

Workers' Compensation Board Retired Employees Association

FALL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023
6951 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC**

Current Executive

Doug MacDonald, Peter Goyert, Gary Richardson, John Chinack, Sue Dean, Debra Leisz, Ken Rushton, Irene Nerada

Election of Chair of Meeting

Doug MacDonald was declared chair of the meeting.

Introduction

Doug began the meeting with a short background of his work history and introduced the current executive. He provided an overview of the function of the general meeting and advised that a quorum had been obtained. As there was no formal agenda he provided an overview of changes and discussions that had occurred since the April AGM.

The annual dues were raised to \$15/year with a common dues date of June 1st each year. Also, there would be no collection of retroactive dues. All membership information previously kept on cards has been transferred to the website.

Given the reduction in active membership, Doug polled the members in attendance about the viability of the association and there was much support in favour of it's continuity.

The newsletter was stressed as an important feature of the association. Advocacy was noted as an important consideration.

Benefits

Doug advised that extended benefits have not changed in 30 years. The association has not taken an advocacy role in the past but would like to request the current union executive be approached to help secure and enhance the retirees' benefits coverage.

Finances

John provided an update on the financial status of the membership. He asked that all members encourage anyone they know who has, or is planning to retire, to join the retirees association.

Christmas Lunch

Doug asked for input about the Christmas lunch being at different location and what would be an appropriate price. A decision needs to be made quickly for any location for this year.

Newsletter

Doug advised that every effort is being made to prepare a newsletter for distribution in early December. Ken advised that any member can send him articles or appropriate information to be posted on the website or to be included in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.