

MINUTES of the BCRPVPA General meeting October 17, 2024

In attendance: Deborah Luporini, Marsha Arnold, Bonnie Deren, Lanny Young, Jessica Antonsz, Jeff Lacombe, Sher Baerg, Charis Kalesnikoff

On line attendance: Elspeth Russell, Leon LeBrun, Gerald Soon, Joy Ruffeski, Sherry Hunt, Maureen MacDonald, Celina Mau, Eileen Phillips, Karen Petersen, Fred Nienaber, xxxx Owner.

Regrets: Ian Kent, Ted St. Pierre

1.The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Deborah Luporini, President of BCRPVPA.

2.The agenda was approved unanimously.

3.The minutes of the March 28 General meeting were approved unanimously.

4.Treasurer’s report – Lanny Young

A full financial report was shared with the executive

Decision: one pager to be available for the general meeting, with detailed report available if requested by email.

Financial Report as of June 30, 2024

Financial Position

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2024 - **\$ 47,824.78**

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2023 - **\$ 46,132.62**

Statement of Operations

Revenue from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 - **\$ 19,729.92**

- Membership – \$15,040
- Hearing Life Annual Scholarship - \$ 2,500
- Affinity Program Royalty (e.g. Hearing Life) - \$ 1,211
- Interest from Term Deposit - \$ 978.92

Expenditures from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 - **\$ 18,037.76**

- Communications/Technology - \$ 1,960.68
- Student Scholarships - \$13,000
- Hospitality/Sunshine/Meeting Costs/Governance/BCPVPA – \$ 3,077.08

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures – June 30, 2024 – \$ 1,692.16

Proposed Budget for 2024-2025

Revenue **\$ 26,700**

- Membership Dues** 780 members X \$30 \$ 23,400
- Hearing Life** \$ 2,500
- Affinity Program** \$ 800

Expenditures **\$ 25,025**

- 1. **Communications/Technology** \$ 3,000
- 2. **Meeting Costs** \$ 1,600
 - a. Snacks/food for members
 - b. Room rentals/insurance
 - c. Guest speakers’ expenses
- 3. **Student Scholarships**
 - a. BCRPVPA 10@ \$1,000 \$ 10,000

	b. Hearing Life \$ 2,500 + \$2,528		
	(\$1,665 from past years + \$863 = \$2528)		
	(3 scholarships @1,675= \$ 2,525)	\$ 5,025	
4.	Hospitality/Sunshine	\$	400
5.	Governance Costs	\$ 5,000	
	a. Executive meeting costs		
	b. AGM Luncheon		
	c. Start up		

		Excess of	\$ 1,675

5. President's report – Deborah Luporini

Membership registration is to be completely taken over by the BCRPVPA.

Jessica Antonsz offered to provide support with the membership portfolio. Thank you, Jessica!

The website is being updated by Deborah Luporini and Marsha Arnold.

The info@bcrvpa email link is being monitored by Deborah.

The newsletter is an informative document for our members.

Deborah will take the lead on the next newsletter and we will ask our membership what they would like to see in the newsletter, at the next general meeting.

This year the newsletter will be created in CANVA.

There are a number of tasks which need individual support. The executive members are encouraged to choose an area of support. Other members of the BCRPVPA are encouraged to take them on as well. To take on one of these tasks, we need to ensure that you are a member-at-large, as per our constitution.

We need support in the following areas from either our executive or someone in the membership who would like to become a member at large: (up to 9 members at large)

- regular website review – possibly Ted
- membership support – thank you Jessica
- secretary for our meetings -to be determined**
- gathering information and details for our newsletters to be determined**
- sending out eblasts: Marsha and Deborah are searching out options at this point
- look after connecting with one or more of our benefit carriers, generally one time a year – to be determined**

6. Vice-President's report – Marsha Arnold

BCRPVPA Affinity and Benefits/ Communications

Communications and Technology

Continue to post on website updates and news.

Eblast re travel, CPP, new Rogers, SFU and Hay Festival

CPP information meeting held at the Fairmont, Vancouver on Nov 4th.

For registration click on [here](#) or at

<https://events.myconferencesuite.com/ CPP Investments Public Meetings Fall 2024/reg/form/edit>

Eblast re Green Shield profile correction, Medoc and belairdirect rate changes for BCRPVPA.

