



BC 15 - Annual General Meeting 2020-March-09
AGM Minutes - Draft
Elder Citizens Recreation Assn Prince George BC

President: Stephen Hryciuk
Treasurer: Marian Muir
Director at Large: Deb Tomlinson
Historian: Doug Howarth
Regrets: Doug Howarth, Ben Wiebe

Vice President: Rose Bowker
Secretary: Deb Nilsen
Seniors Liaison: Marilyn Rayner
Web, Members: Ben Wiebe

Meeting called to order by: Stephen Hryciuk

Time: 1:01 p.m.

Quorum: Yes – 22 members in attendance

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Member Introductions

Those attending introduced themselves and identified the federal agency for which they had worked.

AGENDA

Additions: No

Motion to accept new agenda: Lynne Hyatt

Seconded: Marilyn Rayner
Carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES - AGM – March 11, 2019

Review of previous AGM minutes

Errors or omissions: No

Motion to accept minutes of 2019 AGM: Marilyn Rayner

Seconded: Hennie Cook
Carried

PRESIDENT'S BRANCH REPORT:

The past year has been a very successful one for our branch.

- We have been nominated by National Office for a 2020 small "Branch Excellence Award" This award is given to a branch which has demonstrated overall excellence in the delivery of programs and activities

in support of at least two of the following key categories: Membership Recruitment and Engagement, Volunteer Recruitment Support and Advocacy initiatives that align with the Associations mission.

- Our Branch hosted an all candidates meet 'n' greet for the federal election.
- The Board, with the permission of the RCMP Vets, published their "Senior Guidebook to Safety and Security. This was published by the National Office in a Branch eblast and in the PG Council of Seniors (PGCOS) October "The Senior Times" newsletter.
- The Board had PGCOS also publish National Offices printed material for senior's priorities for the 2019 federal election.
- Past Branch board members with five to ten years service received National certificates and lapel pins in recognition for their service.
- Our website is up and running, members should start checking it regularly. All our Branch eblasts are published and circulated by National Office.
- National Strategic Plan upcoming this year – Reach 338 – we are one of the branches chosen to make contact with our federal MPs this coming year. The purpose is to make sure our members and our key priorities are seen and understood by every sitting member of parliament. We will be looking at options on how best to do this. Suggestions have been one-on-one meetings, community events, letters, phone calls, etc.
- Our Branch Strategic plan this year is to concentrate on membership, both increasing and retaining members.
- We plan on reviewing our bylaws and updating as necessary.
- We are still in search for a volunteer to replace our current historian as he is unable to continue. If you are interested, please contact a Board member after the meeting.

AMM: Being held June 9-11 to be attended by president and one other board member

District Information: Conferences - PRTC May 21-23 We will be sending 3 delegates – district covers expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial statements for the year ending Dec 31, 2019 were presented and the treasurer, Marian Muir went over them with the members.

2019 Annual Report

Motion to accept audited report showing a loss of \$2,381.52 as presented: Gerald Cooke

Seconded: Lynne Hyatt
Carried

2020 Budget Forecast

Motion to accept 2020 budget: Dave Croft

Seconded: Eileen Leinweber
Carried

Motion to close the equipment reserve & transfer the amount of \$1,612.71 to a new reserve for training.

Motion to accept: Marian Muir
Seconded: Deb Tomlinson
Carried

Motion to remove \$621.19 from special events to training.

