

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for April 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Tuesday April 16

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12 noon with 21 in attendance including guest speaker.
2. **Moment of Silence** to honour and remember past members; friends and family; our military and those we rely on in emergency services. We shall not forget them.
3. **Grace** was given by Peter Maguire.
4. **Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - Peter Maguire will be attending the Spring Director's meeting April 24th in Kelowna. Peter asked if members had any queries or feedback for him to take forward to the meeting, to let him know prior to April 22.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held Mar. 20 at Canton Garden were read, by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Lynne Burger and Rick Porcina) Carried.

6. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time.

Vice-Chair: position vacant

Secretary: Dawn Stublely;

- Update to Branch 2000 meeting notice published in the bimonthly local publication What's On, clarifying membership as those receiving a Public Service Pension plan or a plan administered by the BC pension Corporation not a BC government pension as was previously incorrectly stated. It was then requested by the editor that we reduce the number of overall words which was done and submitted. With no response we'll have to see how it worked out in the next issue.

Treasurer: provided by Lynne Burger;

- Lynne reviewed March's Financial Report. MSC to accept as read (Peter Maguire and Val Stevenson) Carried.

- Lynne B. has been invited to a special Branch Treasurers meeting in Kelowna, April 23, the evening prior to the Directors meeting. This meeting will be introducing the new Provincial Treasurer. Unfortunately, due to prior commitments, Lynne won't be able to attend.
- Starting in May, BCGREA Canton lunches will be increased by \$1. So please bring \$12 in cash next month. Thank you to Chuck and Canton Gardens for continuing to host our General Meetings. *Secretary's note: next issue of What's On will have previous lunch price. Subsequent issue will need to be updated.*

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is now at 156 members with one new member, Bruce Morgan.

Transportation: If you need a ride to meetings or if we can assist in any way, please contact Chair and transportation coordinator Gord Griffeth at 604 793-3301, or any of the executive.

- Nothing at this time.

COSCO (Council of Seniors Citizens' Organizations of BC): COSCO website www.coscobc.ca The BCGREA is a COSCO affiliate and meets monthly at Hastings Community Centre, Vancouver. Pat Harkness.

- See our website for link to COSCO newsletter with notice of COSCO founder Art Kube's obituary. COSCO supports seniors and lobbies government in Ottawa on their behalf.
- COSCO is cohosting a one-day forum May 17th 9am to 4 pm; a free workshop for older adults on safe medication use. Rick has updated the link to register on the Branch 2000 website. Pat plans to attend and has a few available seats in his van for others if they are interested. Please see Pat after the meeting.
- Pat also is involved in developing National Standards for an Aging Society including: 1. Age inclusive workforce; 2. Dementia inclusive communities and 3. Care inclusive organizations, supporting care givers, those that also work and provide care, for things such as flexible time.

Communications/Web Master: Rick Porcina.

- Website is current.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- If there is any one you would like to hear from or topics you think members would be interested in for the fall and next spring, please see Delores.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- See Chairs opening remarks. Peter will be attending the spring Director's meeting held in Kelowna and will update us at the next General meeting.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: by Delores Hiles:

- Delores introduced Tom Maclean, cofounder and Director of Sales and Marketing of a new BCGREA service provider "Trip Merchant". info@tripmerchant.com
- Tom guided us on how to access Trip Merchant through the Provincial BCGREA Website and explained all what Trip Merchant is and what it can provide to us. Tom showed us by use of a "on the wall" projection. Trip Merchant has negotiated special membership savings directly with travel suppliers. They work with a wide variety of travel suppliers that represent different travel styles in order to accommodate many traveler preferences. Trip Merchant has also created a Loyalty Program in which one can enroll after once you have made your first booking as well as place to share your travel experiences under Member Experiences. Offers available to members on the site are also extended to the member's friends and family. Trip merchant is all digital with savings in not having printed product.
- Tom then enthusiastically took us through an upcoming hosted trip to Egypt in January 2020 with appealing pictures of fabulous hotels, pyramids, cruising the Nile, the red sea and riding camels. The 2-week tour is sold out but they are collecting names on a wait list with the hope of announcing a second departure date.
- Sign up for Trip Merchant's twice monthly newsletter directly on the site, so that you can be notified of group departures, new deals, live online travel presentations, last minute offers and other travel news to keep you up to date. Tom promises not to bombard you with emails.
- For those members interested in travel, this sounds like a service provider and link to check out.

8. Old Business:

- Member Bob W. wanted to advise members that with the recent letter sent out by BCGREA service provider, Hearing Life, he was able to get a further discount on his hearing aids.

9. New Business:

- See reports above and remember starting in May, the Canton lunch will be \$12.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$14.00 was won by Gord Griffeth. Congratulations!

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm. The next executive meeting will be 10:15 am, May 17 at the Chilliwack Library and the next general meeting 11:30 am May 21, 2019, at Canton Gardens.

**Cheam View Branch BCGREA #2000
Financial Statement March 2019**

1) March 1, 2019 Opening Balance		\$	3,019.22
2) Income			
a) February Interest on March Statement		\$	0.02
b) Dues 2 @ \$20.00			40.00
c) 50/50			14.50
d) Meals Collected			275.00
e)			
Total Income		\$	329.52
	Balance	\$	3,348.74
3) Expenses			
a) Ck#0024 voided		\$	
b) Ck#0025 Canton Gardens 26 meals			286.00
Total Expenses		\$	286.00
	Balance	\$	3,062.74
4) Balanced Bank Statement		\$	3,062.74