Responded to several emails re insurance and other benefits

Affinity and Benefits

Green Shield: Has updated their files, but several names have been incorrectly entered. Please check yours if you have Green Shield and contact TPP to get it officially rectified as they are the administrator.

Transition to Your New Park'N Fly Rewards in 3 Easy Steps

1 Sign in to your Park'N Fly Rewards account online at www.parknfly.ca/rewards-transition	2 Update your profile, enter and validate your cell phone number to start enjoying your status level benefits	3 Sign in to your Park'N Fly Rewards account in the app and reserve your next parking stay!
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[GET STARTED](#)

Visit www.parknfly.ca/rewards-transition for details.

HearingLife

Cheryl Anderson will touching base with us at a meeting this year. TBA.
\$2500 came to us for the scholarship/bursaries awarded.

Newsletter

Always looking for articles and members who wish to be featured.
Suggestions and support are always welcome

7.Past President's report – Christine Barrett

Christine is responsible for organizing the speakers for our General meetings.

Christine let the executive know that she will step down from the Past President position at the end of this membership year: June 30, 2024. She will run the AGM elections in May 2025.

Membership-Deborah Luporini

Members as of July 1 803: 8 deceased since last report: TOTAL 795
Members as of September 1 803: 1 deceased since last report: TOTAL 802

8.Scholarship's report – Jeff Lacombe – Christine was asked to give the report

Scholarships awarded: 2023-2024 - 13

All recipients of scholarship/bursaries must provide their SIN number for tax purposes before the money is sent to the recipient.

The outstanding necessary information needed from individuals, has been gathered and forward to Christine. Christine will ensure that Suippi at the BCPVPA has the required information so that cheques can be sent.

Executive members are needed for the 2024-2025 scholarship/bursary process
Jeff Larcombe, Christine Barrett, Ted St.Pierre, Ian Kent and Jessica Antonsz

A feature of our scholarship and bursary winners will occur in the next couple of newsletters.

9.Sunshine report – Deborah Luporini gave the report for Bonnie Deren.

Bonnie spreads sunshine in every card she mails! Bonnie was thanked and our collective appreciation for her service was shared.

10.New business – Deborah

'Free' membership will continue from the date of registration until June 30th of the following year. After that date, the membership fee will be deducted from the July pension, as stated on the application form.

Questions for discussion at the general meeting on October 17, 2024

- What possible topics would you like more information on/about for the general meeting presentation?
 - enjoy knowing more about our Association
 - wellness: physical, mental and emotional
 - health of our pension *November 4 in Vancouver*
 - travel opportunities throughout BC
 - human interest – not selling a program ...
 - social connections: newsletter, social groups, zoom break out rooms

- Did you use VIVA ENGAGE? Would you participate in something similar? Do you have any suggestions for something similar to VIVA ENGAGE?

Informal connections: facebook (private), email for members, enjoyed Yammer:something similar with various subgroups: cycling, walking, first nations interest: Heron Project, some kind of social media platform, some platform that allows the users to generate another subgroup

Questions for another general meeting:

- What information would you like to see in the newsletter?
- Do you access the website? Can you find what you need to find? Is there something missing? Tell us about what is missing.
- What do you think of a calendar option on our website?
- How can we better connect you, our members?

Update on our financial records and reporting – Deborah Luporini

Presently all our financial recordkeeping is done through the BCPVPA finance department. The BCRPVPA will be taking the financial records and reporting, and the BCPVPA will assist us with the transition. Our completion date for this process is December 31, 2024.

- We are considering non-profit organization status, and accountants/bookkeeping for non-profit organizations as an alternative to the BCPVPA.
- It is critical that however we reform ourselves in this area, that we continue to support our members in the ways we have been doing, and we continue to be able to award scholarships/bursaries to students in BC.
- Lanny Young is gathering information from accountants who support non-profits organizations.
- Deborah Luporini is taking the lead on researching non-profit status, regarding the request related to scholarships and bursaries, and she will begin the process for NPO status if this is the best option. If there is another option Deborah will communicate this.

11.Next meeting

Exec: Thursday, November 28: in-person

General: Thursday, January 23: zoom and in person

12. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Guest speaker: 11:00 a.m.

Ryan Mikucki, from **Trip Merchant**, will speak about the amazing opportunities and options that are available for travelling seniors.