

Minutes of the Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 meeting of CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley

The meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 35 members & spouses present joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Ross Dewar read the names of the recently deceased members Barry Nicol, Gerhard Meyer, Cyril Roy & Laura Powles and also introduced 2 new members recently transferred in from Vancouver - Diane Trick & Ken Ross. He also introduced - Hector Buzdegan, a new member.

Recording Secretary, Sharole Hanlen read the minutes of the September 2015 meeting. With no E & O moved to accept as read, 2nd by Ross Gregory. Carried.

Treasurer, Bert Harrison gave the Treasurers report. Previous balance at the end of July was \$7595.33. New income of .20 cents interest leaving a new balance at 31 August of \$7595.53. With no E & O moved to accept the report as read, 2nd by Dennis Thune. Carried.

Correspondence: President Jonn Hanlen read the following emails:

- 1) From Blake Olson, National Health Care Rep: attended a meeting in September. Blue Cross plan is in good shape but there will be a small increase of approx. 6% in B.C. & Alberta starting January 2016.
- 2) Chuck Lewis, National Pension Rep. returned from September meeting and reports that CN Pension plan has a total of \$17 billion at year-end. For all entitled pensioners there will be an increase in January 2016 of \$30.88 and \$4.50 for eligible surviving spouses.
- 3) Butch Whiteman advised that spouses of CN Pensioners will be allowed to apply for a travel pass even if it is a post marriage after on pension.
- 4) Awards for the Western region CNPA Scholarship program (5 awarded) went to:

Christine Frances Rose Dyck - Abbotsford (granddaughter of Fraser Valley member Gerry Russell; **Kelsey Allbee** of Calgary; **Jilian Handfield** of Sexsmith, AB; **Maximilian Johnson Aisenstat** of St. Albert, AB; **Kaylan Burns** of Calgary.

Ross Dewar introduced our guest speaker John Jackman who gave a 15 minute talk on the history of the Jackman family in Aldergrove and that his grandfather was a member of the Royal Engineers, a group that was responsible for maintaining law & order during gold rush days and laying out many of the small towns & roads that we use today. His grandfather named Aldergrove and had a small store in the late 1800's.

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Jonn made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ approx 1:50, 2nd by Dennis Thune. Our pizza lunch arrived at 2:00 pm, Christmas dinner tickets went on sale. 50/50 draw of \$54.00 was won by Doris Shoemaker. Door prize draw of \$25 gift card was won by Fred Pantel.

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary