



Juan de Fuca Senior Citizens Association

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Auditorium

Board Members in Attendance

Pat Ford President	Evelyn Schumacher 1 st Vice	Margaret Mercer 2 nd Vice
Darlene Wright Treasurer	Donna Selbee Secretary	Debbie Abraham
Brian Leah	David MacClelland	Kathy Robertson
Linda Swain	Ron White	Jean Vesey

Absent

All in attendance

- 1. Call to Order by the President** at 1:01 p.m.
- 2. Quorum established with attendance of 69 members**
 - \$215.65 donated by members for the local food bank. Pat will deliver this money and the three boxes of groceries collected at the Centre to the Goldstream Food Bank.
- 3. Moment of silence for members who are no longer with us**
- 4. President's Report**

Good afternoon, everyone. Thanks for attending the General and Annual General meetings. This has been a trying year for sure in many areas and ending last Thursday with someone undoing the fire suppression hose in the kitchen by the stove with a wrench and unplugging the phone. Talking to the man who was fixing it, he said he would not leave building until it was fixed and that it could have been a very serious disaster with us losing the building if something went wrong.

Sorry I had to close Centre on Tuesday but the parking lot was very icy and I was erring on the side of caution so that no one would fall and break their hip. It is amazing how many times in my three years I have had to close the Centre. There has definitely been a change in the weather in the last few years with a lot more snow days.

Thank you to my Executive and Board members. It was great working with you. Good luck to the new Executive and Board members.

Everyone have a great spring and summer. Stay safe and healthy and be kind to your peers.

5. Minutes of previous General Meeting February 1, 2024

- a. **Motion:** To accept the February 1, 2024 General Meeting minutes as posted. Moved by Donna Selbee. Seconded by Charlotte Adams.

Carried.

Finance Report

- a. **Motion:** To file the financial report for audit. Moved by Darlene Wright. Seconded by Ken Waldron. **Carried.**

7. Entertainment Summary

- a. Marilyn Elbourne, Entertainment Lead, thanked all the members who attend events and the dinner dances. There will be one dinner dance each month with fabulous food and great music.

8. Old Business

- a. Next Closure of Centre March 29 – April 1, 2024
- b. Chairs
 - i. At this time, the Board has decided that there is not a need to purchase additional chairs with arms. This decision can be revisited, as needed.
 - ii. There are chairs in the lower level that are in poor shape and replacing these will be a priority.
- c. Fridges and Freezers
 - i. There have been some problems with the kitchen fridges and freezers and some significant repair bills. A Committee was struck to look at the Centre's refrigeration equipment. A key conclusion after consulting with sales and service companies was that the freezers should not be stored outside as this decreases their lifespan by about 50%. The decision was made that the freezers needed to be moved indoors but the question was, where would they be located? A walkthrough with WSPR looked at all potential locations and the most logical and cost-effective was to reconfigure the kitchen pantry to accommodate two fridges, with the goods stored in the kitchen pantry moved to a new home in the hallway pantry and a new cabinet on the deck, and the two freezers moved from the outside deck into the hallway pantry. Details are to be worked out and it is planned to have the work largely completed during summer shut down. Due to the cost, this project needs membership approval to

proceed. **Motion:** \$15,000 be allocated for this project. Motion by Kathy Robertson. Seconded by Evelyn Woodward. **Carried.**

d. Security Cameras

- i. Our security system is being reviewed to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the Centre.

e. Bench

- i. The Board has been looking at options for a bench for the Troll Bridge area.
- ii. A picture of the recommended option from a Langley company (recommended by the City of Colwood) was shown to members. The bench is six feet long and is made of recycled plastic and aluminium which will require less maintenance than a wood bench. WSPR will install and secure the bench to a cement slab.
- iii. **Motion:** Purchase the bench (as shown to members) for a cost not to exceed \$3500. Motion by Margaret Mercer. Seconded by Mike Seal. **Carried.**

9. New Business

a. Bylaw Changes

- i. A Notice of Special Resolution and a copy of the proposed changes to our Constitution and bylaws were posted in the Centre on February 6, 2024 and members were informed of the Notice of Special Resolution on our website.
- ii. 75% of members are required to approve the change before it can be implemented.
- iii. **Motion:** Amend the Constitution to make it more readable ensuring the intent of the document is not changed. Motion by: Evelyn. Seconded by Kenzie. **Carried.**
- iv. The proposed amendments to the bylaws are as follows:

1. **Motion:** Amend the bylaws by:

- replacing all instances of Society Act with Societies Act.
- replacing all instances of by-laws and By-Laws with bylaws and Bylaws.
- making various clerical corrections ensuring the intent of the document is not changed.

Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Ken Waldron. **Carried.**

- 2. **Part – 1 Interpretation, Director** - means a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for the time being, whether elected at a

General Meeting or Appointed by the Executive Committee as detailed in these bylaws. The Program Director will automatically be a member of the Board of Directors.

Motion: Amend the bylaws by removing, “The Program Director will automatically be a member of the Board of Directors.” Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Charlotte Adams. **Carried.**

3. **Part 1 – Interpretation, Society Act** – means a Society Act of British Columbia, from time to time in force, and all the amendments to the Act.

Motion: Amend the bylaws by removing, “from time to time in force.” Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Sharon Walmsley. **Carried.**

4. **Part 2 – Membership 1.** To be eligible for ordinary membership, a person must reach the age of 55 years before the end of December of the year in which they apply.

Motion: Amend the bylaws to read, “To be eligible for ordinary membership a person must be 55 years or older.” Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Madeline Andrews. **Carried.**

5. **Part 2 – Membership 3.** A person may apply for membership in the association and, on acceptance by the Directors, is a Member once the applicable user fee has been paid.

Motion: Amend the bylaws by removing Part 2 – Membership 3. in its entirety. Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Charlotte Adams. **Carried.**

6. **Part 2 – Membership 8. d.** (7. d. in amended document) A person shall cease to be a Member of the Association: d. on not having renewed his or her membership within thirty days after the “user fee” expiry date.

Motion: Amend the bylaws by removing Part 2 – Membership 8. d. in its entirety. Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Ken Waldron. **Carried.**

7. **Part 2 – Membership 10.** (9. in amended document) Every Member must uphold the Constitution and comply with the bylaws of the Association.

Motion: Amend the bylaws to read, “Every Member must uphold the Constitution and comply with the bylaws and policies of the

Association.” Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Jan Peever. **Carried.**

8. **Part 5 – Proceedings at General Meetings 11.** In situations not covered by these bylaws Robert’s Rules of Order shall apply.

Motion: Amend the bylaws to read, “In situations not covered by these bylaws or Association policies, Robert’s Rules of Order shall apply.” Motion by Evelyn Schumacher. Seconded by Marilyn Elbourne. **Carried.**

b. Summer Shut Down July 1 – 21, 2024; Reopening July 2

c. Entertainment

- i. March 14 – Bow Making with Marlene
- ii. March 15 – Crib Tournament
- iii. March 16 – St. Paddy’s Bridge Social
- iv. March 20 – JDF Singers and birthday celebration
- v. March 21 and 22 – Spring Craft Fair
- vi. March 23 – Dinner Dance
- vii. March 28 – Easter Fashion Show
- viii. March 29 – Centre closed for 4-day weekend

10. Cares and Concerns

- a. A member would like to see the cost of the Trial Pass (\$25) applied to the cost of a full membership should a person decide to become a member. It was noted that this is not our policy but that policy can be changed. Other members noted that a previous Try Before You Buy pass had been abused and this is why the \$25 Trial Pass was introduced. A member attending another senior centre noted that centre does not allow a person to try out the facility as it has been abused and that everyone must buy a membership.
- b. A member requested the meeting agenda be made available before the meeting. The President confirmed the agenda is generally posted two to three days before the meeting.
- c. The Centre has three fundraising programs that members can use while shopping or buying gas – Triangle Rewards Program (use the Centre’s telephone number 474-8618; good at Canadian Tire. Sportcheck, Mark’s, Atmosphere and Party City), Coop (use number 68956) or pick up a Fairways card at Reception (load \$ at the store and pay for your groceries). All three of these programs provide \$ to the Centre.

11. Correspondence

- a. Goldstream Food Bank – two letters. One thanking the Bridge Groups for their donation of \$217.00 and one to the general membership thanking them for their donation of \$1,208.65 over the past year.

12. Upcoming Meetings

- Executive Meeting TBD
- WSPR Meeting TBD
- Board Meeting April 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex
- General Meeting April 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.