

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for March 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Wednesday Mar. 20

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12:05 pm with 26 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;
 - Guests today include regulars as well as Gord's sister, Lorna and Dawn's partner, Harry. Welcome.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held Feb 19 at Canton Garden were read, by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Lynne Burger and Val Stevenson) Carried.

6. Reports:

Chair: provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Meeting notice in Kelowna passed on to Peter for further review. Peter indicated he wouldn't be able to attend the spring directors meeting in Tsawwassen, not sure if it's this one in Kelowna. Gord advised that it was announced at the fall AGM meeting that the hotel that has always been used for the Tsawwassen meetings would not be available in 2019 due to a major overhaul.

Vice-Chair: position vacant

Secretary: Dawn Stuble;

- Remember to register to claim your exemption for the BC's Speculation and Vacancy Tax by March 31, 2019.
- Thank you to everyone for your attendance today, especially with the unexpected date change requested by Canton. Peter advises that he has never in his 9 years had them request a date change to our monthly meeting.

Treasurer: provided by Lynne Burger;

- Lynne reviewed February's Financial Report. MSC to accept as read (Peter Maguire and Delores Hiles) Carried

Membership: provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is 155 members including 2 new members. We've actually had 8 new members for 2018-2019. Our latest members indicated that they had attended three retirement sessions and had heard about the BCGREA at all three meetings.

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 but sent on two items he would like members to know about.
- 1. Prescription "dispensing fees" matter: The Canadian Administrative Underwriting Services Inc. published a 60 page document that outlined the various 'average fees' charged by pharmacies when they dispense your prescription. Now one must understand that the dispensing fee is for each prescription independently. Here's the link to their 60 page document: <http://www.manionwilkins.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Dispensing-Fee-Report-Q4-2016-EN-All-Prov-minus-ON.pdf> At the same time, they produced a one-page display of those fees and it's available through our website. One additional note; you don't have to be a Costco member to have your prescriptions filled there.
- Peter Maguire noted that Pharmacare allows \$10 per prescription.
- 2. BC Hydro's Customer-Crisis-Fund (CCF): Residential customers experiencing a temporary financial crisis may be eligible for assistance. The two documents available on through our website, outline in one page) the details while the other is the 7 page application that must be completed and submitted. Details are self-explanatory in the one-pager and in more detail on the application.
- Pat has also kindly provided a hard copy of the documents for those interested or if you're unable to access a computer. See Gord after the meeting.

Communications/Web Master: Rick Porcina.

- Updates to Website include: COSCO information from Pat Harkness see report above and link to seniors advocate report on programs both Provincial and Federal.

Guest Speakers: facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Delores has speakers lined up for the meetings up to June and is actively looking into our fall lineup. If there is any one you would like to hear from or topics you think members would be interested in please see Delores.
- Delores also thanked the executive for their continued support and efforts in keeping our Branch alive and kicking. A big thank you in return to Delores as well.

Directors/Past Chairs: Peter Maguire;

- See reports above. Peter also requested correction to publication, What's On in regards to BCGREA membership requirement. It's a requirement to have a public Service Pension plan or a plan administered by the BC pension Corporation not a BC government pension as currently incorrectly stated. Secretary to send in correction.

7. Introduction of Guest Speaker: by Delores Hiles:

- Guest Speaker Mike Rutyter, Sales Manager of Ugly Trucks in Chilliwack. After introducing himself and stressing his desire to educate people, Mike explained what the term "curbing" is (unlicensed selling multiple vehicles for profit). If you lose money buying privately its' extremely hard to get your money back. Mike told us a true story of someone that had a very bad experience then spoke to us about what to watch for in purchasing used vehicles.
- Research what you need, who you are buying from. Ask to see the seller's driver's license and match with name on registration papers. If it doesn't match, ask to talk to owner. "Bridging is illegal." If it's too good of deal to be true, it usually is. Watch for "lipstick and rouge", tricks done to make the vehicle look good, like washing the engine to cover multiple oil leaks.
- Look up Carfax.com . Carfax, Inc. is a commercial web-based service that supplies vehicle history reports to individuals and businesses on used cars and light trucks for the American and Canadian consumers.
- Get a pre purchase mechanical inspection. At least 15 good shops in town that will provide pre purchase mechanical inspections for \$90-100 dollars. If the seller is discouraging you to do so, back away. Goggle to check out mechanical shops but be sure to read entire reviews.
- Watch for pop up dealerships, they could actually be curbers. Make sure the dealership is licensed.

8. Old Business:

- None noted.

9. New Business:

- Question from member regarding recent mail out received by BCGREA members from Hearing Life and National Affiliates and how are members addresses used. Peter Maguire responded. More information can be found on the Provincial BCGREA website under “What is BCGREA” including the “Privacy policy statement”, where there is details on the process for dealing with customer concerns and complaints and information regarding BCGREA Partners which Hearing Life is one, under the “Member services” heading.
- Another member raised concern about the issue of the increasing number of drug ads on Canadian Television Channels which are questionable under federal law. Member urged others to write and forward a letter to our MP in this regard.

10. 50/50 Draw: the winning ticket for \$14.50 was won by Dawn Stublely. Congratulations!

11. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm. The next executive meeting will be 10:15 am, April 12 at the Chilliwack Library and the next general meeting 11:30 am April 16 2019, at Canton Gardens.

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Financial Statement February 2019

1) February 1, 2019 Opening Balance		\$	3,014.94
2) Income			
a) January Interest on February Statement	\$	0.02	
b) Dues 3 @ \$20.00			60.00
c) 50/50			10.00
d) Meals Collected			187.00
e) Sale of Pin			3.00
Total Income	\$	260.02	
	Balance	\$	3,274.96
3) Expenses			
a) Ck#0022	L. Dennis - ink	\$	57.74
b) Ck#0023	Canton Gardens 18 meals incl guest		198.00
Total Expenses		\$	255.74
	Balance	\$	3,019.22
4) Balanced Bank Statement		\$	3,019.22