

# BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View General Meeting Minutes for May 2019, held at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack; Tuesday May 21

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1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gord Griffeth, Chair, at 12 noon with 24 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 attended the Spring Director's meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna and will include in his report later in the meeting.
5. **Minutes of Last General Meeting** held April 16 at Canton Garden were read, by secretary. Request for any Errors and Omissions was made, MSC to accept (Patrick Harkness and Delores Hiles) Carried.

## 6. Reports:

**Chair:** provided by Gord Griffeth;

- Nothing further at this time.

**Vice-Chair:** position vacant

**Treasurer:** provided by Lynne Burger;

- Lynne reviewed April's Financial Report. MSC to accept as read (Val Stevenson and Harondel Sibble) Carried.

**Membership:** provided by Lynne Dennis;

- Membership for Branch 2000 is now at 151 members. Lynne has 11 letters to send out requesting 2019 dues. Those members having dues deducted from their pension, should have seen that occur from the March pension. Five members have dropped off the listing of those having dues deducted from pension.
- There is ongoing discussion at Provincial about the possibility of an ID number instead of using SIN number. Stay tuned.

**Secretary:** Dawn Stuble;

- Update to Branch 2000 meeting notice published in the bimonthly local publication What's On, for July and August, will include the increase to \$12 in our lunch cost. Although we have no meetings over these two summer months, executive agreed to continue the notice in the July/August edition.

**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](http://www.coscobc.ca) The BCGREA is a COSCO affiliate and meets monthly at Hastings Community Centre, Vancouver. Pat Harkness.

- COSCO cohosted a one-day forum May 17<sup>th</sup>; a free workshop for older adults on safe medication use. Patrick and Delores attended. The forum was well attended with attendees from all over the province. The focus was on "Deprescribing". What are the medications you're taking? How do they affect you and interact with the other prescribed and non-prescribed drugs you're taking? Patrick and Delores reported it was an extremely informative forum with lots of material available. Both Patrick and Delores were very enthusiastic about the topic and felt it was hugely impactful and relevant to members.
- Copies of COSCO news and other publications are available on the back counter for those interested.

**Communications/Web Master:** Rick Porcina.

- Website is current.

**Guest Speakers:** facilitated by Delores Hiles;

- Nothing further at this time.

**Directors/Past Chairs:** Peter Maguire;

- Peter attended the spring Director's meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna and gave us a thorough review of agenda with snapshots of guest speakers from his perspective. James Coccola, vice president of the BCGEU spoke on the union and its participation in the BCGREA; Tom Maclean, cofounder of BCGREA supplier Trip Merchant, gave pretty much the same talk he gave at our April General meeting; COSCO rep. (not Wayne Dermody) is taking on issues regarding Senior Driver Licensing; No show for speaker Albert Peeling, on upcoming changes to the Society Act which may impact BCGREA; new

Provincial Treasurer Allen Coccola, replacing the previous treasurer, David Adams, that quite unexpectedly passed away. Some changes but nothing drastic, possible Revenue Canada issues due to quite a large provincial balance, to protect non-profit status, \$500,000 to be moved, spending upcoming website improvements etc.; Kelowna branch is back in business; Victoria branch able to maintain with last minute executive positions filled; possible upcoming id number instead of SIN number.

- Regarding the previous concern of mail outs of approved service providers, they are allowed two mail outs per year under BCGREA letterhead. Peter did not receive any feedback or additional questions from Branch 2000 members to take forward to the meeting.
- The AGM meeting in the fall (Oct) will be held in Richmond.

