

**BC SENIORS' GAMES SOCIETY/55+BC GAMES**  
**ZONE 6 (WEST KOOTENAY/BOUNDARY)**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: October 21, 2023

Held at 10:00 am at the

CASTLEGAR COMMUNITY COMPLEX

SENIORS LOUNGE ROOM

**ATTENDANCE:** All in attendance must be members of Zone 6 to vote in the Elections at this AGM  
Present are 6 executive members and 8 members

1. **CHAIR:** At 10:07 Tom Campbell vice-chair, commenced the meeting-in Peter Hauser's absence, Opening statement: Tom welcomed all attending and announced the list of members medals achieved at the Abbotsford Games Aug. 22-26,2023. Cycling— John DeVries, gold & silver; Karen Lees, 3 silver. 5 Pin bowling— Karen Peterson, 2 gold. Golf—Howie Ridge, gold & silver. Glacier Kings 55+ men's hockey, bronze. Kootenay Glacier men's hockey—silver. Horseshoes—Dorothy Harrold, gold. Curling—Team Devlin, bronze. Pickleball—Andrew Zibin, silver. Swimming—Steve Miller 2 silver, 1 bronze. Track & Field—Leigh Harrison, silver. Slopitch—Flying Steamshovel, silver.

Following the Medal announcements the executive introduced themselves to the audience : Carol Currie- Correspondence Secretary, Tom Campbell- appointed Vice Chair, Karen Lees- Recording secretary, Anne Kwan- Sport Coordinator, Lynda Terry- Registrar, Wayne Vienneau- Director.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** With two additions under New business c) non-profit association advisor program by CBT d) explanation of our accountant.

2. **Motion:** to accept agenda.

Rick Leduc /Lynda Terry  
CARRIED

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** email read out loud to the members from Peter Hauser announcing his written resignation, as Zone 6 Chair and his regret for not being able to attend the AGM, along with well wishes to the new team of executives.

Email letter from Rick Leduc regarding 5 pin bowling concern about the medal distributions to teams and only gold to individuals. Wayne Vienneau answered Rick's concerns and reassured him that, the issues with 5 pin bowling medals distribution have been brought up at the provincial level and are being dealt with by the BCSGS committee.

Regrets from Joan Hooper and Margo Dean were unable to attend the AGM announced by Don Caskey.

**Motion:** to accept the correspondence as read:

Terry Hearn/Lynda Terry  
CARRIED

4. **MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Motion:** That the AGM Minutes of the February 18, 2023, be accepted as written, no questions and changes seen, all in favour.

Lynda Terry/Carol Currie  
CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:**

Motion: that the September 16,2023 general meeting be accepted as written, no questions or changes seen, all in favour.

Rick Hammond/Barry Benner  
CARRIED

**6. NOMINATIONS: 1ST AND 2ND CALL FOR POSITIONS;** verbal instruction given by Tom Campbell for submission of absentee nominations requiring a written letter of acceptance from the absent nominee. (None submitted)

a) **Chair** - Barry Benner nominated Tom Campbell for Chair , seconded by Anne Kwan, 2nd call- with no further nominations

b) **Vice Chair**- Karen Lees nominated Chris Bowman for Vice Chair, seconded by Carol Currie, 2nd call for vice chair- with no further nominations

c) **Registrar/Treasurer**- Marilyn Johnstone nominated Lynda Terry for Registrar/Treasurer, seconded by Carol Currie - 2nd call with no further nominations

d) **Recording Secretary**- Carol Currie nominated Karen Lees for Recording secretary, seconded by Lynda Terry - 2nd call with no further nominations (NOTE:Nominations remain open until 3rd call from the floor to follow after new business.)

**7. REPORTS:**

**a) FINANCIAL:**

Wayne Vienneau provided copies for attendees. General account Sept 01-30/23 balance [redacted] interest [redacted], cheque to return sport fee, [redacted] month end balance [redacted] account: opening balance \$3335.19 interest \$0.05, expenses \$85.12 closing balance [redacted] (awaiting [redacted] #0005 cheque to clear)

Motion: to accept financial report  
Terry Hearn/Rick Leduc

Question raised by Carol Currie regarding Gaming account closing balance on Oct 1,2022-Sept 30/23 report differed by \$10.00 from Sept 1-30/23 Wayne will correct that error, he feels it is a typo. No further questions  
CARRIED

**b) CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:**

Carol Currie verbal report & written copies provided a list of the 10 donors that contributed \$4900. To Zone 6. Thank you letters were sent out to those contributors. And requests for donations the 2024 season soon to start.

