

Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia

INCORPORATED 1953

63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Canoe

May 12th to 14th, 2016

MINUTES

May 12th Registration 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Social Hour 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 13th The 63rd Annual General Meeting and Convention of the Senior Citizens' Association was called to order by President Gale Detta at 9:00 a.m.

The assembly sang O'Canada followed by the Seniors Prayer. A minute of silence was observed in honour of deceased members and friends.

Introduction President Gale Detta introduced the Executive and Board members.

Invocation – Pastor Larry Viers

Host Welcome – John Lund, Branch 92 Canoe

Address of Welcome from President Gale Detta

Greetings from Mayor of Salmon Arm, Nancy Cooper

Greetings from Member of Legislative Assembly, Greg Kylo

Greetings from Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold, read by MLA Greg Kylo

President Gale Detta reviewed the Ground Rules for Convention.

Adoption of the Agenda for the 63rd Annual General Meeting.

Moved for acceptance by Branch 92 Canoe, seconded by Branch 11 Cranbrook. – Carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2015 Convention.

Moved for acceptance by Branch 68 Grand Forks, seconded by Branch 92 Canoe. – Carried.

9:45 a.m. - President Gale introduced guest speaker Judith Evans from the Shuswap Hospice Society who gave an overview of what the Shuswap Hospice Society does for the community to help families who have lost a loved one.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – President Gale introduced guest speaker Wysteria Sholtz from Better at Home.

11:00 a.m. – President Gale introduced guest speakers Lana Fitt and Carmen Masey from Salmon Arm Economic Development.

11:30 a.m. – President Gale introduced guest speaker Sue Riems from H&R Block who gave a very informative talk on Income Tax and how it relates to Seniors. A copy of her talk has been placed on the Website.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

1:00 p.m. – Gale introduced Constable Adam Boystress from the R.C.M.P. who spoke to the meeting with regards to Frauds, Scams, etc and how Seniors should try to become more aware of these types of activities.

A Tour of the Cheese Factory was held in the Afternoon.

6:00 p.m. – Host Night Dinner.

7:00 p.m. – Entertainment supplied by Abbey Nasby, Marionette and Joe Green on the Piano.

May 14th Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of O’Canada.

The speaker scheduled for this morning was unable to attend, so to make up the time a number of the coffee can draws were held.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Break.

10:30 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Blain Ready, Pharmacist from Shoppers Drug Mart.

11: 15 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Grayden Ratzlaff from Recline Winery who spoke on the development of wine in the Shuswap area.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

Roll Call of Branches - The Roll Call was taken by Wilbur Wostradowski

Delegates 21 Board 6 Proxies 5 Total 32 Visitors 17

Treasurer’s Report Secretary/Treasurer Ralph White reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the year 2015. As this report has not been audited, it is accepted as circulated.

Donations Report Secretary/Treasurer Ralph White reported that there were no donations. As there have not been any donations for a number of years, it was agreed that this item will not appear on the AGM Agenda in the future.

Bursary – Tabled at last AGM: - Motion to Lift from table, Moved by Branch 47 Trail, Seconded by Branch 81 Kaslo that the motion tabled and the 2015 AGM regarding a Bursary to help small branches attend the Annual General Meeting be lifted from the table. Carried. Main Motion – The Board of the Senior Citizens’ Association of B.C. recommends that the Registration Fee for Branches with less than 50 members be paid by the Association. Defeated. Following further discussion, it was then Moved by Bill Sheppard Branch 30 Princeton, Seconded by Linda Sheppard Branch 30 Princeton that Any Branch with less than 50 members be eligible for a Bursary from the Senior Citizens’ Association of B.C. to be able to attend Annual General Meetings. The Criteria to be written by the Executive Board prior to the Call to Convention for the 2017 Annual General Meeting. Carried. How this criteria will be done will be discussed by the Board at the post convention Board Meeting tomorrow.

Resolutions were presented by 1st Vice President Arnold Amonson:

Resolution Number 1 – Moved by Branch 11, Cranbrook, Seconded by Branch 129, Kitimat. Carried.

Resolution Number 2 – Moved by Branch 11, Cranbrook, Seconded by Branch 30, Princeton. Carried.

Resolution Number 3 – Moved by Branch 107, Salmon Valley, Seconded by Branch 129 Kitimat. Carried.

Resolution Number 4 – Moved by Branch 47, Trail, Seconded by Branch 124, Burton. Defeated.

Resolution Number 5 – Moved by Branch 124, Burton, Seconded by Branch 81, Kaslo & District. Carried.

Resolution Number 6 – Moved by Branch 124, Burton, Seconded by Branch 68, Grand Forks. Carried.

The 5 Resolutions passed will be forwarded to the appropriate Government Ministers.

Constitution & ByLaw Changes were presented by Administrative Assistant Wilbur Wostradowski:

Moved by Branch 92, Canoe, Seconded by Branch 47, Trail That the Proposed changes to the ByLaws of the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. be adopted as Presented. Carried.

Website: Lorraine Brandford, 2nd Vice-President and Website Administrator presented an overview of how the Website Works and how Branches can access the Website and get involved with the Website.

Elections *President* – Nominated - Gale Detta Elected by Acclamation.

1st Vice President – Nominated - Arnold Amonson Elected by Acclamation

2nd Vice President - Nominated – Lorraine Bradford Elected by Acclamation

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Term Deposit: Ralph White, Secretary/Treasurer recommends that we place \$20,000.00 into a 1 year revolving Term Deposit, to enable us to collect a better interest rate. Moved by Branch 129, Kitimat, Seconded by Branch 11, Cranbrook. Carried.
2. Notice of Motion: In 1979, the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. was bequeathed \$15,500.00. In 1983 the Association passed a Resolution to invest these funds in perpetuity, using the Annual Interest to further the work of the Association. We have been following this for the past 35 years and now we feel that these funds could be better used by the Association if the current Board had control of them. Therefore, we are putting forth a Notice of Motion to Rescind the 1983 Resolution at the 2017 AGM. Also, it was suggested and discussed that these funds could become the basic amount for the Bursary Program to help smaller Branches attend Annual General Meetings.

AGM – 2017 Branch 97, Houston has agreed to Host the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Evaluation Sheets were handed in.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Thank you Canoe for a Great Convention