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Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held April 2nd at 11:00 am at the Bonsor Recreational Complex. This is an extremely important meeting as there are several issues that need to be address. Our organization and the structure that we have been operating under needs to be addressed. There are Executive positions which need to be filled as we have several resignations that have been announced.

I have received the following motion which relates to the changes.

Motion: To suspend the meetings at Bonsor, to host four (4) socials/membership meetings each year and to produce four (4) bulletins per year that would be sent to members electronically. The Motion has been moved and seconded so will go forward for discussion and debate at the AGM.

Social/meetings will be held at various locations throughout the lower mainland.

The current Executive, all of whom have been in their positions for a number of years are either no longer willing or able to continue the commitment to the work involved in organizing meetings. The work is not onerous, and the current Executive members are willing to mentor anyone willing to take a position.

If you are planning on attending the April AGM please RSVP to elizabethmcgee@shaw.ca as soon as possible as we will once again, be serving a light lunch. To ensure we order enough it is very helpful to know if you will be attending.

We recently lost one of our most committed members. I've included the details of Ed Hepting's service here. If you are aware of folks who may have worked with Ed please share this information.

Inurnment: Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Forest Lawn Burial Park, 3789 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby, BC

Please arrive at the funeral office at 12:45 p.m., where the funeral director will lead the procession to the gravesite. The inurnment service will be no longer than an hour. Celebration of Life & Reception: Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

The Admiral Pub, 4125 Hastings Street, Burnaby, BC Join us for an afternoon of speeches, a slideshow, and some light snacks ("nibblies"). The pub offers a full bar and restaurant menu, with food and drinks available for purchase. Pay parking is available at the back of the pub.

CONTEST WINNERS

Derby Draw Winner:

Jackpot Winner:

Pot of Gold Winner

Door Prize



You must be in attendance or logged into the meeting in order to win and your dues must be up to date

Membership Meeting

Bonsor Recreational

Complex

April 2, 2025

11:00 am

Executive Meeting

Please forward any agenda items to the Executive. Contact information on the back page.



I would like to report that once again the December meeting and social was a success. The White Spot Restaurant in New Westminster provided a lovely turkey dinner. The food was great, and the service was excellent. I want to recognize the contribution of CUPE Local 15 for their financial assistance in putting on our Socials. They have been generous over the years, and we look forward to their continued support. As you see from the information on the front page we are looking at revamping our meetings and socials. We will be looking for opportunities and venues for the social/meetings for October meeting. If you have any ideas for a venue, please let me know. The theme for October will be a Halloween event. We are in the process of trying to secure a venue for a June 21, Summer Solstice event.

I indicated at the last meeting that April will be the end of my term as president of

the organization, and that I will not be standing for election. Since then, we have had a motion put forward that will reduce the work load and if there is enough interest and members come forward to take on some of the work I will continue for one more year. I believe that Dianna Smith, who is the Treasurer, will also continue to support the group. It is important to understand that the changes we are trying to implement represent the challenge of the current Executive to continue to provide the meetings and newsletter that you have been provided over the years.

BOOK EXCHANGE - I would encourage members to bring any gently used, fairly new, pocketbooks to the meeting to participate in our book exchange. We have reinstated the book exchange and it went well during our fall meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS We continue our ongoing efforts to recruit new members/volunteers. We are most anxious to recruit newer/younger members/volunteers to assist with the production of the newsletter, assistance with Zoom meetings and recruiting and scheduling guest speakers. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping, please let us know. There are only five meetings a year, possibly less if the motion before the members at the AGM passes, so the workload is not onerous.



Speakers Corner -

As this is our Annual General Meeting and we have a lot to discuss I have not arranged for a guest speaker. If time permits, we may log into the Federal Government website to review issues of interest to retirees.

Please try to upgrade your zoom account prior to the session to ensure you can log in and participate.

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October 23, 1935 – January 26, 2025

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