

Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia

INCORPORATED 1953

BOARD MEETING

Canoe

May 12, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Gale Detta called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

BOARD PRESENT : Gale Detta, Arnold Amonson, Lorraine Bradford, Ralph White, Wilbur Wostradowski, Warren Collinson and John Lund.

Adopt Agenda – Any items to be added to the Agenda. No Items Added. M/S/C

MINUTES:

M/S/C That the Minutes of the February 11, 2016 Meetings are accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE AGM:

1. Historical Items – Digitalized: - Ralph White reported that all are done except for the Big Book.
2. Bursary: - This item was tabled to the 2016 AGM. Wilbur reported that the Motion to be put forward to the AGM is on the back of the Agenda. Recommendation from the Board re: Bursary Motion made at the 2015 AGM and tabled to the 2016 AGM. The Board Recommends that the Registration Fee for Branches with less than 50 members be paid by the Association. This motion has been placed on a Motion Form with copies to be handed out at the AGM. Some discussion was held on this with regards to number of members, may have to approve a request with 51 or 52 members for example.
3. Kitimat Situation: - Warren brought up the fact that the Kitimat Seniors Branch #129 was not able to use their Seniors Facility for about 6 months due to a Municipal Strike. He suggested that maybe we could look at giving them a break on their membership dues because of this. Ralph indicated that they have not paid their 2015 membership dues as of this date. It was decided that we would wave their 2015 dues.
4. West Kootenay/Boundary Regional Director: - Ralph White informed the meeting that he is now the Regional Director for West Kootenay/Boundary.
5. Canoe Building/Land Title: - John Lund reported that this is now complete as the papers were all signed this morning. For us it is now a waiting game but for the Association it is completed.
6. Raffle Tickets: - Ralph reported that we should break even, this is due to the fact that the tickets, due to unforeseen circumstances were sent out very late to the Branches. We will see what happens once they start coming in today and tomorrow. Warren indicated that you will be getting in a lot more today, so it should work out okay.
7. Powell River Situation: - Wilbur reported that this is the situation regarding a couple who appear to have been overcharged for one of them living in a care facility. He indicated that he has not received anymore information from the Secretary of the Powell River Branch so is assuming that this situation has been resolved. The executive discussed this further as to how couples can ensure

that they will be charged the appropriate rent when living in a care facility. They can apply for a legal separation that would ensure the cost for the care facility would then be taken from the person who is in that facility. We also discussed placing this information on the Website, however Lorrie explained that this could cause a problem for some couples, so maybe we should just let it be. Wilbur indicated that maybe he could write a resolution on this to be placed before the 2017 AGM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mark Warawa, Member of Parliament, Langley-Aldergrove the Opposition Critic for Seniors. Following discussion, Arnold will be sending copies of any Resolutions sent to the Federal Government to MP Warawa.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The copy of the Treasurer's Report for the AGM is in the Binder and in the Package for the Delegates. Ralph reported that we were \$95.00 dollars in arrears for the year. The report was discussed further with questions and explanations by Ralph.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

1. By-Law Changes: - Wilbur reported that a copy of the Constitution & ByLaws has been placed in the Convention Package with all the changes Highlighted along with a list of all the changes. He hopes to have this passed as a package, however, numbers 11 and 12 on the list could require further explanation when presented to the AGM. Discussion followed on some of the problems encountered by Warren when sending any Changes to the Constitution & ByLaws to the Society's Act. Ralph will make every effort to ensure that these situations do not arise in the future.
2. Resolutions: Arnold Amonson reported that there are 6 Resolutions with 4 submitted from the Board and 2 submitted from Burton.
3. Communications and Website: - Lorrie Bradford reported that the Website is being used with about 5,800 views, however at the same time there are only 17 people who have subscribed to the newsletter. So, to sign-up, once on the site, go into the news page, there is a section on the side that says subscribed to my post, if you place your email here, then you will receive an email overtime a new post is made on the site. Then all you have to do is click on this and you will see what was posted on the Website. Further, Lorrie will be giving a report at the AGM showing those present about the Website and how to navigate it and how to subscribe to the newsletter.
4. Directors Manual: - Wilbur reported that this is now completed.
5. AGM Guide: - Wilbur reported that he has his copy of this in his Director's Manual. He also asked John Lund if it worked out okay for him. John indicated that it worked out very well. The meeting discussed the section on Transportation and it was indicated that this part could be eliminated or changed a bit to cover a situation where a number of people were travelling together by Bus or Plane and they may need transportation to their Hotel, etc. Wilbur will look at making these changes and send to all for approval.
6. Finance Committee: - Gale indicated to Ralph that he was supposed to send her something to sign and she has not seen it. Ralph told the meeting that this is to do with Greenwood's Incorporation, we are required to send a letter on our Letterhead to this lady, Ralph has the info on his computer and will take care of it after the AGM when we get home.
7. Ways & Means & Membership: - Ralph asked a question with regards to membership cards, he still has quite a few left but will have to order more this year and he is asking if, where it indicates the card is signed by the Secretary of the Branch if this could be changed to Secretary/Treasurer as there are a number of Branches where the Secretary and Treasurer is one position? The meeting

was in agreement. Ralph also brought up a situation where one Branch indicated that they were giving a Membership Card to a Life Member and when he contacted them, they seemed to know nothing about a Certificate and Gold Membership Card for Life Members. Ralph fixed this situation and he also reported that he found a list of all the Life Members up to 2005 and was able to then complete this up to 2014, so he now has a list of all the Life Members. Ralph further indicated that he will have the Raffle Tickets out in January of 2017.

AGM:

1. John Lund reported that everything has been put together and we are ready to go.
2. AGM Agenda: - Wilbur reported that the AGM Agenda is in the Convention Package and ready to go as printed. The members present discussed the line-up of Speakers and they indicated that they were looking forward to hearing them. Further discussion took place on the process of obtaining speakers and John Lund indicated that he believes for the most part to try and get speakers from the local area where the AGM is being held, the meeting agreed with him.
3. Silent Auction: - John reported that they have lots of items, with more coming in from the Branches, so we will have a good Coffee Can Auction. Discussion took place with regards to where the Branches were asked to bring an item for the Silent Auction. Wilbur indicated that it is in the letter that was sent to the Branches with the Convention Call.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution re: \$15,500.00 Legacy left to the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C.: - Wilbur reported that he has included a copy of the Will and a copy of the Resolution passed by the Association in the Executive package. The Will indicates that these funds were given to the Association with no strings attached. However, in February, 1983 the Association passed a resolution to invest the funds with the annual interest be used to further the work of the Association. So, we can leave this as is, or if we wanted control of the principal sum, we could rescind this motion. Ralph suggested that if we did that, we could then re-invest this money in a term deposit in which we had control of the funds. Following discussion it was decided to place a notice of motion before the AGM to indicate that we wish to Rescind this Resolution at the 2017 AGM. This item will be added to the AGM Agenda under New Business. Also, Wilbur will look in the Minutes of the 1983 AGM to see if this is where the Resolution was passed.

The next Board Meeting will be held in Canoe on Sunday, May 15th at 9 A.M.

There being no further business this meeting is adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wilbur Wostradowski
Administrative Assistant