

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View Summary of meetings held since COVID 19.

Summary of Meetings Feb 18 2020 to May 17 2022

Feb 18 2020 Last General in person meeting at Canton Gardens @ which we showed our new branch banner. Branch membership at 152 members

March 13 2020 Executive meeting at Chilliwack Library (Secretary absent in isolation just returned from Egypt testing Positive for COVID) Announcement that March and April meetings cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Then COVID restrictions hit big time. All in person meetings were put on indefinite hold.

August 12 2020 BCGREA Delegates meeting via Zoom

October 16 2020 Things let up a bit and executive organized an in person executive meeting following strict COVID protocol at the Chilliwack Curling Club, one person per table. Main topic of discussion was how to continue. Executive unanimously agree to continue on in their positions in order to maintain Branch 2000 existence. Provincial agreed and further executive meetings would have to be via zoom.

October 21, 2020 BCGREA AGM 63 attendees via zoom. President, 1st and 2nd vice presidents all stood for another year given the current COVID 19 scenario.

Dec 11 2020 First Branch 2000 executive meeting held via Zoom. Thank you to Patrick for facilitating this and all the zoom meetings we've had to date. We discussed continuation of affiliation with COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens' Organization of BC) and completion of a letter to all members was prepared and sent by mail to branch members outlining how executive was proceeding. Hoping that we would be resuming in 2021.

February 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom. Membership numbers down to 145. Concerns arising as to May elections, how to proceed. Unprecedented times.

March 2021 No Executive Meeting scheduled

April 16 2021 Executive meeting via zoom Discussion regarding our stand alone Branch website BCGREACH. Renewal due in June. Main topic of concern is how to proceed with executive elections. Again all executive agree to maintain positions. With the permission of Provincial we would continue on as is.

April 21 2021 BCGREA Delegates meeting to held April 21 on line. Gord and Pat attended. Main topic discussed is the new improved Provincial BCGREA website with new Provincial BCGREA email addresses for all Branch executive.

May 14 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom Letter drafted by Lynne D. forwarded to all members April 19. Twenty five mailed to those not having email addresses. Discussion on rejoining BCGREAs revised website as it looks good. We would retire the BCGREACH website.

June 29 2021 Special Executive meeting via Zoom called to discuss www.bcgrea.ca and the review of the Branch content. Providing feedback to contractors.

September 17 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom. New BC Seniors Guide available. Phone office of the seniors Advocate to request hard copy. Gord stepping down from transportation. Joe Hahn stepping down. Fourth wave in COVID in Fraser Valley, we sadly concurred we have to maintain only executive meetings via zoom.

October 15 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom Expenses included post office box for mail. Membership at 141. Lots of updates from COSCO, with on line seminars available to members. Executive still providing feedback to improvements on our new Branch BCGREA website. New Position of Provincial Administration assistant, Josie Byington.

October 20 2021 BCGREA AGM meeting via Zoom including special treasurers meeting Oct 19. Pat asked to run for Provincial 2nd vice president and was elected. Newly elected Pension Plan Trustee, Johanna Morrow. Brian Green elected new Provincial President.

November 12 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom. Pat discussed upcoming changes in 2022 to Green Shield Insurance, Tier one and Tier 2. Deductible also changing based on members net income. Intro to Campaigner software for messages to members. Thoughts about increasing communication with members, possibly December zoom meeting.

December 10 2021 Executive meeting via Zoom. All email communication with members going thru Campaigner and BCGREA website. Still some bugs. Executive need training on Campaigner. BCGREA Branch 2000 Virtual Christmas Party organization and agenda. BCGREA Provincial questionnaire and Survey

December 14 2021 First ever Virtual Christmas Party /General meeting via Zoom. 3 regrets, one attendee. (Larry Patterson). Well organized by executive, attendance disappointing but illustrates the lack of electronic/computer interest, equipment limitations and abilities of members.

February 11 2022 Executive meeting via Zoom. Provincial reporting high response to Survey by membership at 37.3%. 2022 marks the 75th Anniversary of the BCGREA. It started in 1947. New logo commemorating milestone anniversary. Special edition of the Pen newsletter celebrating the Anniversary and printed copies will be forwarded to all members. Announcement of Stay on the Road workshops.

March 11 2022 Executive meeting via Zoom. Dawn, Rick and Pat had Campaigner training with Bill Meyers. Starting to investigate possible return to General meeting and possible venues.

April 15 2022 Executive meeting via Zoom Chilliwack library still not open for executive in person meetings. Letters emailed to the Premiers office and Adrian Dix protesting return to pay parking at hospitals at the request of COSCO. Peter to investigate new meeting venues.

April 27 2022 BCGREA Directors' meeting in person in Prince George. Pat attended. Survey results a main topic. Committee also on Revision of Bylaws and Constitution. BCGREA considerably out of date and not in sync with changes in Society Act under which we fall.

May 13 2022 Executive meeting via Zoom Membership down from 143 to 142. More on holding in person general meeting and where. Peter investigated many possibilities. Chilliwack Curling Club offering the best option. Booked for May, June and September. Soup and sandwich lunch for \$12. Room rental for 2 hours \$140 which is a new expense for branch but necessary in order to continue. Request from Provincial for assistance in reviewing outdated bylaws and constitution.

May 17 2022 in person General Meeting at new venue, Chilliwack Curling Club