BCRPVPA GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 MINUTES

9:30 a.m. Social

9:45 Call to Order - Eileen

Attendance: 17 attendees and 5 who attended only for the presentation

Executive Member regrets: Leanna, Jeff, Allan

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Ted Seconded: Christine Carried

Adoption of the Minutes from January 18, 2018

Moved: Celina Seconded: Sandra Carried

Reports

Treasurer – **Lanny**

Report was presented as per handout provided.

Moved: Lanny Seconded: Ted Carried

Benefits, Affinity and Pensions - Gerald/Gerry

- See updated report attached.
- A special thank you to Gerald for keeping us up to date!
- Pacific Blue Cross #87007 and own account # for retired teachers and P/VP. The information can be accessed online for tax deduction, good for another year and a half.

Communications and Technology – **Graham**

- "Watch Yammer for updates!" Yammer is a closed social networking site and members need to request an invitation to join by going to info@bcrpvpa.ca
- Thus far, our e-Newsletter has 800+ hits world-wide.
- Eileen: "On behalf of all of us, thank you, Graham, for a fantastic newsletter!"

Membership & Sunshine - Leanna/Eileen

- As of February 2018, we have 720 members.
- A card of congratulations has been sent to Kevin R.
- Currently, we have 38 members who receive print copies of our newsletter. This massive reduction has resulted in us having money to put towards the continuing development of our communication technology.

Scholarships - Jeff/Allan/Christine

- Preparation for our next scholarships, to be given in November 2018, is underway.
- A quick reminder that qualified students must be in grade 12 in June of the year they apply. They can also apply after a gap year following completion of grade 12.
- New to 2018 scholarships: BCRPVPA will be selecting up to five scholarship recipients.
 As well, we have expanded our tertiary education institutions to include those outside of BC, but still in Canada.

Programs & Speakers - Eileen on behalf of the executive

- Thank you to Lanny for arranging today's speakers: Lisa & Mark from Johnson Inc.
- May 3 AGM will be a photography workshop led by Dennis Ducklow. Thanks to Vivian for arranging this. Our association will pay for his workshop fee. A catered *Appreciation Lunch* will be provided to the BCPVPA staff joined by our members who are in attendance.
- Fall 2018 workshop is being planned for 30 members in attendance. Watch for information to come on date and topic.

Vice-President / Chapter Council - Ted

- Offered appreciation to our executive for securing a fantastic program that extends into 2019.
- The 2nd Chapter Council Meeting was held at the end of February. Eileen and Ted as President and Vice-President attended as BCRPVPA observers. Discussions included contract, legal, etc. Short Course will be held, as usual, at UBC in July AND another one for more-experienced administrators will be offered this summer in the Okanagan.
- A huge thank you to those working educators for 'holding the fort' in our school system!

President - Eileen

See attached report.

Old Business

nil

New Business

nil

Adjournment

Moved: Eileen Seconded: Christine Carried

Break

11:00 Program Presentation:

Lisa Hansen and Mark Costales from Johnson Inc. spoke on Insurance: Health, Travel, Cancellation, choosing Medoc or Prestige, comparison with Green Shield, A brief summary:

- Johnson's is a Canadian company with BCPVPA being one of our active associations since 2001. Johnson oversees approximately 28-30 association groups. To be covered you must belong to one of these associations.
- Handout provided showing the comparative chart of the Benefit Plan between TPP & Johnson Inc. w/Prestige Travel. If interested, please email or call to get a quote
- Prestige Travel Extended Health Plan was many years in the making. Worked closely with the RTA and BCRPVPA.
- Home Insurance: a platinum package, check it out online.
- Q&A from our attendees:
 - Medoc vs Prestige Medoc focuses more on travel while Prestige includes health insurance, extended health & travel. FYI, Medoc taxation claim is 75% while Prestige is 100%.
 - o Johnson Inc. vs Green Shields? It all depends on the needs of individual members. Please call or email Johnson Inc. to speak to an agent, then members

- can compare their current plan with Johnson's to determine the outcome. Johnson's offers 'best friend' advice.
- o Spouse of a deceased BCRPVPA member can continue to be eligible for the plan as long as the spouse joins as an associate member of the BCRPVPA.
- o Dental Plan: There has been a tremendous growth lately, mainly from retirees who did not opt for this coverage at the time of retirement
- o Home Insurance: most purchases online nowadays
- o Please call or email Johnson Inc. with questions about your individual needs. (See Gerald's affinity report for contact information.)

No-host lunch at Rogue Restaurant after presentation

Dates to Note

Next General Meeting will be our AGM on **Thursday**, **May 3**, 2018 (Buffet lunch provided) Dennis Ducklow will give a presentation on Travel Photography

Next Executive Meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018

Attachments (2) from the Meeting:

Attachment 1

AFFINITY REPORT MARCH 2018 – Gerald Soon

There are benefits to membership in the BC Retired Principals & Vice-Principals' Association.

Members have been offered discounts or offers for discounts through:

Perkopolis – which presents special offers to members on a regular basis. Members need to sign up with Perkopolis, using the code BCRPVPA. Most recently offers were for discounts on a wide variety of offerings: trips, car rentals, merchandise such as shoes, special events, etc. Monthly updates with new offerings continue to make this site attractive for BCRPVPA members.

Enterprise/National Car/ and Alamo car rental companies are all under ownership of Enterprise International. Members are offered free membership in the Emerald program.

