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| 1. **IN ATTENDANCE**

**REGRETS** | **Vincent Sherry, Chair****Roland Oliynyk, Treasurer****Kim Applegate, Membership Chair****Merrilee Ashworth, Secretary****Grace Kramer, Vice-Chair** **Linda Baird, Member at Large** |  |
| 1. **DATE / TIME**
2. **PLACE**
 | **January 14, 2025 at 12:00pm****Army Navy & Air Force Veterans Club****2500 46th Avenue, Vernon, British Columbia**  |

# CALL TO ORDER

# The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Vincent Sherry at 12:14pm.

# APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA

* MOTION by the Vice-Chair Grace Kramer and seconded by the Membership Chair Kim Applegate to approve the amended Agenda. CARRIED.

# ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

* MOTION by the Treasurer, Roland Oliynyk to adopt the previous Executive Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024 and seconded by Vice-Chair, Grace Kramer. CARRIED.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
* Written correspondence was received from Patrick Harness of the Chilliwack Branch to Member events the Chilliwack Branch has undertaken from a benchmarking perspective.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

* The Treasurer, Roland Oliynyk provided the year-end Financial Reports for Branch1500 (attached) which will be submitted to BCGREA Provincial for our year end reporting.
* It was noted that the Treasurer will forward to Provincial a 2025 Budget inclusive of budget estimates for Member Events and Member Meetings planned through the year.
1. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
* It was noted that by the Branch 1500 Membership Chair, Kim Applegate, that no further updates had been received from BCGREA Provincial to report on.
* To date, Membership has remained consistent at 482 Members (386 Members and 86 Spousal Members).
1. **OLD BUSINESS**
* Honorarium Policy effective January 1, 2025
	+ The (draft) Honorarium Policy was distributed to the BCGREA Finance Committee for review and comment.
	+ The Branch1500 Treasurer distributed the draft Policy to Branch Executives for reference.
	+ It was noted that Once the Finance Committee approves the Policy, it will be forwarded to the Table Officers for their sign off and then shared with the Branch Chairs and Treasurers.
	+ It was agreed that once the Provincial process to finalize the Policy is completed, a further discussion and assessment of how to apply to Branch1500 will be undertaken by Executive (likely mid to late Spring 2025).
1. **NEW BUSINESS**

**2025 Strategic Planning Discussion**

There was a discussion on key areas of focus for 2025 relative to the type and frequency of Member

Events and Member Meetings through the year.

It was agreed that the Branch1500 objective would target 4 Member Events (2 x Kelowna / 2 x Vernon)

and 4 Member Meetings (2 x Kelowna / 2 x Vernon) through the year as follows;

* + Member Meetings
		- SPRING 2025
			* VERNON – Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00am at Vernon Library
			* KELOWNA - Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 10:00am at BCGRU Office
		- FALL 2025 – TBD
	+ Member Events
		- SUMMBER 2025 – BBQ Event – Vernon and Kelowna - TBD
		- LATE FALL 2025 – CHRISTMAS
			* KELOWNA - Wedgewood (TBD)
			* VERNON – Chinese Restaurant (TBD)

Branch Budget related to Member Events and Member Meetings to be estimated by the Treasurer and included in the 2025 Budget for submission and approval by Provincial.

For the upcoming Member Meetings in Vernon and Kelowna, it is anticipated that budget estimate for venue, coffee and pastries would be around $400 per meeting.

Further, it was noted that BCGREA Sponsored Partners such as Hearing Life or COSCO would be approached for their expressed interest, participation or sponsorship of coffee / pastries.

For Member Meetings, it was agreed that one of the focused areas for discussion would be on Member input and feedback on the type of events that Members would like to see through the year. In addition, there may be a ‘recruitment’ opportunity to secure Member interest in their engagement to assist in coordination of Member meetings through the year.

**ACTION ITEMS**

* Vincent to contact Hearing Life for their interest in the VERNON March 4th 10:00am Member Meeting at the Vernon Library.
* Grace to coordinate booking the meeting room at the Vernon Library.
* Vincent to contact BCGEU office to check availability of their meeting room for KELOWNA May 13th 10:00am Member Meeting.

# NEXT MEETING

* **Next 1500 Executive Meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 11:00am via ZOOM.**
* **ACTION ITEM** - Roland to set up Zoom meeting coordinates.

# ADJOURNMENT

* Meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Vincent Sherry, at 1:33pm.