#### **7. Introduction of Guest Speaker:** by Delores Hlles:

- Delores introduced Dave Serblowski, of the Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society. Dave showed us a shortened version of a power point presentation and spoke on How to Safeguard yourself from Crime.
- Dave started by saying that preventing crime isn't a police problem but a community problem, encouraging us to know your neighbours and get involved in crime prevention programs which are different between individual homes and multi housing. Never leave anything visible in your car. Make your home a hard target, removing lower limbs of yard trees, reducing shrub size, installing motion lights and security cameras, increasing visibility; keeping doors locked even when gardening; using good secure locks (use 2 3" screws in addition to 2 normal screws)' do not open door without knowing who it is. Report suspicious activity calling non-emergency number 4611. When going on vacation use timers on indoor lighting. For vehicle safety: keep doors locked; don't leave garage door opener in car; don't program home address on GPS; photocopy insurance papers, black out name and address on copy to keep in glove compartment, keeping original in another place in car such as under spare tire. Don't leave spare key secured under vehicle frame. Use anti-theft devices. Use bolts inside of screws on license plates. Always check inside of vehicle (using mini flashlight) before getting in. Personal safety included; beware of your surrounding; carry cell phone; wear high vis vest; carry flashlight and whistle. Safety on public transport: you can never be sure who's sitting beside you, don't sleep; check elevators before you enter. Protect your bike from theft: record serial number, photograph, use the '529 Garage' program. Record serial numbers of things of value, keep pictures of things of value in secure place, like a safety deposit box.
- More information can be accessed from the City of Chilliwack website under Public Safety and Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society.

## **8. Old Business:**

- Nothing at this time, see previous reports.

### **Executive Elections: see results below.**

- Peter Maguire, past chair, facilitated Branch 2000's 2019-20 Executive elections. Asking in turn through each position if there was any nominations or interest in running for the position. The entire previous executive each in turn offered to run for another term and was elected. Patrick Harkness also offered to take on the previously vacant Vice Chair position, there was no other candidates and Patrick was there by elected to Vice Chair. Patrick also volunteered to continue as COSCO rep. as well. Treasurer Lynne Burger requested members for assistance with the filling of a needed backup treasurer position. Anyone interested should speak to Lynne B. directly.

## **9. New Business:**

- Patrick Harkness spoke again to the importance of "Deprescribing", and his plan of incorporating a highlight at every future general meeting. He encouraged members to list prescribed and non-prescription drugs and take that list to your pharmacist and your family doctor to find out what does this pill do for you and what the possible side effects are. Be proactive. Drugs are oversupplied. Another attendee recommended always getting a second opinion.
- The BC old age pensioners' organization or BC Pensioner's and Seniors organization (BCOAPO); next conference is being held June 11-13 at the Sardis OAP hall. You have to register to attend at [pegscatstail@gmail.com](mailto:pegscatstail@gmail.com).
- Peter Maguire raised the issue of not having adequate Travel insurance or not answering all the questions regarding preconditions correctly when purchasing your Travel insurance: Beware of the high costs you may incur especially for snowbirds and even possibly outside of the province. Pay attention and do your homework.
- Gord Griffeth thanked all executive for agreeing to run again for another term.

**10. 50/50 Draw:** the winning ticket for \$18.00 was won by William Snow. The second draw for a beautiful photographic print, donated by William Snow, was won by Delores Hiles. Congratulations! And thank you to William, for his continuing support and generosity.

**11. Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm. The next executive meeting will be 10:15 am, June 14 at the Chilliwack Library and the next general meeting and last one before the summer break, 11:30 am June 18, 2019, at Canton Gardens.

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

<b>1) April 1, 2019 Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,062.74</b>
<b>2) Income</b>		
a) March Interest on March Statement	\$	0.03
b) Dues @ \$20.00		
c) 50/50		14.00
d) Meals Collected		220.00
e)		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>234.03</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,296.77</b>
<b>3) Expenses</b>		
a) Cash paid to Canton Gardens 21 meals	\$	231.00
b) Cash carried forward to deposit in May		3.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>234.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,062.77</b>
<b>4) Balanced Bank Statement</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,062.77</b>

**Branch 2000 Executive Elected May 21 2019**

**Chair:** Gord Griffeth.

**Vice Chair:** Patrick Harkness

**Secretary:** Dawn Stublely

**Treasurer:** Lynne Burger

**Membership:** Lynne Dennis and Rick Porcina

**Directors:**

**Treasurer back-up:** Vacant

**Communications:** Rick Porcina

**Speaker Coordinator:** Delores Hiles

**COSCO Rep:** Patrick Harkness

**Past Chair:** Peter Maguire

**\*Past Executive:** Joe Hahn

\*Joe Hahn was not present May 21, 2019 and has not confirmed.