



British Columbia Government Retired Employees Association

September 10, 2024 General Meeting

At 1:05 pm Lynda Hoel welcomed everyone to Gilbert Cade Memorial Hall, Langford 50 & Up Club, 2637 Sunderland Road in Langford, BC. There were **20** members in attendance. Tammy Welch covered hall housekeeping items.

6 new attendees and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Doug Wint, Dave Hall, Tom Colgrave, Janet Brunelle, James & Barbara Shalkowsky.

Lynda acknowledged the traditional territories of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations communities on which we live.

Tammy Welch introduced the guest speaker, Daralynn Wei, Orderly Affairs. Handouts were provided and Daralynn accommodated Q & A's then stayed after her talk for one on one questions from members.

Tammy thanked Daralynn for her informative talk and presented her with a handmade thank-you card and a gift card to show our appreciation.

There was a break for refreshments, followed by a short business meeting. Lynda called for a moment of silence for our members who are dealing with personal and health issues.

Treasurer's Report (Tammy Welch): The current bank balance is **\$2,583.29**

Membership Report (Valeska Campbell): Our current membership is **334** members.

Face Book Report (Sharon Stewart): There are now **88** members on Face Book.

Report on Hike to Sooke & back (Dale Chandler): Next stage of the hike is scheduled for Monday Sept. 23. We will meet in the parking lot at Roche Cove and walk back to where we turned around at the last hike. We will have two more stages to go in our hike and then we will arrive in Sooke! New participants will need to sign a waiver

Up-Coming Activities:

- Next Stage Hike to Sooke & back – September 23 at 1 pm.
- October 8, Duncan Open House at the Cowichan Community Centre
- Next General Meeting / Social Gathering – November 12, speaker Debra Swain from COSCO
- Attendance Incentive: The amount of the draw was reset back to \$20. Ronald Taylor's name was selected, but unfortunately he was not present to claim the prize. \$20 will be added to the pot and the amount to be won at the next meeting will be \$40.
- Hallowe'en Ghost Walk at Ross Bay Cemetery October 27, 2:00 PM. Details in future e-blast
- Provincial AGM October 16 in Tsawwassen. Al, Valeska, Tammy and Colleen will be attending.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40pm. Members enjoyed zucchini bread, cookies, aussie bites, tea & coffee during our social break and end of meeting time.

Minutes recorded by Valeska Campbell