

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for February 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Tuesday Feb. 19.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:00 pm with 18 in attendance including 2 guest speakers.
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 in Joe Hahn's absence.
4. **Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - Gord has placed minutes of the last three COSCO minutes on the counter at the back if anyone wishes to read a printed copy. Minutes are also available through a link on our website.
 - BCGEU celebrating 100 years, if anyone has stories or anecdotes to share please see their website.
 - Gord received an email regarding the new BCGREA Trip Merchant Travel site and offering co-Founder and Director of sales and Marketing Tom Maclean as possible guest speaker on how to use the site, find travel deals and well as how to make requests. For those interested see <https://bcgreatripmerchant.ca/> password BCGREATTM18
 - Other correspondence rec'd included that The Pen is now available online or hard copy; from the Royal Hotel offering a possible alternate lunch meeting location; Trip Advisor with a trip to Spain and Portugal with the unfortunate deadline of today.
 - No new members of guests. Poor turnout today probably due to today's snowy weather and snow fall although roads were clear, Canton's parking lot has an inch or so accumulation.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held Dec 18 at Canton Garden were read, by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Delores Hiles and Val Stevenson) Carried.
6. **Reports:**

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time, see opening remarks.

Vice-Chair: position vacant

Secretary: Dawn Stuble;

- Regrets for not being able to attend meeting received from Joe and Anita Hahn and Pat Harkness.
- March's executive meeting will not held at the Chilliwack Public Library due to School programs in the meeting room for the month of March. We are booked back in the library meeting room for April and May. Lynne B. has investigated the option of the new Chilliwack Curling Rink's Board Room which has a lower cost than Decades. Next Executive meeting will be in the Chilliwack Curling Rink boardroom 10 am Friday March 15. Returning to the Library in April. Our Guest speaker Bridget McLachlan from Chartwell retirement residence, (Lynnwood), has kindly offered a meeting room in the future if we need one. Dawn to follow up Bridget on the possibility.
- Acknowledgement to regular guest William Snow, for having another of his photographs published in the local newspaper.

Treasurer: provided by Lynne Burger;

- Lynne reviewed Financial Reports to date to include December and January. There does appear to be a slight outage unaccounted for of \$12.85. MSC to accept as read (Peter Maguire and Harondel Sibble) Carried

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership is 154 members.
- Newsletter has been created for February, with many pictures included from our Christmas Luncheon. Thanks Lynne.

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.

- Rep. Pat Harkness Absent. See Gord's opening remarks.

Communications/Web Master: Rick Porcina.

- Updates to Website include: our February Newsletter and COSCO information from Pat Harkness with an audio of the Senior's Advocate address.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Unfortunately Robbie Clarke Snooks of CHILLTV was unable to attend our February meeting as previously planned. Thank you to Bridget McLachlan and Tracy Penner of Chartwell Retirement Residences for filling in on short notice.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- Peter reminded us that the Pension income tax statement is in the same envelope as the Pension summary and Newsletter and warned members not to throw it away by mistake. Peter speaks with some experience,

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: by Delores Hiles:

- Guest Speakers Bridget McLachlan and Tracy Penner, are both Retirement Living Consultants from Canadian owned Chartwell Retirement Residences. Bridget spoke about the three local Chartwell Residences of the many across Canada and what the Chartwell offers. The presentation covered some of the topics that they get a lot of questions about 1. The different care options available to seniors: a) independent living without the necessity of home and yard care yet having housekeeping, meals and activities b) Assisted living, a) with the addition of support for daily tasks such as medication administration or getting dressed and c) long term care where individuals need 24 hr nursing support in more of a clinical environment. Home Care is also an option to seniors, remaining in their own homes, thru Fraser Health or private companies. How much is a retirement residence going to cost me? Costs vary according to many different factors including location, the type of accommodation and the service package. Here in Chilliwack rental rates can fall between \$2200 - \$6000 per month depending on suite choice and level of care you require. \$195 per day is pretty standard. Next question private or public? Private pay on your own, public can be subsidized typically 70% of income goes to your residence, government pays remaining 30%.; Wait lists? can vary from home to home and are constantly changing perhaps 3 to 6 months. Do your research before you need to move, explore your options, what your preferences are earlier rather than later. How do I know I'm ready? Many come because they want to, not wanting to cook for themselves and want the social aspect. How do I get started? Research, online, visit, talk to residents, (are they happy), then get involved, come to play cards, have a meal etc.
- Bridget also introduced members to "Wish of a Lifetime Canada" which is open to any senior, not just Chartwell residences. It is funded thru fund raising, both Chartwell and community. Bridget encouraged applications and cited several examples of Wishes granted. For more info see WishofaLifetime.ca .

- Bridget wrapped up her talk with having a question and answer session with both her and Tracy answering the many questions members asked. For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Bridget at Lynnwood 604 7981496 or Tracy at Hampton House 6047950865 or see Chartwell.com or 18447278679.

8. Old Business:

- Our December Christmas luncheon appears to have been well received by everyone attending but if anyone has any feedback or suggestions to improve for next year please see any of the executive members.
- Question from member regarding the difference of Johnson’s extended Health and Green Shields. Peter Maguire responded.

9. New Business:

- No new business at this time. See previous reports.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$10.00 was won by Lynne Dennis. Congratulations!

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. The next executive meeting will be 10:00 am, March 15 at the new Chilliwack Curling Centre and the next general meeting 11:30 am March 19 2019, at Canton Gardens.

Financial Statement DECEMBER 2018

1.	DECEMBER 1, 2018 Opening Balance	\$	3,380.66
2.	Income		
	a) November Interest on December Statement	\$	0.03
	b) Dues 4 @ \$20.00		80.00
	c) 50/50		20.00

d) Meals Collected 418.00

e) Cancel ck #0014 50.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 568.03

BALANCE \$ 3,948.69

3. Expenses

a) ck #0016 COSCO membership \$ 100.00

b) ck #0017 Chwk Salvation Army 50.00

c) ck #0018 BCGREA Dues to Prov. 312.00

d) ck#0019 J. Myra - Christmas Bonus 40.00

e) ck#0020 L. Burger - postage 8.93

f) ck#0021 Canton 38 meals including guest 722.00

g) Short on deposit 12.85

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,245.78

BALANCE 2,702.91

4. Bank Statement balance 3114.91

less Ck#0016 COSCO BCGREA 100.00

less Ck#0018 BCGREA 312.00

2702.91

Financial Statement JANUARY 2019

1.	JANUARY 1, 2019 Opening Balance	\$	2,702.91
2.	Income		
	a) December Interest on January Statement	\$	0.03
	b) Dues @ \$20.00		
	c) 50/50		
	d) Meals Collected		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	0.03
	BALANCE	\$	2,702.94
3.	Expenses		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	0.00
	BALANCE		2,702.94
4.	Bank Statement balance		3014.94
	less Ck#0018 BCGREA		312.00
			2702.94