

Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia

INCORPORATED 1953

BOARD MEETING

Cranbrook

May 17, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Gale Detta called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

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

Adopt Agenda – Any items to be added to the Agenda. Items added to the Agenda under new business were, 1 – January Board Meeting. 2 – Thompson Shuswap Regional Director. 3 – Rock Creek Branch 102 withdrawing from Association. 4 – Society Act. 5 – Signing Officers. And under Business Arising from the AGM, The Canoe Building/Land Title situation. Moved Arnold Amonson, seconded by Lorraine Bradford that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Arnold Amonson, seconded by Lorraine Bradford that we appoint Ralph White as Secretary/Treasurer and Wilbur Wostradowski as Administrative Assistant. Carried.

Arnold suggested that Wilbur try to find a different Director from his Region. Wilbur told the meeting that he tried to do this at the Spring Meeting, but was not successful. He indicated that he will try to find someone to take over this position so with Ralph and Lorraine's help we will take care of this. We will try to do this at our Fall meeting in October. We will send out a notice to let the Branches know we will be holding an election for Regional Chair as Wilbur will be stepping down. Gale indicated that she would stay on as Vice-Chair. Discussion also took place with regards to Arnold's situation as he is both 1st Vice President and a Director, so he will try to find someone to take on the Directors position.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE AGM:

1. Canoe Building/Land Title: - Wilbur suggested that as soon as the Minutes are completed which has the motion that was passed. Then Wilbur will draft a covering letter and send it to everyone for their input so we get it right, then the letter will come from Gale as the President. But I want everybody's input as it is only right that we all have a say on this and it is important that we get this right. Wilbur indicated that at breakfast this morning with Craig and Judy Gray, Craig told him that we could be charged a 1% tax on this as he gifted some land to his wife and was charged this tax. However, I suspect that if this is the case the Canoe Branch will take care of this as they told us the cost for this change will be \$6,000.00, so I assume this tax is part of that cost.

UNFINISHED & OLD BUSINESS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Warren presented an update on monies in the Bank. The meeting discussed the fact that the Raffle receipts are way down this year. However it paid for itself. Arnold asked Warren, why do we have to have two bank accounts as he couldn't remember. Warren explained that the monies in the Credit Union we received as a gift, so we always kept it as gift in this account. It was asked if we could move this to the CIBC? Warren explained that he just left this as it was. It was asked which Credit Union and Warren said it was in Heritage Credit Union in Slocan. The meeting discussed how we will deal with this with the new Secretary/Treasurer Ralph.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

By-Laws – Wilbur Wostradowski

It was noted that we should be looking at a change regarding the Section under Regional Councils to ensure we do not have another situation that happened in the Thompson Shuswap Region. Wilbur indicated he has a idea of what changes should be made and he will do this and send to all for their input.

Resolutions – Arnold Amonson

Website & Communications – Lorraine Bradford

Lorraine asked if the Standing Committees could be put on the website so that if anyone had a question regarding one of these subjects they would know who to contact. The board thought this was a good idea and that we should do this.

Directors Manual – Wilbur Wostradowski

AGM Guide – Arnold Amonson

Finance Committee – Gale Detta, Arnold Amonson & Ralph White

Ways and Means & Membership – The Board

Nominations – Discussion on who is eligible for this position and when the Nominations Chairperson should be appointed. Suggested that this appointment take place at the January Board Meeting if we decide to hold one. Also, Lorraine indicated that she would find out from Julie how hard it would be to have a Webinar on the website. This is a good idea, however, if we could do this face to face, it is so much easier. We did have some problems with the email situation but it was our first time. With a winter meeting there are transportation problems as well. Lorraine will check to see how a Webinar could work.

AGM: Currently Canoe has indicated that they are interested, but they have to bring this up at their June Membership meeting for approval. Once we hear from them, we can decide. Arnold indicated that Houston would be interested in hosting as well. So, if Canoe decides not to host the 2016 AGM, then Houston will host. As for the Date of the 2016 AGM the Board discussed this and decided on May 12, 13, 14, 2016. This does not conflict with Mothers Day or the May Long Weekend, so everyone should be happy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. January Board Meeting: - Discussed by the Board as to when would be a good time to hold this meeting. We have to allow time for the call to convention package to be prepared and sent out in mid to late February. Also, the resolutions need to be looked at by the Board to make sure they are worded correctly before they are presented to the AGM. This could be done at the Board Meeting. The board looked at holding in early February and decided on February 11th & 12th, 2016, in Castlegar. We can also look at the Webinar as well. Suggested that we hold the Webinar prior to the face to face meeting. Lorraine will try to hold a practise Webinar to see how it works.

