Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia

INCORPORATED 1953

62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Cranbrook

May 14 to 16, 2015

MINUTES

May 14th   Registration 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
                  Social Hour 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 15th   The 62nd 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.

<u>Introduction</u> President Gale Detta introduced the Executive and Board members.

<u>Invocation – Pastor Ron Short</u>

<u>Greetings from Mayor, Lee Pratt</u>

<u>Greetings from MLA, Bill Bennett</u>

<u>Host Welcome – Clara Hartman, President Branch 11, Cranbrook</u>

<u>President Gale Detta reviewed the Ground Rules for Convention.</u>

<u>Adoption of the Agenda for the 62nd Annual General Meeting.</u>

Moved for acceptance by Branch 11 Cranbrook, Seconded by Branch 44 - Carried

<u>Adoption of the Minutes of the 2014 Convention.</u>

MOVED for acceptance by Branch 44 Beaver Valley, Seconded by Branch 117 Midway. – Carried.

Gale then spoke on the History of the Association and what to do with the large books. This will be discussed further under new business.

<u>Branch Activities</u> At this time some delegates spoke on their Branches' activities. They have many different interesting activities going on.

President Gale introduced Lorraine Logan, President of COSCO.

<u>Lorraine Logan, President of the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of B.C., (COSCO)</u> spoke to the meeting on what COSCO does to help Seniors.

<u>Craig Gray, President of Kootenay Council of Seniors Associations, (KCOSA)</u> spoke to the meeting on KCOSA's role as a Branch of COSCO.

<u>Jennifer Krotz, Representative of Columbia Basin Trust, (CBT)</u> spoke to the meeting on grants that are available to Seniors Organizations in the Columbia Basin Region.

<u>Gary Lancaster, East Kootenay Seniors Advocate</u> spoke to the meeting on his role in the East Kootenays.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

Constable Katie Forgeron spoke to the meeting on Identity Theft, Scams and Fraud. She fielded a number of questions following her talk.

A Tour of the Fish Hatchery was held in the Afternoon.

May 15th Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

President Gale Introduced Mark Blanford, B.C. Deputy Seniors Advocate.

Mark Blanford, B.C. Deputy Seniors Advocate spoke on the formation of the Seniors Advocates Office and their role in helping Seniors in British Columbia. Following his talk, he fielded many questions/

Laurie Harris, representative of Better at Home spoke to the meeting on the role of this organization to help Seniors stay in their own homes. Website: www.betterathome.ca

Website: Lorraine Brandford spoke to the meeting about our revamped website and she showed those present how it works and how to use the site.

Discussion on How to Increase Membership in the Association: The following is a list of the ideas presented by those present:

☺ Tell Seniors about our Website.
☺ Maybe we need a Slogan, like "Join Seniors & Stay Alive".
☺ Put on a Free Membership Luncheon.
☺ Change name of Meeting Place to 50+ instead of Seniors.
☺ Offer free programs.
☺ Reduce membership fee if you attend so many meetings.
☺ Charge more and then have all activities free.
☺ Attend 6 or more meetings and get a free lunch.
☺ Have Activity Fees different for Members vs Non Members.
☺ Have a Volunteer Phone Committee.
☺ Look at ways to bring back Branches that have left the Association.
☺ One on one invitation.

Meeting reconvened after Lunch

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

Delegates 24   Board 5   Proxies 4   Visitors 12

In Camera Session: Secretary/Treasurer, Warren Collinson brought up a situation indicating that the Director for the Thompson Shuswap Region has not been properly elected and that no Regional Meetings have been held in this Region for the past 3 years. He suggested that a motion be presented to the 2016 AGM to collect all monies paid to this Director.

President Gale Detta asked Warren to say no more on this issue and that the Board would deal with this at their next Board Meeting on Sunday.

Treasurer's Report	Moved by Warren Collinson, Seconded by Branch 11, Cranbrook that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. – <u>Carried.</u>
<u>Donations Report</u>	Secretary/Treasurer Warren Collinson indicated that there were no donations.

<u>Resolutions were presented by 2nd Vice President Ralph White:</u>   12 were presented. 10 were adopted and 2 were rejected..

<u>Elections</u>   *President* – Nominated - Gale Detta and Warren Collinson
                   Elected – Gale Detta

1st Vice President - Nominated   Arnold Amonson   by Acclamation

2nd Vice President - Nominated – Lorraine Bradford and Bev Kennedy
                   Elected – Lorraine Bradford

Motion to destroy the Ballots – M/S/C

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Payment for Website: Moved by the Administrative Assistant, seconded by 2nd Vice-President that the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. accept the recommendation of the Executive Board to Pay $500.84 for the development and set-up of the new website. Carried.

2. Historical Items: Moved by Beaver Valley Branch 44, seconded by Grand Forks Branch 68 that the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. investigate the possibility of having the historical data digitalized, and that following this investigation, including the cost, be placed before the 2016 AGM for approval. Carried.

3. Title for Land and Building: Moved by 2nd Vice-President, Ralph White, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer, Warren Collinson, that the Land and Building at 49th Street NE, Canoe, B.C. Lot 1 Section 6 Township 21 Range 9 west of the 6th meridian. Kamloops Division. Yale District Plan 25659. Be Gifted by The Senior Citizens Association of British Columbia back to the Canoe Seniors Association, Branch 92. Carried.

4. Bursary: Moved by Passmore Branch 116, seconded by Princeton Branch 30, that we create a bursary in the B.C. Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. from a portion of the membership fees from branches, to help small branches with expenses to attend AGM's.
   Motion to table to the 2016 AGM – Moved by Cranbrook Branch 11, seconded by Kimberley Branch 14. Carried.

<u>AGM – 2016</u> Canoe is considering and will bring this up at their next membership meeting.

Evaluation Sheets were handed in.

<u>Adjournment:</u>	Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Thank you Cranbrook for a Great Convention