

# Century House Association Activity Chairs Meeting

## Minutes for April 2, 2025

10 a.m. at Century House

1. Call to Order 9:58 (attendance – see attached)
2. Land acknowledgement – Helen Chambers
3. Adoption of agenda (C. Campbell, P. Gerbrandt)
4. Adoption of minutes from March meeting (Gordon, Gagnon)
5. Old Business – discussion of parking at CH. Erica reviewed suggestions and solutions received so far; will invite CHA member representation if opportunity arises. Taxi activity was discussed, and coordination with lawn bowling tournament dates.
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Sydney gave a brief overview of the two documents (attached) and noted that
    - a payment request form is available at the front desk
    - the monthly reports will always be a month behind because of the early timing of the Chairs meetings
    - some funds have been set aside as liabilities (mostly committed future payments)
  - b. Finance Committee
    - Tim gave an overview; Sydney will be Chair; group will do policy then procedures.
    - Group could use more members ; if interested email [secretary@chanw.ca](mailto:secretary@chanw.ca)
  - c. Motion to receive: McGillis, Gerbrandt
7. Executive Report
  - Anne introduced Trudi Hampel, our newest Member-at-Large
  - Clarion decision – we will stay with current printer, who matched a competitor's offer
  - Chairs Elections – we're trying to get them all done in April; Wendy Parry is coordinating input from liaisons
  - Orientation for new chairs
    - a. after discussion May 24 was dropped; the proposed dates are 17 May and 21 May—both 10–noon
  - Motion to receive (Kathy Lynn, Lynn Bittner-Jobson)

## 8. Standing Committee Reports: Bursary, Events Planning, Governance

### a. Bursary

- the trivia contest drew 53 people and raised about \$500
- they have 31 student applications and will interview 11 of them soon
- **MOTION:** (Wenke Hogg, Pat Gerbrandt – carried)  
*That the Bursary Committee be granted \$1000 to supplement their planned fundraising and allow continuation of the current bursaries of three at \$750*
- Motion to receive report (Hogg, Nazarewich)

### b. Governance

- Working on the Handbook and how often to update it
- Reviewing the AGM process to see what went well and what didn't
- Motion to receive report (Albertson, Gordon)

### c. Events

- Reviewed coming events, noting that many have registration deadlines
- A free-for-members event will be held Wed. June 4, details in May Clarion
- Meal meetup June 5 and Spring Sale June 14
- Motion to receive report (Ladouceur, Albertson)

### d. Communications

- Tim advised that this committee is active once more, overseeing how we communicate with the world in various ways. (list members?) If you'd like to join in, please email secretary@chanw.ca
- Motion to receive report (Hicks, K. Lynn)

## 9. Strategic Plan

- Bill Harper reported that interviews have started, and the next step very much involves chairs. We will hold a discussion event Saturday April 26; it will last five hours including lunch. Bill explained how such meetings usually work. We would like to have 30-35 people, and already have some executive members and chairs. Please ask your members if they are interested. A signup form was passed at the meeting; otherwise to sign up or for more information please email secretary@chanw.ca
- Motion to receive (Harper, Michele ???)

## 10. Activity Group management

- The group has made several policy recommendations to the executive; we'll discuss them at Orientation
- The subgroup for support groups is just getting started (Barb Gordon)
- Motion to receive (D. Milligan, K. Lynn)

#### 11. Staff Report – Erica Mark

- We have obtained another United Way grant to take us to March 2026 with social meals, the Community Connector, and volunteer support (Ricardo)
- Chairs in the lounge have been re-covered
- Rectangular table replacement is a challenge because there are so many; the cost may force us to a phased approach
- Hannah noted the success of the volunteer brunch, and thanked us
- Intern Serena leaves us April 8
- A posting is open till Friday for a Seniors Recreation leader, to be a program instructor or front line in the lounges at Queensborough and tāmasewtx<sup>w</sup>
- Motion to receive (Hicks, B. Gordon)

#### 12. Activity Group Highlights

- Hyack Parade – for all; we’re registered; it’s April 24 at 11 a.m.
  - the committee needs volunteers and a theme for our group (please contact Bill Harper [bharper3@shaw.ca](mailto:bharper3@shaw.ca) )
  - it’s a long walk to Queen’s Park but it’s mostly downhill and you may be able to get a free bus back; the organizers will plan for the 6<sup>th</sup> St. construction
- Learning Garden – mentioned the New West Public Library’s free Seed Library, which includes some historical seeds [ [read more](#) ]
- Low Vision – had a guest with a guide dog and Judy Venable, who was very helpful and might be a resource to other groups (see page 4 of the [December Clarion](#))
- Singers are preparing for a May 28 performance at Edmonds Community Centre
- SET – hopes you’ll check out the [Computer Lab open house](#) April 17
- Bid Euchre – Mary Gagnon stepping down as Chair
- Carpet Bowling – could use more mats, and Sapperton has some for sale  
ACTION: Helen to work with group to pursue this
- Readers – would welcome new members
- Snooker – they miss many Chairs meetings because they’re in tournaments; in t heit latest they were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8  
ACTION: Anne to discuss re-covering tables with the group
- Walkers – ran into a memorable traffic disruption near Lougheed Mall
- Ukulele – performing April 12
- Players – next show May 22-24; everyone
- Notable 90s enjoyed Chair Yoga and guests from the Learning Garden
- Squares are pleased to have increased their numbers
- Line Dancers have started their spring session with 13 regulars and 26 new
- Cribbage lost a member but gained one
- Spanish – encourages Spanish speakers to join, Wednesday 3:30-5
- Darts – thriving since Clarion article appeared; working on playing a second day  
ACTION: Tim to confirm they can do this

13. Inspirational Quote – Debbie Tommila

14. Next Meeting: May 7 — this is an open meeting, so feel free to encourage your members to attend

15. Adjournment (moved by Mary Gagnon) 11:50 a.m.