Avis Rental Cars:

In the past, the offer for BCRPVPA members was a savings on Avis base rates when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number **C358500**. Complete your reservation and receive instant online and email confirmation of your travel plans. Researching for our Affinity programs, I found that this discount was a minimal amount compared to other companies, and I will try to renegotiate the discount. In the meantime, members can go to Perkopolis, to try to secure better rates.

Travel benefits for BCRPVPA members

The BC Retired Principals & Vice-Principals Association is pleased to partner with **Travel Agency Tribes** to offer our members a new Affinity benefit.

The beauty of our new partnership with Travel Agency Tribes is that it is at no cost to members. It is up to members to register for the monthly newsletter if you want to be kept apprised of new travel benefits. The affinity benefit can be found at: bcrpvpa.mytravelbenefit.com. To register for the monthly newsletter, click on the box located at the bottom right of the website. Be assured that your personal information is not shared and you won't be inundated with unwanted emails! Currently 112 of your colleagues have signed up for savings!

Do you like cruising, adventure holidays, all-inclusive packages, traveling solo, or are you thinking of a multigenerational trip? These are some of the offerings on the initial website. You can also directly ask a question about what type of travel you would like to do, and you will receive a response in a timely manner. By the way, note that if you do take advantage of one of the offers being made to our association members, that accompanying folks on your trip receive the same benefit too – they don't have to be retired administrators!

In the past, the BCRPVPA has had affinity agreements with OTI and Collette Vacations. Tom MacLean of TravelAgency Tribes has told me that Collette will soon be affiliated with TravelAgency Tribes, and that he will be reaching out to OTI shortly.

Johnson Inc. Insurance

BCRPVPA members are offered a new Extended Health and Travel insurance plan as an alternative choice to the Extended Health benefit plan that they may have with Pacific Blue Cross. The Prestige extended health care program includes a multi trip travel insurance plan (up to a maximum of 62 days per trip).

One of the best advantages for a member is that with Prestige, there is a no stability clause. With Medoc, there is a 90 day stability clause for pre-existing medical conditions. This means one must have no new treatment, or new medication, no new symptoms, or change in frequency of symptoms, no hospitalization or referral to a specialist for the 90 days prior to travel. The Prestige plan is less restrictive and covers sudden and unforeseen medical emergencies.

There is no obligation for a member to take advantage of this option for their health and travel insurance needs. The BCRVPA is endorsing it as an affinity benefit, and advises members to consider whether the Prestige program fits the need for their personal circumstances.

Should a member decide to move from Green Shield, it is a matter of notifying the Pension Corp as to their decision. Once a change in coverage is made, should a member decide to return to their Green Shield coverage, it is possible if they give a 90 day in advance application.

For more information, contact Lisa Hansen of Johnson Inc. at: 604-881-8840 Toll free 1-866-799-0000.

Carter Auto Group

Purchase **ANY** make or model of a brand new vehicle at a reduced price! One of the best Affinity benefits, is the Carter Auto Group offer for our members. Do your own research and decide on the make and model of the car you would like to consider purchasing. (You can even ask for the price on two different vehicles!) Know the colour choice and options you want. Then, contact LYNDEN BEST, Account manager. He can be reached at lynden.best@carterauto.com or by calling (604) 292-3118

The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club (CPEAC)

Cellular plans

I have been actively pursuing telecom companies to see if we can secure some cellular plans for our members. So far I have been unsuccessful, except, if you join

CPEAC as a member, you will secure discounts on a number of goods and services.

The CPEAC is **The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club**. Open to all retired public and register. It is free. Go to http://cpeac.org/register. Currently there is a link to Rogers where you can secure a cellular phone and other services at 30% off.

Why pay by the minute when you can pay by the second!

30% PLAN FEE DISCOUNT

FREE Cellular devices

FREE Call display Free

FREE Voicemail

FREE Evenings and weekends from 6 PM

The BCRPVPA is continuing to look for ways to benefit our members. Watch Yammer for updates!

Attachment 2

President's Report to the Membership Eileen Phillips March 13, 2018

Since the last General Meeting held on January 18, 2018:

- Scholarship form updated to change BC to Canadian post-secondary accredited site; also to say that we will annually award up to 5 scholarships of \$1000 each.
- Chapter's Gift Cards

Mailed to John McLellan, Kamloops

Still waiting to hear from Steve who lives in Surrey, held but not sent.

- Attended Mentorship training session on Feb 2.
- Chapter Council attended, with Ted, Feb 23 & 24
- Emails continue mainly about joining Yammer, Green Shield problems, requesting we post a volunteer position or job posting, and inquiries re Travel Insurance.
- Discussion with members re possible speakers and speaker topics.
- President's message sent to Graham for inclusion in the newsletter Feb 17.
- Newsletter mailed to those members without email access on March 6. Thanks to Celina for joining me to do this. Amorim makes this work very easy - she prints them and does the postage.
- Book Sale Harold donated a box of books; Don donated 9 boxes earlier; Richard will be
 posting a notice about making donations and coming to the sale in the BCPVPA weekly
 bulletin. Donations of education/leadership books are accepted at the BCPVPA office during
 May and June.
- Thank you to the executive for their efforts on our behalf.

Planning:

2018-19 Executive Slate

If you are interested in a position on the Executive, please speak to Vivian about these positions:

Treasurer

Vice-President

Secretary

Membership & Sunshine

Program: Topics & Speakers

Scholarships

Pension & Affinity

Communications/Technology

Social/Refreshments

President

Past President

(History Committee)

The election will be held at the AGM on May 3, 2018.

Book Sale - will be held at UBC Short Course July 5

2018-19 Meeting Dates will be selected at our next Executive Meeting