



Minutes of CN Pensioners Association Fraser Valley Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 11, 2023

Location: Church in the Valley 23589 Old Yale Road Langley BC

Meeting Called to Order @ 1:05 PM

Attendance: 31 members, 1 guest.

Meeting started with the Lord's Prayer by: Steve Mihell

Membership Report:

New Members – Peter Talvio of Abbotsford (CN Police)

Members that have passed: Glen Custer – Kenneth Foster

Non-members that have passed: None

Sick Members: None Reported

Total Membership 668, 561 Paying Members:

Financial Report - read by Joey Valliers-Jorgensen

Monthly Balance as of Sept 11, 2023:

Balance brought forward	\$5213.26
Income	\$1457.16
Expenses	\$ 159.63
Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$6510.79
Outstanding Cheques	\$ 495.50
Actual Balance	\$6015.29
Term Deposit at GF Financial	\$5564.25

Maturing July 10/2024

Interest rate 4.5% per annum

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Al Kesselring

Seconded: Tony Fritz



Minutes of September Meeting read by Steve Mihell

Motion to accept the minutes as read: Todd Rosser.

Seconded: Al Pegg

Opening remarks: Barry Jones

Barry introduced Blake Olsen and told the membership Blake would be speaking immediately after the meeting.

Old Business

Barry informed the membership that we had some housekeeping to take care of regarding the elected executive, as not all of our member elections were recorded properly in our meeting minutes. Barry first reviewed **the May 2022 elections**, the results of which were:

President: Barry Jones, elected by acclamation

Secretary: Rae Sexton, elected by acclamation

Membership Secretary: Ross Dewar elected by acclamation. *Ross Dewar accepted the position of Membership Secretary with the understanding that he would train and mentor Steve Mihell to take over his position as Membership Secretary in January 2023, at which time Ross would then become a member-at-large.*

Member-at-large – Wally Burrows elected by acclamation.

Member-at-large – Steve Mihell elected by acclamation.

The above information was discussed at the May 2022 meeting but never recorded.

Motion to accept the membership positions as outlined: Doug Klivert

Seconded: Keith Pinchbeck

Carried

Barry then reviewed the May 2023 elections as follows:

Vice President: Ross Gregory stepped down as Vice-President. Steve Mihell nominated by Keith Dyrda, elected by acclamation.

Treasurer: Jo Valliers-Jorgensen elected by acclamation.

Member-at-large: Ross Gregory elected by acclamation (nominated by Ross Dewar)
(Wally Burrows stepped down)

Motion to accept the membership positions as outlined: Cecil Eriksen

Seconded: Al Pegg

Carried



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New Business:

A resolution was put forward to amend Article 7 of the CNPA Fraser Valley E9 Constitution to read:

(Article 7 – Cheque Signing Authority. “Authority for the issuing of cheques on the bank account of the Association will require the signatures of any two of the **elected** officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Coordinator, Member(s) at large.”)

Motion to accept the change: Doug Kilvert

Seconded: Jim Lukow

Motion Carried – will update constitution to show amended changes.

Barry reviewed the 2023-2024 CNPA E9 Executive once more for the membership.

President:	Barry Jones
Vice President:	Steve Mihell
Secretary:	Rae Sexton
Treasurer:	Jo Valliers-Jorgensen
Member-at-large	Ross Gregory
Member-at-large	Ross Dewar

Steve Mihell informed the membership of upcoming Cosco Programs

Jo Valliers-Jorgensen informed the membership we would be providing wreaths again this year to three legions for Remembrance Day services.

Wreaths will be placed at the Chilliwack Legion (placed by Barry Jones), the Maple Ridge Legion (placed by Ross Dewar), and the Whalley Legion (placed by Rae Sexton).

Meeting Adjourned

Door Prize: Ken Favero

50/50 Draw Keith Pinchbeck \$78.50



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Guest Speaker: Blake Olsen

Blake touched on a few topics but mostly spoke on Medavie Blue Cross.

He briefly discussed membership cards, advising that hard copy cards may only be available on request, and CNPA may soon only offer a virtual (printable) card.

He advised that Blue Cross Premiums will be increasing 5% due to an increase in high claims.

Certain medications are restricted including Ozempic and Humera

He reminded that Blue Cross offers a free yearly eye exam.

The main point of his talk was to advise people to re-examine their options, and he will be putting out a letter sometime in the next 2 months advising them of this. He suggested that option 3c is the best option for most.

Blake then took some Q&A and wrapped up.

14:20 Coffee and sandwiches were served.

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<https://coscobc.org/mec-category/general/>

CNPA Fraser Valley (E9) Web site

<https://cnpafraservalley.wixsite.com/cnpafraservalley>