

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for June 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Tuesday June 18

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12 noon with 19 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 Joe Hahn.
4. **Opening Remarks** by chair Gord Griffeth;
 - No new members or first-time guests present.
 - Nothing further at this time.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held May 21 at Canton Garden were read, by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Rick Porcina and Lynne Dennis) Carried.

6. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time.

Vice-Chair: Patrick Harkness

- Absent

Treasurer: provided by Lynne Burger;

- Lynne B. reviewed May's Financial Report. MSC to accept as read (Anita Hahn and Brian Taylor) Carried.
- A huge thank you to member Brian Taylor, who has volunteered to take on the executive position of backup treasurer.

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is now at 150 members. All 2019 dues have been received except one, which is pretty good. One new member, Betty March from Corrections.
- Lynne D. has prepared a June newsletter, printed copies are on the counter at the back and will be updated on our website.

Secretary: Dawn Stublely;

- Please remember our next general meeting will not be until October 15, here at Canton Gardens.
- The AGM meeting in the fall (Oct 16, the day after our general meeting) will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Richmond. Meeting notice and information package usually arrives first of September. As we don't have a September meeting, we'll have to do some organization of attendees etc. by email prior to the meeting,

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.

- Pat absent.

Communications/Web Master: Rick Porcina.

- Rick corrected information reported at the Executive meeting that our BCGREACH.com website needed renewal, it is actually good until Jan. 23 2020. It's the Domain registration that requires renewal. With renewal it will be good until June 11, 2021. The cost for Domain (and privacy Protection) renewal is approx. \$88 Canadian. We are proceeding with renewal although Rick is currently in the process of working out some of the issues with doing so.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Delores has a couple guest speakers in mind for October and November but will firm up closer to the meeting dates.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- The Abbotsford Branch appears to be in difficulties again with only one Executive running the entire Branch. Provincial plans to convene a meeting in the Abbotsford Branch on September 4 to assist Branch 100 in pulling their membership together with additional new Executive members. An invitation will also be extended to the Chilliwack and Langley branches to participate. Peter has volunteered to attend and report back to us in October.

- Peter would also like to thank the current executive of Branch 2000 for continuing another year, and thanks Brian for coming on board as well.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: by Delores Hiles:

- Delores introduced Jack Bryceland, of the Chilliwack Search and Rescue. Jack showed us a short power point presentation and spoke as to how the Chilliwack Search and Rescue came about (starting with the Plane crash on Mt. Slesse in the 1950's, faded out in the 1960's but back again to stay in 1974 with the initiative of the Rover Scouts); a bit about its 35 members, all volunteers, (both our Chair Gord and member Jack Kouwenhoven are past members, Patrick Harkness in Provincial Emergency Program); the training, many courses but the most important thing is that they can get along with others; the type of rescues they perform including equipment and types of rescue vehicles; the area they cover; (same as RCMP, Fraser River to the North, USA border to the south, Vedder Canal to the West and Agassiz Bridge to the East, other groups Abbotsford, Kent and Agassiz, and Hope.) Provincially over 2000 volunteers in 70 groups. And who can call the volunteers out; (used to be strictly RCMP now many agencies in addition to RCMP, ambulance, fire, Canadian coast guard, corners', Rescue coordinator and Parks board.) Rescues involve lost or injured hikers or climbers, lots of water calls, stranded fishermen, water incidents, lake, river, creeks; lost children; dirt bike and ATV accidents; missing adults having dementia. They're no longer able to use scuba divers. Use helicopters both for rescue and gear recovery.
- It was a very interesting talk, particularly all the real stories of example rescues.
- Interesting notes included that Chilliwack actually performs more rescues than searches; recoveries, some are fatalities; the number of calls per year are increasing with an average of 70 to 75, with erratic spacing', can be weeks without a call, then perhaps three in short succession. This year to date there has been 37 calls.
- More information can be found on the internet at <https://Chilliwacksar.org> .

8. Old Business:

- Joe Hahn confirmed his intention of remaining as an executive member for another term.

9. New Business:

- Joe Hahn has serious concerns regarding the continuing mail outs of BCGREA service providers (also called third party suppliers or BCGREA partners), in particular, Hearing Life, using the membership listing as a general mail out listing and also mail outs under the BCGREA letter head without a return address on

the envelope. They appear to have vastly exceeded the allowable two per year. Although Joe recognizes this has been discussed in recent meetings, Joe has been absent and feels strongly that this is a breach of the privacy act, that members should have the right to opt out of having their address automatically given out, even to Provincial approved third party suppliers or partners. Joe put out a motion on the floor to present this to the Resolutions committee. Lynne Burger seconded; majority passed by show of hands. Peter and Joe were going to get together to draft out letter.

Secretary note: the general minutes of March 20 recorded that there is a process for dealing with customer concerns and complaints and information regarding BCGREA Partners which Hearing Life is one. See the BCGREA main website, under "What is BCGREA" including the "Privacy Policy statement".

For easier reference see attached below for a copy of the BCGREA Privacy Policy Statement which also outlines process of complaint or concern.

- Delores invited members to attend the Sardis Kiwanis Canada Day Pancake Breakfast: 8 am to 11am July 1st \$5.00 at Evergreen Hall. Hopes to see a lot of members there.
- Gord ended the meeting with a joke and wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$11.00 was won by Peter Maguire. Congratulations!

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm. The next executive meeting will be 10:15 am, October 11 at the Chilliwack Library (location to be confirmed, we can only book 3 month ahead) and the next general meeting, October 15 at Canton Gardens.

Cheam View Branch BCGREA #2000 Financial Statement May 2019

1) May 1, 2019 Opening Balance	\$	3,062.77
2) Income		
a) April Interest on May Statement	\$	0.02
b) Dues 2 @ \$20.00		40.00
c) 50/50		18.00
d) Meals Collected		276.00

e) BCGREA Dues Checkoff		880.00
f) Cash carried forward		3.00
Total Income	\$	1217.02
	Balance	\$ 4,279.79
3) Expenses		
a) Ck #0026 Canton 24 meals @\$12 incl. guest	\$	288.00
Total Expenses		
	Balance	\$ 3,991.79
4) Balanced Bank Statement	\$	3,988.79
Short Carry Forward	\$	3.00

BCGREA <https://bcgre.ca/privacy-policy-statement/>

Privacy Policy Statement

B.C. Government Retired Employees' Association Bulletin (posted 26-Feb-05, updated 25-Jan-14)

Re: Your Privacy Matters

At BCGREA we understand and respect our members' need for privacy. This note explains how we protect your right to privacy. And it tells you how you are in control of the way your personal information will be used.

What information do we keep, and how do we use it?

When you requested membership in the BCGREA, you gave us information about yourself, which we added to a membership file. We may also need to collect information about you from other sources such as the BC Pension Corporation. We maintain records of each member, which allows us to conduct all the necessary business of administering membership.

In what other ways is information used?

At times we use third party suppliers outside BCGREA to help us provide the services we offer (for example, insurance companies and mailing firms), which may involve sharing some of your personal information. We require our third-party suppliers to maintain the confidentiality of your information by not using or disclosing your information for unauthorized purposes or without your consent.

You can see your personal information

You can see your personal information. Just call our provincial office at our toll-free number 1-866-729-9299, or by contacting the membership chair of your local branch, and we will be happy to share – or correct – any information you have with us. If you are requesting to see your information, we may ask you to put your request in writing, and there may be a charge for such a

request. If so, we will advise you of this in advance. We will respond to any request regarding your personal information within 30 days. If we need to extend that time, or we have to refuse your request, we will tell you why, subject to any legal restrictions.

Are there limits to how information will be shared?

Your identifying information (like name and address) and your highly sensitive information (like your SIN) will never be shared outside BCGREA or its third-party suppliers without your previous written consent (unless we are requested or permitted by law).

If you wish, you can further limit how your information is used by calling our toll-free number. You can ask not to be included in any future communications about other products or services.

Our Service Commitment to You

We treat your personal information with respect and care, and we use it only to serve you better. Part of our commitment to your right to privacy is to make it easier than ever before for you to understand – and control – how your information will be used.

Your privacy matters to us, because it matters to you.

If you would like additional information on BCGREA’s privacy policy and practices, you can request a copy of the privacy policy contained in our Policies and Procedures Manual. A copy of this manual is also available through your local branch.

Re – Your Right to be Treated Fairly and to Have Your Concerns Heard

We have created a process for dealing with customer concerns and complaints. If you have a complaint or concern, we encourage you to follow the complaint procedure outlined here.

Contact BCGREA at 1-866-729-9299.

If further discussion is required, contact BCGREA’s First Vice-President and Privacy Officer,
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T. 250-998-4432 or 250-612-9445.

Should you not be able to accept the conclusion of BCGREA’s Privacy Officer, you can appeal to the B. C. Government’s Privacy Commissioner, charged with powers and duties under the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).

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