

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC VON 3A0**

Date: 18 February 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Doug Smith

Present: The sign-in register showed 70 members present

1. Singing of O Canada was led by Joe Clitheroe
2. **Milestones:** A birthday (Leween Hughes) and a 65th wedding anniversary (Gwen and Vic Southin) were announced and a minute of silence observed for six members who have passed away in 2010.
3. **Announcements:**
 - a. The Board of Directors is considering requests for several new activities. Anybody interested in a Dart Club or a War Brides support group, leave their name and phone number at the reception desk.
 - b. The Board considered a request that the new bus be used to pick people up for evening events at the centre. This was considered to be impractical so a volunteer driver program is being considered. Anybody interested in this should leave their name and phone number in the office.
 - c. Mo Farn thanked Eva Tweedie for her work on the Olympic Opening Ceremonies pot-luck dinner and asked for Volunteers for the Olympic Closing Ceremonies pot-luck dinner.
 - d. A registered foot care nurse has offered a special price for members of the Centre. A sign-up sheet is available at the reception desk.
4. **Acceptance of the Minutes of 9 November 2009 & 7 January 2010**
Motion: It was **MOVED** by Phil Green and **SECONDED** by Erica Wright to accept the 9 November 2009 & 7 January 2010 minutes as presented.
CARRIED
5. Member Steve Lee voiced a concern that the agenda and financial reports are not made available to the members several days in advance of the General Membership Meetings. He feels that just having them available at the meeting is not satisfactory. President Doug Smith responded that the Board of Directors will look into various ways of addressing this issue, such as distribution by email, posting in the Centre's lobby, etc.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Maureen Heaven presented the year-end balance sheet as printed in the Annual Report.
It was **MOVED** by Maureen Heaven and **SECONDED** by Joe Clitheroe to accept this Report.
CARRIED.

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7. **2010 Budget:** Several members said they were not ready to look at the proposed 2010 budget since it had not been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **MOVED** by Eleanor Lenz and **SECONDED** by Joe Clitheroe to table consideration of this budget until the April General Membership Meeting.
CARRIED

8. **2009 Annual Report:** Past President Wilma Lorimer presented a brief summary of the highlights of 2009.

9. **Business Arising from Directors Meetings:**
President Doug Smith presented a proposal from the Board of Directors to modify the Pool Room to create a Member's Lounge by removing the small pool table, erecting a dividing wall and making an arched entrance from the Foyer. This would cost a maximum of \$6,000 be and funded by special grants and not come out of our general revenue

After a long and intense discussion it was **MOVED** by Wilma Lorimer and **SECONDED** by Jim Ettinger to circulate a survey about this proposal to the membership.
DEFEATED

MIOVED by Wilma Lorimer and **SECONDED** by Bruce Yarwood to adopt this proposal with the provision that if the funds are not raised by the end of this Board's term of office the proposal will have to be reconsidered. This motion was **CARRIED** by a small margin - 31 in favour and 27 against.

10. **50/50** Dawne Thorne had the winning ticket for \$44

11. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The next General Membership Meeting will be the
Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2010