

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES



1. IN ATTENDANCE

Vincent Sherry, Chair

Grace Kramer, Vice-Chair

Roland Oliynyk,
Treasurer/Membership Chair

Merrilee Ashworth
Secretary

2. DATE:

June 12, 2023

3. PLACE:

Army Navy & Airforce Veterans in Canada Club
2500 46th Avenue, Vernon, British Columbia

4. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Vincent Sherry, at 12:46 pm on June 12th, 2023.

5. APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA

- It was moved by the Chair, Vincent Sherry, to approve the amended agenda.
- Motion Carried.

6. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

- It was moved by Treasurer / Membership Chair, Roland Oliynyk and seconded by the Vice-Chair, Grace Kramer., to adopt the previous Executive Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2023.
- Motion Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Review of Financials.
- A copy of the financial statements attached.
- Financial Statements were approved as submitted and it was noted are tracking favourably.

9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- It was noted that the Branch 1500 Membership has grown since the last report to 488 members.
- It was further noted that the email distribution list of updated membership has been updated and currently in use for purposes of BCGREA membership communication.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Branch 1500 BBQ Event and Member Gathering

- It was agreed that an afternoon BBQ would be planned for Branch 1500 Members (Aug 20th or Aug 27th) at Kaloya Regional Park in Lake Country East / Oyama.
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5d366db040fc4b9c8c63d571d7b3d7ba>
- Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ event and planning. Please contact Grace Kramer if you are able to spare a few hours of your time to help at gracedkramer@gmail.com.
 - *Action; Roland Oliynyk to contact Kaloya Regional Park for booking of the Picnic Shelter.*
 - *Action; Roland Oliynyk to assess availability and costs for securing BBQ trailer facilities.*

Branch Meeting

- It was agreed that a Branch 1500 meeting in October would be planned (mid to late October) in a similar format as the previous Branch 1500 luncheon held in February 2023 with the same locations in Kelowna (Wedgewood Condominiums) and Vernon (Golden Crown).
- More information to be forthcoming once details are finalized.
 - *Action; Vincent to explore opportunities for corporate sponsorship for the luncheon.*

Volunteers Needed for Branch 1500 – Share your Talents!

- Calling for Volunteers!
- Can you spare a couple of hours a month to share your talents and skills? Meet a terrific group of new people in your community? Contribute to member services that we all benefit from?
- If yes, the following Branch 1500 positions remain open and we could really use your help – especially in Vernon;
 - Branch Web Page Administrator – This position would assist in managing web postings and document files on the Branch 1500 web page.
 - Merchandizing Coordinator - Headquarters is asking each branch to create a Branch contact person to deal with the merchandise that will be available on the web page.
 - Membership Chair – Manage the operations for member outreach and distribution list for Branch 1500 Members. Share information and updates on valued BCGREA member services.
- Please contact Vincent Sherry (1stvicepresident@bcgre.ca) with your expressed interest and skills in one of the above available roles in our local Branch 1500 (Kelowna / Vernon).

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11. NEW BUSINESS

Welcome to New Members

- It was noted that a Welcome letter of Introduction was forwarded to new Branch 1500 Members along with information on valued BCGREA member services and Branch 1500 information.

Branch 1500 Member Outreach

- It was noted that while the BCGREA – governed by the BC Societies Act – is required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), there is no requirement for an AGM to be held at a Branch level.
- As the Executive for Branch 1500 remains committed to receiving ongoing Membership input and feedback, Members are encouraged to share any concerns or issues – at anytime – with Vincent Sherry at 1stvicepresident@bcgre.ca - who would be pleased to respond.
- Summer has arrived and the Branch 1500 Executive would love to share exciting moments captured with Members' family and friends in our treasured Okanagan Region. Members may simply forward any photos they may wish to share to bcgrekelownamembership@gmail.com – along with Member permission to post to the Branch 1500 web page - and we would be pleased to do so.

Insurance for Member Gathering and Events

- There was a discussion on whether insurance is required for Branch 1500 Member Events / Gatherings.
 - *Action; Vincent agreed to follow up with the BCGREA Headquarters to determine insurance requirements (if any) for Branch 1500 events / gatherings.*

Land Acknowledgement

- There was a brief discussion on land acknowledgement at the beginning of a gathering. It was noted that while many may consider territorial or land acknowledgement to be important, it is not mandatory nor is it required by law.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Vincent Sherry, at 1:50pm.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Next Executive Meeting will be held at **12:00pm on July 17th, 2023 at the Army Navy & Airforce Veterans of Canada Club, 2500 46th Avenue in Vernon, British Columbia.**

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