

**Minutes of the Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 meeting of
CN Pensioners Association, Fraser Valley**

The meeting opened @ 1:00 pm with 30 members & spouses present joining President Jonn Hanlen in the Lords Prayer and a moment of silence for deceased members.

Ross Dewar reported we had 3 recently deceased PRD members - Edward Johannesson, Lynda Johnston & Charles Kovacs. He also reported that we had 1 new PRD member - Petronella Hoogwater.

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

Bert Harrison gave the Treasurers Report. Previous balance as of 31 March 2017 was \$2,16.58. Income of \$56.01 and expenses of \$38.00 leaving a new balance as of 30 April of \$2,186.59. Bert moved to accept the report as read. 2nd by Cec Erickson. Carried.

Correspondence: President Jonn Hanlen read an email received from Bruce Peacock regarding the spouse of a deceased pensioner. If the pensioner dies, the spouse must reapply for membership in the CNPA using the pensioner's pin number.

Email from Butch Whiteman regarding the recent CN pension committee meeting. The pension fund is in good shape and there should be a small pension increase coming in January 2018. A copy of the report will be mailed out shortly to all pensioners.

New Business: The menu and cost for our Xmas dinner has been received from the caterer and the cost per plate is increasing by \$2 per person to \$25 per plate. A motion was put to the floor by Cec Erickson to increase the ticket price of the Xmas dinner from \$10 to \$15 per member and spouse. This was 2nd by Vic Locke Carried. Due to the number of guests at our last Xmas Dinner, it was the decision of the membership that guests should be charged an additional \$5. Vic Locke moved to charge guests \$20 per person for a Xmas dinner ticket. This was 2nd by Vince Shoemaker. Carried.

The subject of people ordering Xmas dinner tickets and not showing up or paying for those tickets was brought up by Ross Dewar. The members then had a discussion and it was decided that those people who ordered tickets but did not pay should not be allowed to purchase Xmas dinner tickets for 2017 unless they pay for the tickets ordered for 2016. This has been tabled for further discussion at our September meeting.

Rod McIvor indicated he would like to be the Alternate Rep for our COSCO committee.

Jonn informed him that was not possible as he is not a member of our council. Rod then indicated that he would like to become a member of our council so he could run for the position of Alternate COSCO committee rep. As Rod McIvor is currently a member of the Vancouver council, and wishes to remain a member in Vancouver, a motion was put forward by Albert Kesselring for the Fraser Valley council to pay the Fraser Valley council dues of \$1 per month (\$12 per year) for Rod. This was 2nd by Albert Johnson. Carried.

Perfect Attendance was achieved by the following members:

Ross Gregory; Vince Shoemaker; John Nowak; Albert Johnson; Ted Kurtz.

Jonn then called them forward and presented them each with a \$25 gift card as appreciation for their dedication in attending all the meetings.

Jonn then mentioned that one of our members celebrated her 101st birthday. She is currently living in an assisted living home in White Rock. A plaque from CN as well as gifts and flowers were present to Senoria Sudchak. The following people represented the pensioners association at the presentation - Blake Olson & wife, Rod McIvor, Alex Hui,

Ross Dewar, Jonn & Sharole Hanlen.

Jonn then brought up the subject of “failure to communicate”. It is the responsibility of the members to inform the executive of new addresses, phone numbers and emails, if and when they move. A case in point: a daughter of one of our pensioners telephoned Jonn and hassled him because her father had not received his pension cheque for 3 months. Jonn took the information from the daughter and checked with h.o. confirming the information. He then called the daughter back and told her the information that they had. OH NO!!! SAID THE DAUGHTER - WE MOVED 3 MONTHS AGO AND I FORGOT TO UPDATE THE ADDRESS.

Elections:

The following Executive positions are up for election - Vice President, Treasurer.

Jonn called for nominations for the position of Vice President.

Jo Valliers Jorgensen nominated Ross Gregory. No other nominations were received.

Ross Gregory accepted the nomination and was awarded the job by acclamation.

Jonn called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Ross Gregory nominated Jo Valliers Jorgensen for the position. No other nominations were received. Jo Valliers Jorgensen accepted the nomination and was awarded the job by acclamation.

Elections for committee members:

The following positions are available:

2 COSCO Reps; 1 Alternate COSCO rep; Social Coordinator.

Jonn called for nominations for the 2 COSCO reps:

Jonn nominated Barry Jones & Vic Locke. No other nominations were received.

They were awarded the job by acclamation. (Barry Jones accepted the job by telephone).

Jonn called for nominations for 1 COSCO Alternate Rep:

Albert Johnson nominated Rod McIvor for the position. Rod accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. Rod was awarded the position.

Jonn called for nominations for Social Coordinator:

No nominations were received. Jo Valliers Jorgensen volunteered to fill the position.

Special Presentation:

Jonn then made a special presentation to the outgoing executive & committee members in appreciation for the several years of service. Gerry Mitchell, Vice President;

Bert Harrison, Treasurer and Sandra Harrison, Social Coordinator.

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 2:00 pm was made by Vic Locke so the members could enjoy their pot luck lunch.

50/50 draw for \$56.00 was won by Verna Woewoda

Door prize draw for \$25 gift card was won by Chris Webb

Sharole Hanlen

Recording Secretary