

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

The Annual General Meeting of the Century House Association was called to order at 9:32 am
Present at the meeting were 5 executives, 5 staff and 60 members.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting have been posted on the bulletin board for all to read and will stand approved as posted and will be filed. A motion to accept was made by Claudette Campbell and seconded by Dianne Clarke.

Carol Wylie – Welcome Everyone

Welcome everyone to the AGM.

Let's take a moment of silence to pay respect to those members who passed away in 2019.

If the chairperson of each group would come up and share a key highlight from 2019.

In Memoriam:

List of Century House Members who passed away in 2019 was not read out loud at the AGM. A moment of silence to pay respect to all who have passed away in 2019.

Year End Financial Report:

YEAR END ACTIVITY REPORTS: 9:40 am

Badminton – Paul Me / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: 101 Total Attendance: 1407

- In 2019, we increased our membership from 27 to 39
- The highest attendance period was during the summer months, with an average attendance of 126 per month. Our gym time was cut short during the summer months therefore it was challenging to make sure every member had a chance to play.
- We had two separate months of training sessions for members in 2019. Many members were happy to improve their badminton skills

Bid Euchre – Lois Reid / Executive Liaison – Sandra Keayes

Year: 2019 Met: 49 Total Attendance: 627

- This last year we have given lesson on a regular basis. This has increased our members and we have had 5 tables a couple of times.
- We continue to have lots of laughs, fun and socializing every time!!
- It gives people the opportunity to come to the centre on a regular basis and mix with folks.
- Gets them acquainted to the centre and this introduces them to other activities going on here.

Birthday Party – Frances Blake / Executive Liaison – Betty Young

Year: 2019 Met: 12 Total Attendance: ?

- Our birthday parties are now averaging over 100 attendees each month
- On the volunteer list we have 16, however on average 8 volunteers attend each month as some are away for months at a time.
- We do lots of chatting from 7-7:30pm
- We serve tea, coffee, and cake and have conversations with the attendees.
- The student volunteers are very good. Keona has now graduated but comes to help when she can

Book Club – Cecile Wood / Executive Liaison – Joy St. John

Year: 2019 Met: 11 Total Attendance: 104

- The book “Burial Rites by Hannah Kent, “Handmaids Tale” By Margaret Atwood and “Medicine Walk” By Richard Waqamese
- Sets of books from library come in sets of 10 so we have 12 members with 2 members reading.
- Exposes seniors to different nooks and it is a very friendly atmosphere and informative discussions

Bursary – Wenke Hogg / Executive Liaison – Betty Young

Year: 2019 Met: 6 Total Attendance: ?

- We awarded 6 bursaries of \$650 each
- We selected our recipients from around 30 applications from NWSS
- Thank you to Kevin, our staff liaison and Gwen/Neil for their many years of volunteering at our Pancake Breakfast

Carpet Bowlers – Jeannine Hyndman / Executive Liaison – Joy St. John

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- We have had a very successful year
- We have a group of ten men and ten women, nothing like making it even! It’s a really fun game and some get very excited!
- We had our Xmas party on Dec 16th and 17 people turned up. It was lots of fun
- We no longer have our own bank account, all money goes to Senior Society and it works out well

Century House Dragons – Bev Bickert / Executive Liaison – Anne Ladouceur

Year: 2019 Met: 104 Total Attendance: 20

- 4 Regatta, 2 with 3rd place finished, 2 successful bake sales, pub night and silent auction

Century House Singers – Shirley Bakker / Executive Liaison – Sandra Keayes

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- After our transitioning from a former director to our new directorship we finally felt ready to perform (which we did) at Queens Park Care Centre, where we had two performances.
- We had one in October and one in December and both went very well.
- Gets our group out to socialize as well as sing. Our members look forward to coming out every Monday

Conversation – English – Anne Ladouceur / Executive Liaison – Rita Solkin

Year: 2019 Met: 330 Total Attendance: 21300

- We have begun a regular training/tips sharing session for the ECP volunteers.

Conversation – French – Pauline Joyce / Executive Liaison Joy St. John

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- We had a retired French teacher join our group, although no formal instruction is required or provided, she assists immensely in grammar and pronunciation. Another highlight has been singing French songs while being accompanied by a couple of our members strumming along on their ukuleles.

Drama Club – Claudette Campbell / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- In May, Golden Age Theatre presented Sunshine Place, a fun-filled production taking place at a residence for independent seniors, where staff and residents handled some unusual situations.
- In fall, we presented three productions: The Obstacles, Never Too Late, and Gladys and Gloria's Cannabis Adventure.

Thank you for all your support

Fitness & Fun – Barb Merrett / Executive Liaison – Joy St. John

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- In June the fitness & Fun group, once again organized a Strawberry Tea. This year it was led by Fitness veteran, Gwen Metz.
- In November all fitness groups collaborated in a successful bake sale which raised \$1600!

Keep in Touch – Annette Oakes / Executive Liaison – Anne Ladouceur

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- True Story: While visiting Hazel Connelly in the hospital last June, Hazel was thrilled to receive a Get Well Soon card from us. Joy said it got Hazel thinking for a while and Hazel remarked...."someone remembered me from Century House" – Mission accomplished for KIT!

Laundry – Cora McKinnon / Executive Liaison - Joy St. John

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- Our Laundry load is increasing. There is some discussion about having the laundry picked up and delivered rather than it being done by 4 volunteers. We are please with the Edmonds Laundromat

Learning Garden – Shirley Model / Executive Liaison – Anne Ladouceur

Year: 2019 Met: 11 monthly meetings Total Attendance: ?