2. Thompson Shuswap Regional Director: - Wilbur reported that he has given this some thought and suggests that we change our bylaws under the section Regional Councils. Number 63 states that “A yearly election of officers including a Chair and Vice-Chair shall take place at a regional conference prior to the Provincial Annual General Meeting. The Chair shall appoint a Secretary/Treasurer.” Suggest that we add either to this clause or a new clause that states, “A copy of the minutes of the Annual Regional Meeting shall be sent to the President and Administrative Assistant of the Association within 2 weeks of the meeting.” This would then indicate that the Region had a meeting and elected a Chair and Vice-Chair. Wilbur will draft this change and send to everyone for their approval so it can then be approved at the 2016 AGM. In the interim we should send a letter to the Regional Chairs that we request a copy of the Minutes of their Annual Regional Meeting. Also, with the situation in the Thompson Shuswap Region, we conduct an investigation into what happened and in order to do this, we need to contact the Branches in the Region and ask them when the last Regional Meeting was held where they held their elections and could they send us a copy of the minutes of that meeting. Once we hear back from them, then we can deal with this situation. Further discussion was held regarding asking Bill Zmaeff to pay back the funds he received from the Association as the Director for the Thompson Shuswap Region and it was suggested that we just leave things as they are. Further discussion took place as to which Branch in the Region Bill belongs to. There are 3 Branches in the Region, Falkland, Salmon Valley and Canoe. As far as we know, Bill belongs to the Falkland Branch. So, Wilbur will send a letter to these 3 branches requesting the information within a reasonable time, one month, and if nothing heard by then he will phone the branches that have not replied to try to get some answers. Also, John Lund from Canoe indicated that the Branches will be getting together to elect a new Regional Director. It was asked when they will be doing this and Wilbur indicated that it would have to be in the Fall, and run for a year and a half to the Spring of 2017 and then the new Director would be in place prior to our February Board Meeting.
3. Kettle River (Rock Creek) Branch 102 and Salmo Branch 108: - Wilbur suggested that he send a letter to Kettle River Branch 102 requesting a copy of the Minutes of the meeting where they voted to withdraw from the Association and a letter from them indicating that they are withdrawing and their Charter. Warren asked if we are going to do this with Salmo Branch 108 as well and Wilbur stated that he will do the same for Salmo. One of the things that has been happening with regards to COSCO workshops that have been held in the West Kootenays is the facilitators, Craig and Judy Gray have told those who have attended the workshop that if they belong to the Senior Citizens’ Association of B.C. that they need to stay as members. They also indicated that they have done workshops in Salmo and if they do any further ones, they will ask them to get back into the Association.
4. Signing Authority: - Moved by Wilbur Wostradowski, seconded by Ralph White, that the signing authority at our Financial Institutions be the President, 1st Vice-President and the Secretary/Treasurer. Carried.
5. Number of delegates Branches are allowed to send to the AGM. Wilbur suggested that we look at changing by-law number 56 from 1 delegate per 100 members to 1 delegate per 50 members. The members present discussed this and decided that Wilbur should draft this change to the By-Laws and send to the Board for their input and approval and then all the proposed changes to the By-Laws will be sent out to the Branches for their input. Also, they will be put on the Website.

6. Name Badges: - Suggested that we put out a box for the delegates to place their name badges in so we can reuse for the next AGM.
7. Executive Name Badges: - Warren was asked where he obtains the Executive Name Badges with the magnet on the back that he is currently wearing. He stated that they are made locally. He will order badges for the Board and send them out to us.

The next Board Meeting will be held in Castlegar on February 11th and 12th, 2016. Suggest that Ralph look into obtaining hotel and meeting rooms. Warren indicated that he looked into the Super 8 Motel in case we held a meeting this past January and they were all booked up, but they may be available in February, as they have meeting rooms.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.