

BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292,
411 Gorge Road East, Victoria, B.C.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Jim Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Erika Kanczula, David Stinson, J. Ray Webber, Benny Wong

Regrets: Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda:

M/ Ray S/ Benny Carried

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024, meeting

M/ Patricia S/ Ray Carried

1. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

David chaired the meeting in Libby's absence.

- The call for volunteer recognition has been commenced by NO.
- It was mentioned that press reports stated that the federal Public Service Pension Fund was in a surplus position to the extent that the Cabinet could remove the surplus, as the law permits, without affecting the viability of the Fund. The surplus has been moved to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The press reports made no mention of surpluses in the Canadian Forces Pension Fund or the RCMP Pension Fund. The comment was made that it would be good if the surplus could be used to help Canadians adversely affected by the so-called "gold digger clauses" in the main federal superannuation acts. Unfortunately, that cannot happen because the three Acts and the associated regulations would need to be amended, something which would take many months.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Erika

- Erika advised that the data from the last several weeks of 2024 had not been entered by National Office staff in the Branch financial statement. The 2024 statements were not available to be reviewed or received.
- It was agreed that Erika will ask Cathy Schuetze to be the reviewer of the Branch accounting forms for the annual report for 2024.

C. ADVOCACY: Benny

Nothing to report at this time.

D. HEALTH BENEFITS: David

Nothing to report at this time.

E. MEMBERSHIP: Ray
Nothing to report at this time.

F. RECRUITMENT: All
Nothing to report at this time.

G. SPEAKERS PROGRAM: Patricia
The speaker for FireSmart Program has cancelled. Patricia will call other fire departments in the area to see if they have a speaker. It was suggested if we have some time available, perhaps ask the membership for feedback on the preferred partner programs.

H. PREFERRED PARTNER PROGRAM:
Nothing to report at this time.

I. WEBSITE:
Nothing to report at this time.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. January 14 General Meeting
The meeting will be a recruitment event and \$10 lunch vouchers will be provided.

Moved: David **Seconded:** Jim **Carried**

Erika reviewed the contract for booking meeting rooms in the Legion. For the next six months, January to June, Ray has been asked to book and confirm the Pro Patria Board Room in the Legion for the monthly BOD meetings. He will also book and confirm the Slater Room for the March AGM. For the period September to December, Ray will tentatively book the Slater Room for September and December general meetings and the Pro Patria Board Room for our monthly BOD meetings. It is anticipated that the committee for venue options will report in time for us to book meetings at new venues. If not, we will fall back on the tentative bookings that Ray will have made at the Legion and confirm the bookings.

B. Committee for Venue Meeting Options
Suggested criteria for a meeting venue are: availability of transit, appropriate public parking, coffee service available on site, light and sound system, and a minimum of amount of stairs or clear access to an elevator if applicable.

C. Business Cards
New cards will be ordered immediately after the AGM.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGM

- a. E-blast notification of AGM – Deferred until next meeting.
- b. Agenda – no additions at this time.
- c. 2024 Financial Statements – will be reviewed in February
- d. Budget 2025 – Discussed what activities will be undertaken in 2025 that need to be budgeted. It was suggested that Erika send out the 2024

budget to the directors and the draft 2025 budget and proposed initiatives and their cost if known.

e. Nominations committee

1. Recruitment: Vice-President, Director – Will ask for volunteers at the General meeting next week and in the eblast.

4. ROUNDTABLE

We have 6 licences for Microsoft Home Office and will obtain one more for a total of seven. Erika would like to set up all Board laptop computers with the same email system (Outlook) and good malware detection and protection software on each machine. It was moved that Erika investigate and purchase a suitable malware program for installation on all Board laptop computers.

M/ David S/ Benny Carried

UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS: 4 February 2025, 4 March 2025

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 14 January 2025

AGM: 11 March 2025

ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 am:

M/ David S/ Patricia Carried