
- Donations for the food bank will be welcomed. Pat Harkness will arrange delivery to the food bank after the luncheon.
- Wrapped presents for fun door prizes, will be welcomed but not necessary.

8. Old Business:

- See previous reports.

9. New Business:

- Brian Taylor and Pat Harkness gave an overview of the BCGREA Celebration Banquet and Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Tsawwassen Coast hotel Oct, 18 and 19th. Provincial paid for two voting attendees from Branch 2000, Brian and Dawn. Pat, as table officer, second vice president expenses were also covered by provincial. Highlights included:
 - Lively discussions regarding a resolution that would have had cash-paying members given a deadline to go onto Dues check-off before year's end. This was soundly defeated.
 - The current table officers were re-elected by acclamation. Pat remains second vice president. Congratulations Pat.
- Branch executive held a special 1 hr zoom meeting Oct. 28th with 5 in attendance in preparation for Brian Taylor, to attend a BCGREA special Workshop, on Branch

2000's behalf, held at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn Nov. 5th. Pat attended as table officer. The workshop was to discuss where we go from here and how do we do this in the context of our Constitution and Bylaws. In order to comply with the Society's act the intent is to transition to a Member's funded organization. Branch organization was also extensively brainstormed.

- Thank you to all members and especially the new members who attended today. We look forward to seeing you again.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$13.50 was won by one of our new members who actually drew her own ticket. Congratulations Joanne!

11. Next Meetings: The next Executive Meeting via zoom – Dec 16 at 2 pm.

Next General Meeting – **Christmas Luncheon – 11:30 am Dec 20th at the Chilliwack Curling Club. Please contact Patrick Harkness to register your attendance by Nov. 30. Vicechair.branch2000@bcgre.ca** Thank you.

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

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