

**Minutes of the Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 meeting
Of CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

Meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 26 members & spouses present joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

As this meeting was the 1st of the new season and we have two new executive officers, Jonn had the Oath of Office performed by the new Vice President, Ross Gregory and the new Treasurer, Jo Valliers Jorgensen.

Ross Dewar then reported on the recently deceased members and new PRD members of Fraser Valley council. Ross also mentioned that this years CN Family days will be held on September 10th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Thornton Yard Shops complex.

Recording Secretary, Sharole Hanlen read the minutes of the June meeting. With no E & O moved to accept the minutes as read. They were 2nd by Bob King and carried.

Treasurer Jo Valliers Jorgensen gave the treasurers report for June, July & August. Previous balance as of 30th April 2017 was \$2186.59 with income of \$61.02 and expenses of \$351.29 leaving a balance at end of May of \$1,896.32. Income in May 2017 of \$56.02 and expenses of \$836.59 leaving a balance at end of June of \$1,115.75. No income in June 2017 and with expenses of \$300.00 leaves a balance at the end of July of \$815.75.

June, July & August - subject to correction upon receipt of missing bank statements.

Jo moved to accept the report as read. 2nd by Jim Lukow. Carried.

Old Business - Rod McIvor, who was elected as the Alternate COSCO rep for Fraser Valley council at the June meeting, has decided to step down and remain a member of the Vancouver council. He has agreed to give COSCO reports IF our two COSCO reps, Barry Jones & Vic Locke, are unavailable.

New Business: Christmas dinner tickets are now on sale. Price is \$15.00 each for member and spouse. Price for guests is \$20.00 each. Date of the dinner is December 6th.

Jonn received an email from Sheryl Gregoire Cemetery & Funeral Advisor of Dignity Memorial. She wanted to come to one of our meetings and give a presentation of their services. Jonn said he would bring the matter up at our meeting and see if the members were interested in having this presentation. This was mentioned to the members at our meeting, a vote was taken and it was decided not to have this presentation and Jonn was to advise Ms Gregoire of the outcome.

On behalf of the Fraser Valley council, President Jonn Hanlen sent a cheque to Royal Inland Hospital Cancer Clinic. This was a request from the family of Stan Tash who recently passed away. Stan was very active in the CN Pensioners' Association for many years.

On July 17, 2017, on behalf of the CN Pensioners Fraser Valley, President Jonn Hanlen sent a cheque to the CN Community Fund - British Columbia Wildfires. He also notified the other Mountain Region councils and our National President Yves Bourdon.

These communications resulted in several thousands of dollars being donated to the victims of the fires in British Columbia.

Correspondence: Email received from Blake Olsen in regards to the CN Scholarship program. There was a total of 198 applicants Nationally, 47 came from the Mountain Region. The selection committee Al Vodden, Ted Haupt, Gord Wheatley, had a hard time choosing the five people that will receive the scholarships. The following people are the winners -

Aaron Leonard, sponsored by grandmother Helen Leonard of the Victoria council; Sondra Eger, sponsored by father Brent Eger of the Edmonton council; Ryan Kelm, sponsored by grandfather Rubin Kelm of Victoria council; Vanessa Miller sponsored by father Paul Mill of Edmonton council; Lindsey Brise sponsored by father Robert Brise of Prince George council.

Email received from Blake Olsen regarding the National Newsletter naming two new editors. They are Janet Lewis Anderson - editor and Blake Olsen - associate editor. They are asking for feedback from all pensioners. They would like to know what the members would like included in the newsletter and any changes that should be made. Blake also gave a report on the National Health Care Blue Cross and suggested the members look in the National Newsletter for updates to the plan.

Email received from Butch Whiteman regarding the position of National Director, Mountain Region held by Tony Duhaime. This position becomes available January 1, 2018. An election will be held in November, 2017.

The position of National Health Care Rep for Mountain Region currently held by Blake Olsen becomes available January 1, 2018. An election will be held in November, 2017. Anyone interested in these positions must be a current contributing member and should indicate their interest to the executive of the council to which they belong.

Jonn then opened the floor to discussion.

- Due to the closeness of Vancouver and Fraser Valley councils and the fact that most of our members have probably worked in both locations at some time, it was suggested that we have one/1 combined Obit on the Vancouver & Fraser Valley websites. Most members present thought this to be a good idea.

- Barry Jones gave a short presentation on COSCO and suggested with the change in the Provincial Government COSCO may be able to advance some of their programs that were delayed by the Liberal government.

- Jonn mentioned that Sharole will be absent from the October meeting due to surgery and Elsie Taylor has volunteered to take the minutes for that meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 2:10 pm by Cec Erickson
Helen Witt 2nd the motion.

50/50 draw for \$43.00 was won by Ted Kurtz
Door Prize draw for \$25 gift card was won by Gerry MacDonald.

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary