

Minutes of the Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 meeting of CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley

Meeting opened at 1:00 pm with 29 members & spouses present and joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Ross Dewar reported on new PRD members and recently deceased members.

Recording Secretary Sharole Hanlen read the minutes of the February meeting. With no E & O moved to accept as read. 2nd by Ross Gregory. Carried.

Treasurer Bert Harrison gave the Financial report. Previous balance as of 31 December 2016 was \$1,181.24. There was income of \$1,526.28 and expenses of \$300.00 leaving a new balance at 31 January 2017 of \$2,407.52. Bert moved to accept the report. 2nd by Bob King. Carried.

Correspondence:

Thank you letter has been received from Variety for our donation of \$1047 to be used towards the purchase of a Sunshine Coach. Discussion took place as to the name to be put on the side of the coach representing the donor. After some discussion, it was decided to use **CN PENSIONERS, FRASER VALLEY**.

An email was received regarding the possibility of a 50% reduction for MSP premiums in the province of British Columbia. This deduction is tied to the upcoming election. A copy of this email has been put on our website so everyone has the opportunity to read it.

Jonn then mentioned to Barry Jones (our COSCO rep) that the next COSCO meeting he attends, he should bring up the subject of MSP payments and get the support of COSCO to have a reduction 100% .

Open discussion:

Jonn mentioned that he would like some suggestions for guest speakers. Jim Lukow suggested maybe calling BC Ambulance Service for a talk on Accidents in the home. Jonn Hanlen commented on, in the case of an emergency, call an ambulance and that way you do not have to wait in the ER room for several hours. The cost can be claimed on Blue Cross and you only pay 20% of the bill.

Barry Jones suggested we look at have a COSCO workshop. Ross Dewar read a list of available workshops from COSCO.

Armand Perrault suggested a speaker for wills & estate planning and other legal affairs.

Fred & Darlene Pantel suggested Alzheimer Assoc.

Jonh suggested we start making better use of our website. People could submit pictures, railroad stories, information etc. that could be added to our website.

Information should be sent to Jonh via email and if the subject is suitable, we will arrange to have it added.

An email will be sent to all members on our email contact list giving them the website address.

Ross Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approx 1:45 pm. 2nd by Bob King.

50/50 draw for \$45.50 was won by Sandra Harrison

\$25 gift card for the door prize was won by Ted Kurtz.

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary