

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for December 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Tuesday Dec. 17, 2019.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:00 noon with 38 in attendance including guest pianist (37 lunches).
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 Joe Hahn.
4. **Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - Merry Christmas. Welcome guests including new member Fred Smith who has transferred in from Branch 600.
 - We're going to keep the business portion of today's meeting as short as possible to enable us to enjoy our Christmas luncheon.
 - Gord is happy to announce the 1.7% pension increase in January 2020.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held Nov. 19 at Canton Garden were read, (an abbreviated version referencing full minutes on our website) by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Lynne Burger and Anita Hahn) Carried.

6. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Gord has ordered a new banner for BCGREA Branch 2000.
- Provincial looking for a replacement to look after the new Central data base between membership and pension. See Gord for more information if you're interested in applying.

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

- Pat asks us to be aware that as in January we will no longer be paying for MSP, to watch

if you have direct withdrawal or direct from pension, that it's no longer being removed.

Treasurer: provided by Lynne Burger;

- Reviewed the details of the November bank statement. Current balance \$3,119.37. Financial Report MSC to accept as read (Peter Maguire and Richard Porcina) Carried.

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is 149 members. Last month's guest Larry Patterson joined since last meeting.
- Sympathy card for Ken Thompson is being circulated on the passing of his partner, Lexa Fehr.

Secretary: Dawn Stublely;

- Nothing at this time.

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. Branch 2000 contact: Pat Harkness.

- Christmas event at COSCO's December's meeting but Pat attended our executive meeting instead. Pat plans on attending the COSCO January meeting.
- A two day COSCO convention is planned for Oct 4 and 5, 2020 in Richmond.
- Gord advised membership that the dates of the COSCO convention have also resulted in the BCGREA October AGM meeting to be moved forward to join up with the COSCO convention dates.

Communications/Web Master: Rick Porcina.

- Website is up to date.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Delores announced that Feb, will see Pat Harkness presenting a COSCO Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute Workshop to members, topic to be announced.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- Peter thanked everyone for coming.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: by Delores Hilles:

- No guest speaker today, but guest Cynthia will be joining Delores for “a little bit about Christmas”.

8. Old Business:

- See previous reports.

9. New Business:

- A large thank you to members for your generous donations both in food and cash for the Salvation Army Food bank. Thank you to Pat Harkness who has volunteered to take all the food bank items to the Salvation Army after the luncheon.
- Thank you to Cantons for a wonderful traditional Turkey dinner, carols on the piano by pianist Pat Teichgrab, to our regular server Jeanine, and to Delores and guest Cynthia for “a little bit about Christmas”.
- A special thank you to William Snow for his generous donation of a framed original eagle photo and three individual portrait sessions valued at \$150 each (or same value in photo prints) for gift draws. And to all those kindly donating wrapped gifts to our gift table. Thank you.
- Gord concluded the business part of the meeting with a joke.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$37.00 was won by guest, Cynthia. Congratulations

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm with festivities continuing until 2 pm.

The next executive meeting date Feb. 14, 2020 at the Chilliwack Library; General meeting Feb. 18, 2020 at Canton Gardens.

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Financial Statement November 2019

1. November Opening Balance	\$ 3,219.51
2. Income	
a) October Interest on Nov. Statement	\$ 0.03
b) 50/50	17.50
c) Collected for meals	288.00
d) Dues 3 @ \$20	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 365.62
BALANCE	\$ 3,445.62
3. Expenses	
a) Less paid cash for meals incl. guest spkr.	\$ 300.00
b) ck#0037 L. Burger – exec. Mtg. room	<u>26.25</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 326.25

BALANCE **\$ 3,119.37**

4. Confirmed Bank Balance **\$ 3,119.37.**