Waneta Sunshine Rotary will be forthcoming with \$500.00 from their Bingo Proceedings  
Written approval from the BC Gaming Grant application has been approved for \$5000. To be used for facility rental fees, sport activities, coaches, uniforms and sport fees. The request for \$3000. To purchase technology to be able to offer ZOOM was not approved.

The Summary report to BC Gaming is due 90 days from our year end of September 30/23

Motion: to accept Corresponding Secretary report:  
Sue Raymer/Barry Benner

Rick Leduc suggested Local 480 and SOAR their seniors group, maybe approached for donations. Wayne inquired what reasons were given for declining the \$3000.00 in the gaming application He suggested the request for the ZOOM technology equipment may be worth appealing. No further questions, all in favour

CARRIED

**c) SPORTS COORDINATORS REPORT:**

Recruited 21 sports coordinators but only 10 sports had participants. Packages put together and posters given for distribution in their areas. Most of the information is easy to access on the website <[55plusbcgames.org](http://55plusbcgames.org)>

Anne questions the value in all the printed material in the packages. As to the large geographical area to cover for the West Kootenay-Boundary Zone 6, it is difficult to get the pamphlets and posters out to all area, so there may be a better way to handle coordination and distribution.

Post game feedback, suggestions, comments and complaints are encouraged to be taken to the Rules Committee by sport coordinators via ZOOM in early October. These concerns seemed to be taken seriously and will be presented to the Rules Committee in consideration for the Salmon Arms Games.

Anne thanked all those who volunteered as sports coordinators. Anne is recruiting for sport coordinators volunteers for the coming 2024 Games in Salmon Arm September 10-14.

Carol commented on the poor attendance at the post games meetings for sport coordinators, so that is why they will try to do them by Zoom in October.

Motion: to accept Anne's report  
Sue Raymer/ Chris Bowman  
CARRIED

**d) REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** Lynda Terry gave a verbal report. Zone 6 had 94 participants bringing home 65 medals in total, includes 2 hockey teams, 1 slo-pitch team and individuals. The registrar process went quite well and was a good experience, even though the computer process is "clunky " Next year, this is the system we will be working with, so get your memberships and registrations in early.

The new online registration computer program is being worked on as a joint project with BCSGS and BCGames, stated by Wayne Vienneau and costs about \$700,000.00, for the new system ("so they don't want to make a mistake), which is expected to be in operation within 2 years. Wayne gave Lynda accolades and thank for her work as Registrar as it is "very big job".

Question from Rick Leduc- asked 'Is Creston was now part of Zone 6? Answer - No

Motion: to accept Registrar's report  
No further questions, all in favour  
Karen Lees/Carol Currie  
CARRIED

**e) DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Wayne Vienneau has attended 4-5 Director's meeting by Zoom. Most comments have been positive with good experiences at the Abbotsford Games. 5 pin bowling medals distribution was done "poorly" and those concerns are being discussed to rectify the issues for the next year's games. Wayne has suggested a 'checklist for medals given to all those deserving of them' for Salmon Arm. BCSGS Director's meetings are Nov 21-24, 2023. Wayne is requesting the Zone 6 meeting be held some time after that.

Sue Raymer had questions- to clarify the language of the name of Stirling or Stick curling. Discussion ensued regarding Rules clarification. Is it to the Canadian standards rules? As we do also attend the Canada Games some years so it should be consistent.

Motion: to accept the Director's report  
Anne Kwan/Chris Bowman

Tom had some inquires for Wayne: What was the amount of money lost in Abbotsford? Wayne is hoping to get that number at the Nov BCSGS meeting. Also inquiring about the distribution of numbers of teams and individuals & schedules for all the provincial zones does not seem to be equal/fair. The high cost of accommodations when there is no games/events for 2 days after

arriving, adding to the reason participation is down, (due to added cost.) Wayne requested that, Tom email the concerns to him, so he can take it to Director's meeting.  
No further questions, all in favour