Motion to accept: Marian

Seconded: Marilyn

Carried

VP REPORT: NPSW, Federal Election Recap (Meet n Greet)

- Attended a district conference in Chilliwack last May. The advocacy sessions prioritized goals and focus for the federal retirees. As a non-partisan organization, the federal election key priorities were retirement security, a National Seniors Strategy, support for veterans and their families, and pharmacare.
- As the branch advocacy liaison, Rose led two events. The first was a National Public Service Week (NPSW) coffee break session held on June 12, 2019 to thank federal employees for their service to Canadians. This year NPSW is June 14-20. We plan to host another event this year.
- The second was a meet “n” greet event held on Oct 3, 2019; 8 of the 10 invited federal election candidates attended. 54 people attended. The candidates were asked to focus on seniors as well as our Association’s priorities as highlighted in our national seniors’ strategy.
- Advocacy for the coming year will focus on our national strategy and *Reach 338* (as Steve mentioned in his report above). *Reach 338*, a 5-year plan, will establish a network of advocacy reps in all 338 ridings across Canada to liaise effectively with MPs. National office has prepared a briefing book for all MPs that provides an overview of our priorities. The district training conference to be held in May 2020 in Chilliwack will provide direction for this initiative.
- There are forms available, at the back of the room, if you want to switch to having your dues deducted at source on a monthly basis rather than making a yearly payment.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership Report: Stephen Hryciuk – have approximately 416 members in our branch

Historian Report: Stephen Hryciuk – Searching for a volunteer

Advocacy: Rose Bowker – see VP report above

HBO: We do not have an HBO officer. The few requests that we had were referred to National Office as they involved matters beyond our experience. A CPIC check is not necessarily required when dealing with vulnerable persons. Exact guidelines are found in our National Regulations 1.5 Vulnerable Sector.

Web Report: Stephen Hryciuk – website up and running now and is currently being developed.

Senior’s Liaison Report: Marilyn Rayner – if you have a medical appointment in Vancouver, the medical bus is free to you. If you don’t have an appointment and are a senior, you can pay \$20 and take the bus. I attend the “Seniors Liaison Advisory Committee” (SLAC) meetings (which is part of the PG Council Of Seniors). Monthly meetings take place from September to June.

Note from President, Stephen Hryciuk - Marilyn asked if those minutes could be published on our Web page. She was told that we are currently looking into having our Branch minutes put on our website. A decision about the SLAC minutes will have to wait until a later date.

Sage Report: Our very first branch report was submitted for the winter 2019 Sage magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

Branch Recognition Awards for years of service will be recognized yearly We will be in search of worthy candidates for 2020. We are aware that we have missed some members in the 2019 awards.

Administrative Area Boundaries: Several DRAFT proposals have been created. Maps received from National Office indicate that our borders are up to Smithers in the west, McKenzie in the north, McBride to the east but not the strip between McBride and BC Alta Border, and south on Hwy 97 from Quesnel to Margurite. The last draft mirrors the RCMP North District boundaries excluding Williams Lake and Valemont.

Recently found that our first Branch By Laws included Williams Lake and Valemount. The Federal Election Boundaries have Williams Lake and Valemount in the Prince George ridings. The request for administrative area changes will depict the entire north including WL and Valemount.

Veteran's Day Coffee : Looking for suggestions for an event.

National Association of Federal Retirees Website: www.federalretirees.ca

Branch Email: nafr@shaw.ca

Dates for 2020 General Meetings: June 8th, September 14th starting at 1:00 at ECRA. The Christmas luncheon is scheduled for December 14th and the venue has still to be determined.

Election of 2020 Executive

By-law 5.1.1 requires a minimum of three (3) and no more than seven (7) members.

Nominations from nomination representative – Lynne Hyatt:

Stephen Hryciuk, Rose Bowker, Marian Muir, Deb Nilsen, Deb Tomlinson and Marilyn Rayner have agreed to stand.

Nominations from the floor:

Deb T. nominates Eileen Lienweber

By acclamation, Eileen Lienweber joins the board.

New Board of Directors: Stephen Hryciuk, Rose Bowker, Marian Muir, Deb Nilsen., Deb Tomlinson., Marilyn Rayner and Eileen Leinweber

Draw Winners: Fay, Lynne, Sandra

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:50

Attachments: Financial Statements for year ending Dec 31, 2019 and Budget for the upcoming 2020 year.