

Western Communities Branch #2700

Minutes of Meeting June 21, 2022

Location: Gilbert Cade Memorial Hall 50 & Up Club

Present: Al Cocola, Valeska Campbell, Tammy Welch and guest Wayne Bobroske

Absent: Colleen Cocola, Sharon Stewart

Meeting came to order at 10:01am

Members present were welcomed.

Al read the territorial acknowledgement.

Valeska noted we now have 73 members. Possible 440 members are in our catchment area so hoping more will transfer over.

Valeska presented a sample "welcome letter" to all in attendance. A few edits were made, but very well accepted.

Valeska and Al are looking into the costs of a PO Box, but for the current time, Al's home address will be used as our main mailing address.

Tammy suggested that any "non-DCO payments" receipts be emailed to save the cost of postage, envelopes, etc. She will do up a template.

Tammy also suggested that there should be 3 people signing on the bank account so that there will always be at least two available to sign/process cheques, etc. So far Al and Tammy will be, so we need one more volunteer to do this.

The purchase of a zoom subscription was discussed, and at this time we will use Al's account. We will discuss further as we move forward and hope to hold hybrid general meetings in future.

A discussion ensued regarding the format of our Sept general meeting. We will hold it as an information gathering session with those that attend. There will be some door prizes, tea, coffee & cookies. We will have 3 flip charts for ideas: Summer activities, Christmas Ideas & Other/Speaker ideas. As we are a new club, we will have a bowl by the refreshment station for donations. This will go for the purchase of tea, coffee, sugar, cream, cookies, etc.

Many ideas were brought forward: Winery tours, Walking groups/tours, Picnics at Royal Bay Beach, Jordie Lunn Park in Westhills, Devonian Park trail in Metchosin, Fort Rodd Hill, Whiffen Spit in Sooke, Christmas Potluck, Christmas Music Bingo, Speakers from The Skywalk, BC Parks, Ocean Networks Canada, CRA, local businesses and activities.

Discussion around meeting locations was considered. To be brought up again after our Sept meeting.

The October AGM in Tsawwassen was discussed, and decided to send as many delegates as possible. Al and Colleen will share a room and Tammy and Valeska will share another room. Others can catch a ride with those and costs can be shared. Our branch will be ratified at that meeting, so it is important to have a good contingency to represent.

Tammy shared a copy of a “thinking of you” note that is sent to ailing members. A Goodwill note should be part of our plan, so further discussion will be needed on deciding the format, process and owner of this duty.

Al is still researching locations, guests, & special speakers for our Nov general meeting.

Our next meeting will be Sept 20, 2022 from 1 – 3 pm at the Gilbert Cade Memorial Hall 50 & Up Club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am