CARRIED

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Uniforms: Discussion ensued to make a decision to finalize the colour combinations and design and see some different styles. And to give some choices for both male and female.  
Next meeting: we will work toward a decision of what to order and colour combinations.  
Chris Bowman will bring a uniform used by Flying Steamshovel Slopitch team this year.
- b) Revisit communication & publications coordinator- to organize newspaper & social media platforms: Discussion ensued- Karen Lees offered to attend a CBAL technology training class offered at Selkirk College, every Friday 10:00- 11:30 free to all having trouble with iPhones, iPads, laptops. They will help teach & show how to navigate the administration of a Facebook page. Karen will take on the administration of Zone 6 FaceBook page. Also we need someone to communicate with the newspapers for announcements. Black Press is one of our sponsors & is willing to place our stories and announcements. Lynda suggested to put this on our next agenda, our need for a person to be communications representative. We will decide what to do, Lynda will document the decision and send it off to whomever is appointed.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussed ways to increase attendance at meetings:  
possible changes for future dates and times, to during the week in the evening from 6-7:30pm  
Discussion about days of the week that would be possible for the majority of the members and executive, who can attend the evening meetings with the ZOOM option. To get away from Saturday morning meetings, that break up weekends, that should be for family time.

Cost of the Zoom 'meet up' equipment discussed by Carol and discussion that we should go ahead and purchase it with the funds in our General Account; that it is doable without the funding requested from Gaming Grant.

*No motion at this time*, as we need accurate pricing. (which Carol will provide next meeting)  
This will be on the next agenda for further discussion and decisions.

- b) Offer Zoom capabilities at all meetings: discussed above in New business- item #9a)

All these items under this New business #9b)  
- are being considered and pending decisions at our next general meeting  
- may improve participation at meetings, to attend from home/distance.  
- purchase Zoom equipment meet-up device with funds from our general account, as the grant request was rejected. There was general agreement that this would be a positive decision to be made at the next general meeting.  
-to enhance the wifi in the seniors lounge by obtaining a booster device along with the meet up equipment  
- decreasing travel in our large Zone 6, and have option to not have to drive at night or on dangerous winter roads.

c) Discuss non-profit advisor program: Carol described the the advisor program, which is sponsored by Columbia Basin Trust. They cover 80% of the cost, Zone 6 would be responsible for 20% of the cost. (Estimated to be around \$800.) They work with the executive members, which takes a time commitment from the executive to attend. They help with strategic planning, fiscal responsibility, building our group strength and promotion of our nonprofit organization to make our group stronger.

**Motion:** to allow the executive group to attend the Non-profit advisory program and approve a budget of \$1000 to cover our 20% portion of the cost.

Sue Raymer/Terry Hearn  
None opposed, all in favour  
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d) As described by Tom Campbell, the reason for combining the Registrar/Treasurer position as presented in 6 item c) under nominations.

We have volunteer, Tara Perepolkin, who is volunteering her accounting skills to help us with our bookkeeping. She is under the age of 55, so she can be a member, but cannot vote or hold a position. So Lynda will be our Registrar / Treasurer and Tara will work with Lynda to carry out the treasurer's duties. Zone 6 will pay Tara's \$20 membership for her volunteering.

#### **10. NOMINATIONS: 3RD AND FINAL CALL:**

*Third and final call* -For Tom Campbell as Chair: seeing none- Tom Campbell does accept the position of Chair

*Third and final call*- for Chris Bowman as Vice-Chair- seeing none- Chris Bowman does accept the position of Vice-Chair

*Third and final call*- for Lynda Terry as Registrar/ Treasurer -seeing none- Lynda Terry accepts the position of Registrar/ Treasurer

*Third and final call*- for Karen Lees as Recording Secretary - seen none - Karen Lees accepts the position of Recording Secretary

Tom Campbell, thanked Barry Benner, as Nominating Committee person for recruiting the new executive appointees.

Barry Benner, announced his appreciation and thanks to Chris Bowman for "stepping up and sponsoring" the Flying Steamshovel Slopitch team with uniforms and as a player.

Discussions: Questions from Rick Leduc regarding distributions of players on teams and how cross zone options work. Input from Lynda, as registrar and Wayne, as Director and Tom, as Chair, answered his questions and concerns.

**11. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** as mentioned above in #8 item a) uniforms decisions. #8 item b) discuss possible appointee for communications position. #9 item a) pricing/purchase of Zoom 'meet up' equipment.

**12. NEXT MEETING:** Castlegar Community Complex in Seniors Lounge  
Saturday, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2023  
Executive meeting at 9:00am  
GENERAL MEETING AT 10:00AM

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:33 by Tom Campbell  
TerryHearn/Sue Raymer  
CARRIED

#### **14. REFRESHMENTS:**

Light Lunch provided by the Zone was enjoyed by all who chose to remain after the meeting to have lunch and socialize ;-)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** at 9:55 Motion to adjourn by Tom Campbell

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Chair

Recording Secretary