

Minutes of the Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 meeting of CN Pensioners Association Fraser Valley

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

Ross Dewar reported on two recently deceased members.

Recording Secretary, Sharole Hanlen read the minutes of the April meeting. With no E&O moved to accept as read. 2nd by Bob King. Carried.

No Treasurer's report was available due to the Treasurer, Bert Harrison being on vacation.

President Jonn Hanlen introduced our guest - Blake Olson, Health Care Rep for Mtn region.

Correspondence: Jonn read an email received from Butch Whiteman, Mountain Region Vice President regarding the AGM to be held in Vancouver on Wednesday, Sept 28, 2016. There will be a luncheon held between 12:00 - 1400 following the Pension Committee meeting, at which time members from Vancouver & Fraser Valley councils will be invited to attend. Anyone wishing to attend should advise Butch Whiteman well in advance so space can be arranged.

A copy of the Christmas diner menu was made available for members to review and comment on (December 7, 2016).

Rail safety brochures were passed around. Also a form for a COSCO petition was made available. COSCO is petitioning the Federal Government to appoint a Minister for Seniors and develop a National Strategy for Canadian Senior Citizens.

Jonn then mentioned that the Perfect Attendance recognition would be given out at the June meeting, so anyone who believes they qualify should confirm with Sharole. Also the June meeting would be the election of executive position for President and Recording Secretary for a two year term. Vice President & Treasurer will be up for election in 2017, also for a two year term. June will also be our Pot Luck lunch.

The meeting was then turned over to the guest speaker Blake Olson. The first thing he spoke about was the Scholarship applications. Applications are now being accepted. There are 5 available for the Mountain Region in the amount of \$1500 each. Applicants must have a relative who is a current paid up member of the CNPA.

The second item was an update on the Blue Cross plan and how the rate structure works. Rates are determined on a provincial scale. Each province has the total number of claims paid, pro-rated by the number of members in each province and the amount each person pays is determined from that information. A sample form was made available for people applying for MSP premium assistance as well a card was passed around to everyone with CNPA information which includes your CN pin number as well as your SIN and contact telephone numbers for CN Pension - Morneau Shepell, Blue Cross, CPP & OAS.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Vic Locke at 2pm as pizza had arrived.

2nd by Jonn Hanlen. Carried.

50/50 draw of \$60.00 was won by Red Therieu.

\$25 door prize was won by Ross Gregory.

Sharole Hanlen
Recording Secretary