- We had a slow start this year but we accomplished everything within our budget and I am very proud of what our group achieved.
- We are delighted to receive a cheque for \$100 from the lawn bowling club.
- The learning garden means a change for me to pass on to others some of the knowledge and love of nature and gardens I have learnt from my mother and through many years of gardening myself.

Low Vision – Barbara Gordon / Executive Liaison – Rita Solkin

Year: 2019 Met: 10 Total Attendance: 121 (18 spouses and 5 caregivers)

- Our group has grown slightly this year.
- We always make time to discuss successes related to dealing with vision loss
- We have guest speakers and they provide helpful information

Mahjong – Chris Wilson / Executive Liaison – Sandra Keayes

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- We have seven new players this year
- We have had up to 20 players in a morning
- We have new table mats which the players have chipped in to buying

Parkinson's Group– Shirley Oda / Executive Liaison – Frances Blake

Year: 2019 Met: 10 Total Attendance: ?

- First year participants in the super wall at the Royal City Mall
- Our team was called the Century House Parkinson's Group.
- It was a small group walking but we did manage to collect total pledges of \$2,985.00
- Our MLA, Peter Julian, was in the attendance and announced next year will be bigger and better

Pickleball – Patti Jackson / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- In 2019, our paid membership burgeoned to an all time high of 56.
- We abandoned the notion of capping our group, as CH is a learning place for the game and we continue to write
- We welcome CH members who are brand new to pickleball and they tend to stick around for the game and the friendship

Quilting – Lorraine / Executive Liaison – Sandra Keayes

Year: 2019 Met 82 Total Attendance: 598

- We had one of our highest years in the sakes this year.
- We have had some extraordinary donations of fabrics
- We enjoyed and had a great success with doing a group project for our annual Christmas raffle quilt

Scrabble – Ingrid Hedin / Executive Liaison – Sandra Keayes

Year: 2019 Met: 47 Total Attendance: 380

Seniors Gay Straight Alliance – Rob Hughes / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: 10 Total Attendance: ?

- Our ongoing relationship with the SGS at New Westminster Secondary School has deepened
- We continue to work on a joint oral history project
- Nine students joined nine of our members for our December holiday celebration and we broke up into small groups and shared our experiences of coming out

Senior Peer Counselling & Vol Visitors – Christine Waterson / Exec Liaison – Frances Blake

Year: 2019 Met: 46 Total Attendance: 580

- January 2019 we started a new training session for volunteers for SPCA
- In June we had 12 graduates
- In Feb 2019 we started a new program funded by community grants from the city
- In April we had a group of seven volunteers ready to visit

Snooker Room – Thomas Baker / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: ? Total Attendance: ?

- We have lost two of our snooker players from our B team in 2019 and it was sure heart breaking for all of us
- Our membership was about 50+ and we would like to see more members join our snooker
- We have repaired one table as we have a total of 4 tables to look after

Social Bridge – Peter McConville / Executive Liaison – Carole Wylie

Year: 2019 Met: 48 Total Attendance: ?

- 6 non trump doubled and vulnerable
- Bed and made for a total of 1430 points on one hand

Spanish – Michael Anthony / Executive Liaison – France Blake

Year: 2019 Met: 40 Total Attendance: 240

- Our Spanish group has been steadily increasing to an average class size of 8-10 people

Texas Hold'em – Monika Bonk / Executive Liaison – Rita Solkin

Year: 2019 Met: 23 Total Attendance: 545

Tuesday Crafts – Dianne Clarke / Executive Liaison – Frances Blake

Year: 2019 Met: 48 Total Attendance: 573

- We are a group of volunteers who knit, crochet, sew, embroider and cross stitch items to sell in support of Century House
- We use donations of yarn and material from the community as well as items from our own stash
- Without the generous support from the community we wouldn't be able to make all the items that we do

Walking Club – Ann MacInnes / Executive Liaison – Joy St John

Year: 2019 Met: 52 Total Attendance: 856

- We were so happy to see white rock pier restored
- A Walker celebrated a significant birthday and treated us to a ride on the carousel at Deer Lake Park
- Sidney, Vancouver Island – Special Walk

Executive –

Year-end Financial report –

Betty Young presented the report

\$60,597 draft net

Donations – legacies

Joy St. John -

Set and twig group

2020 seniors embracing technology

Carol Wylie

Exiting remarks

It's been an incredible year and we have exploded. We had a wonderful 60th anniversary year. This year we are ready to sign a memorandum MOU with the city. The little yellow book is ready for a change; there are many changes from when it was first created. We are so unique and our model is unique. You will be getting invitations to go over the groups and talk about the different things from group to group.

A very special thank you I want to put out today....our past president is enjoying Mexico and well deserved holiday...Elizabeth Phillip. Next time you see her, maybe it's time for you to say thank you for all you have done. She had to quickly step up and take the lead, she has been our back bone and go to and let's ask Elizabeth person. Join me in applause and thanks.

15 minute BREAK for everyone time to socialize and enjoy the beverages, cookies and fruit

Robyn McGuinness – Manager of Seniors & Youth Services

Election of 2020 Executive Officers - Steve Kellock, Senior Manager, Recreation Services & Facilities

President	Frances Blake
1 st Vice President	Sandra Keayes
2 nd Vice President	Joy St. John
3 rd Vice President	Rita Solkin
Secretary	Anne Ladouceur
Treasurer	Betty Young
Past President	Carole Wylie

Kevin – Door prizes

6 prizes

Frances Blake – Adjournment 11:06 pm