

BC 55+ Games (Zone 10)

General Meeting

Happy Gang Centre, Terrace, BC

Oct. 28, 2023 1:30

Minutes

Present: Terrace 4 Kitimat 4 Prince Rupert 2

1. Call to Order, Seniors' Prayer and period of silence – The meeting was called to order at 1:55 with President Tom Logan in the chair. The Seniors' Prayer was read by Sherrie Little, and a period of silence was held to remember those members who have passed. In particular this meeting, we remember Barb Gruber of Prince Rupert who as a part of the team that brought the Seniors Games to Prince Rupert in 1994.
2. Agenda – There were no additions to the agenda, and it was MSC Chris Olson/Sharron Keller, ***“That the agenda as circulated by adopted.”***
3. Minutes of previous meetings of May 27, 2023 – MSC Bill Leffers/Dave Little, ***“That the minutes of the previous meeting of May 27, 2023 be adopted.”***
4. Treasurer's Report – see AGM meeting minutes held immediately prior to this meeting.
5. Correspondence – none
6. City Rep Reports – local membership, fundraising and issues

a. Kitimat

Kitimat has been very quiet regarding Zone 10 and the games in Abbotsford and Salmon Arm. We had an all-time low number of participants this year with 10. No hockey team definitely caused a small number of participants.

A request was sent out to request for a Kitimat Rep and at this point we have not had any positive responses for volunteers. Hoping someone will step up and if not, I will take on for 2024 again.

The interest in Salmon Arm is quite high after some of our participants had discussions with the Salmon Arm reps in Abbotsford. Highly likely most from Kitimat would drive as it is helpful to have vehicles once at the site.

Response regarding the hotel pricing is positive – it is a great deal even if we are not able to get any fund raising done.

I have talked to the Kitimat Snowflake Centre about setting up an area to advertise the 50+ games as well as to hang pictures of Bill Whitty and the award provided to his son. Awaiting confirmation from the executive on this.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Little

b. Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert has been very quiet regarding Zone 10 and the games in Abbotsford and Salmon Arm. We had an all-time low number of participants this year with 6, and we hope that will be as low as it goes!

As the Rupert Rep I hope and anticipate that we can get more people to attend the games in Salmon Arm, but the transportation issue continues there. It is difficult to fly there, with the two closest airports nearly 100 km away, requiring people to find a way to get to Salmon Arm from either airport. Alternately people can drive, but it's almost as far to Salmon Arm as it is to Vancouver. Hopefully the smaller community and the more reasonable price for the hotel will encourage more to think about attending.

It will be important to jump on selling memberships in February and March, before our first meeting, not only to have people who can vote come to our meeting but also to get a better reading of who is thinking about the Salmon Arm games.

We recently lost a big Rupert Booster in Barb Gruber, who was on the original committee when the Seniors Games took place in Prince Rupert in 1994. Barb hadn't participated during my time of involvement, but it was important enough to her, to have it mentioned in her obituary.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Quast

c. Terrace – no report/no Terrace Rep

7. Zone Rep Report - Tom Logan

The early dates in August proved to be a challenge, attendees were down, smoke and heat were factors monitored on a daily basis.

Zone 10 was well represented at the Thursday night AGM with 5 voting members and 1 visitor.

Projected loss of revenue for the games was estimated at \$40,000. 50/50 draw was down \$4500. The reason is believed to be the August dates.

The elections for executive positions remained unchanged.

The 2024 games will be in Salmon arms and the dates will return to September from 10-24

In 2025 Nanaimo-September 9-13

In 2026 Kamloops August 18-22

In 2027 Surrey dates to be determined

There were representatives from Salmon Arm checking on the events and preparing for 2024. Events to be allowed will be announced asap.

Zone 10 received pictures from the Executive honouring Bill Witty. They were picked up by Dawn and Tom. They have been given to Sherry as the representative from Kitimat.

The executive (Cindy) is working on online registration and hope to have it up and running for the registration for Salmon Arms games.

8, Ongoing business

- a. Membership and Registration - Early membership sales will be the key to our success in 2024. We anticipate that BCSGS will institute on-line registration for 2024, so if we are going to organize a hotel in Salmon Arm (which we have, see below), it is essential we know who is going to or thinking about going to the Games in Salmon Arm. We can't wait until registration closes to know who is going and who wants a room. Beginning in February we will do a big push to get people signed up as members and give them the opportunity to get on a priority list for the Zone 10 accommodations in Salmon Arm.
- b. Publicity and communication – email and our Zone 10 Facebook page – have you signed up yet?
- c. Accommodation
 - i. Dawn has worked with the SureStayPlus Hotel in Salmon Arm and has a confirmed contract with that hotel for 50 rooms at \$134.99 + Tax per room night, Sept. 10 and departing Sept. 15.
 - ii. Tom Logan will be going to Salmon Arm in November and will go in person to meet the manager, Bill Steacy, and check out the place in person. Reviews of this location are good.
 - iii. Lack of elevator will mean those who must have a ground floor will get it, and the need for storage of hockey and other equipment will be provided.
 - iv. Breakfast is included in the price, and there are several restaurants and pubs in the neighbourhood, and a liquor store.
- d. Zone 10 Uniforms – Shirts, Jackets, Crests
 - i. Our current uniform is no longer available.
 - ii. A new shirt and jacket in grey and navy was approved by the meeting.
 - iii. We will be ordering sample sizes of the shirts and jackets through Haley Apparel of Prince Rupert. These will be available at the March 23, 2024, meeting in Terrace. The full range of sizes is S– 5XL, with men's and women's styles.
 - iv. The cost of the jacket isn't known yet, but the shirt will come in at about \$35 plus tax. Those in attendance at the meeting agreed that for that price they would buy one.
 - v. Participants can continue to wear the old uniform if they choose.
- e. Fundraising –
 - i. After considerable discussion about the fact that no one has stepped up to take on any fundraising, the fact that the Board is working all aspects of the Zone, minus reps from any of the three cities and is not prepared to also do fundraising, it was Moved Dawn Quast and Seconded Sherrie Little. ***“That for 2024 Zone 10 do no fundraising towards accommodation at the Salmon Arm games.”*** There was an amendment to the motion moved by Helen O'Neill and seconded Chris Chicoine to add ***“Unless a member steps up by Nov. 30 to organize a fundraiser”*** which carried.

- ii. The amended carried so the motion now reads: ***“That for 2024 Zone 10 do no fundraising towards accommodation at the Salmon Arm games unless a member steps up by Nov. 30 to organize a fundraiser.”*** It was voted on and carried.
- iii. This means that the accommodations will be arranged by Zone 10, with the discounted rate, but participants will need to pay their own accommodation which is anticipated to be \$400-\$500 for the five nights. Should one or more people step up to organize one or more fundraisers, then the profits from these events would be applied to the accommodation cost of the participants in the form of a grant.
- iv. We are also looking for a way to assist those members who wish to participate but would find it a financial challenge to attend the games. It seems the vast majority of people would prefer to pay their own way and not have to participate in fundraising in order to attend the games.

8. Old Business - none

9. New Business - none

10. Adjournment – at 2:55 on a motion by Helen O’Neill

11. Next Meeting – General Meeting, March 23, 2024 1:30 in Terrace

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