

## BCGREA Abbotsford Branch #100

Minutes of Branch Meeting held at CHANCES CASINO, Meeting Room, 30835 Peardonville Road, ABBOTSFORD, BC MARCH 13, 2023 at 1PM.

PRESENT: Members-23

Local Executive: President-Connie Capostinsky,

Treasurer: Mark Perry, Past President-Jerry Gosling

Quest: Patrick Harkness-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Provincial Executive.

### WELCOME:

Connie welcomed the members and asked how often local branch meetings should be held and the consensus was every 3 months, and the members agreed for the meetings to be held at the Chances Meeting Room.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have \$6844 in the Bank and we are expecting the local branch allotment from Provincial to be approx. \$1500, to be received later This month, bringing our bank balance to: \$8344.

### MEMBERSHIP:

OCT/22 we had 216 , and with the campaign to bring in new members we gained 96 & 25 new retirees, bringing our total membership to 337(56%) increase.

### SENOIRS DISCOUNTS:

Members were reminded to refer to the BCGREA Provincial Web Site Branch 100 to review discounts we can obtain for purchases & services.

COSCO:

Jerry provided information on the services of COSCO and referred to pamphlet's members could review.

QUEST SPEAKER:

Patrick reviewed how membership dues are split \$12 Provincial and \$8 for local branches. Our affinity partners provide some income for us based on the membership usage of their services. Our bylaws need to be changed to reflect we are a member's pay organization, and our Constitution/Bylaws need to be updated to reflect this.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A general discussion took place regarding what content the members would like in future branch meetings and some suggestions were:

Presentation: Pharmacist regarding prescription medication.

Our affinity partners: ie. Johnson Insurance, Hearing Life  
Local police or RCMP regarding Home/Personal Safety &  
Protection from various Scams.

The branch Executive is exploring different local events members could attend to get to know each other, and create more interest in the branch activities, to be funded or partially funded, by the branch during 2023. If you have any ideas in this regard, let us know.

NEXT BRANCH MEETING: JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> 1PM at CHANCES CASINO Meeting Room.