

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 12, 1954

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society held in the Kerry Dale Hall, 2041 West 41st Avenue, on April 12, 1954.

There were 60 members and friends present.

The meeting opened at 8 p.m. with Mr. W.L. Russell, President, in the Chair. He welcomed all those who attended.

Minutes of the last General Meeting were approved as circulated.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

Amendments to the By-laws were presented by Mr. Gowan, Solicitor. Mr. Gowan stated that the amendments had been approved by the Board of Directors, but clarified the various changes.

Under these Amendments the Board of Directors will consist of five 3-year Directors, twelve 2-year Directors, and twelve 1-year Directors.

The matter of Rotating Directors was brought up (the 3-year Directors becoming 2-year Directors the next year, etc.) Next year this change can be made if desired, Mr. Gowan stated.

The change in numbers changed the Board from 30 to 29, but with the addition of another Vice-President (Article 30 - Amendment #9) the number on the Board remains 30. The 2nd Vice-President was needed to help with the New Centre particularly.

The Amendments to the Constitution, as presented by Mr. Gowan and as circulated to the membership, were approved by regular motion.

Honorary Life Membership - the amendment provided for Honorary Life Membership in the Organization, and it was suggested that this might be used to honor some of the Pioneers of the Society.

REPORTS OF THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES:

AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIETY:

Mr. Munro presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31, 1954, with a balance on hand of \$545.14. The fees collected during that period amounted to \$139.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mr. Munro also presented the Membership Report, with a total of 146 members for 1953. Mr. Munro stated there were not many new members this year, and asked for any new ideas from anyone present for increasing membership.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Mrs. Wightman, President:

Mrs. Wightman presented the Ladies Auxiliary Report. She suggested they should change the end of their fiscal year to March 31st to coincide with the other reports. They have a membership of 45 - 20 of whom are active. Since January, with the actual building of the Centre well started, there has been a definite upswing in attendance at meetings of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wightman asked many questions in regard to the new Centre - accommodation, prices, activities, etc. Also what duties and responsibilities in the new building the Auxiliary would have. Would the Centre be run along the same lines as the other Community Centres?

In November a "telephone bridge" was held and part of the proceeds used to augment the supplies in the First Aid Room.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT (CONT'D):

In February the Ladies Auxiliary collected about 200 pies and were assigned to the Pie Booth at the Home Cooking Carnival of Nations for the B.E.G. Special Events Women's Division.

On March 25th, after the Sod-Turning ceremonies the ladies served a luncheon in the Kerrisdale Arena to the Directors and visiting dignitaries.

On April 23rd a Bridge-Tea and Parcel Post Sale will be held in the Kerrisdale Legion Hall.

GREATER VANCOUVER COMMUNITIES COUNCIL:

Mrs. Cracknell reported on the activities of the Greater Vancouver Communities Council in the absence of Mr. Taylor. There are 28 Community Centres who meet once a month. They are deeply interested in the Halloween festivities of the various communities. Concert parties, under the Communities Council, were suggested for the new Community Centre during the summer months. Another project is the presentation of a Queen for the P.N. Exhibition, from each of the Community Centres. An invitation was extended to everyone to attend these meetings. Mrs. Cracknell suggested the Annual dues of \$5.00 be paid.

The report on the Communities Council was adopted.

SCHOOLS & CHURCHES:

Mrs. Cracknell also reported on Schools and Churches, and will advise them of the progress of the New Centre.

THEATRE UNDER THE STARS:

Mrs. Cracknell is liaison member to the Theatre Under the Stars. Mr. R. B. Lamb is the new president for this Organization. Our co-operation is asked in attending performances. The Annual fee of \$1.00 to this Organization has been paid.

These three reports have been adopted.

KERRISDALE FIGURE SKATING CLUB:

Mrs. Harrison reported on the Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club, who had 1162 members for the 1953-54 season, made up as follows: 374 Juveniles, 280 Junior A's, 173 Junior B's, 143 Intermediates, and 192 Seniors. \$11,044.75 was paid during the past season to the Arena for Ice Time. \$49,386.63 has been paid to the Arena since the inception of the Club, as well as \$10,184. in donations.

This report was regularly moved, seconded and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

The President thanked the various Chairmen for the Reports received, and suggested each member bring a new member to the next meeting, and see that their dues were paid.

The President referred to the passing of two pioneers of the Society, Mr. John Wickson and Mr. Ian Cameron, and asked those present to rise and observe one minute silence in tribute to these men.

In reply to Mrs. Wightmen's questions in regard to the New Centre - Next year will provide the answers, as plans go forward for the various activities. To Mrs. Harrison - I wish to thank Mrs. Harrison for her complete report on the Skating Club. She is our liaison officer for the Skating Club. This is a report on what they and Mrs. Harrison have done. A great deal of their success is due to her constant attention given to the children.

OPERATING REPORTS TO DEC. 31, 1953, for ARENA ONLY:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Bob Dunn presented the Financial Report on the Arena, which showed an Operating Surplus of \$7734.74. The Operating Surplus for the previous year was \$2668.60. The increase is largely the result of Special Events during the non-ice period during the summer. The Arena Manager is doing a good job to boost rentals.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (CONT'D):

The expenditures were budgeted for the year at \$54075., and the actual expenditures were \$54,194.

The Arena has been able, during the year, to pay to the City of Vancouver, substantially more money in connection with the money owed to the City under the Lease Agreement, and the balance due has now been reduced to \$4302. If another successful year is experienced during 1954 this deficit will be wiped out.

Financial Committee Report was regularly moved, seconded and adopted.

ARENA COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Allan Fellowes reported on the Arena Committee Activities. The Committee feel this has been a very successful year. The Arena Committee Report is attached hereto.

The Arena Manager deserves credit for keeping the Arena occupied. He is to be commended.

Mr. Russell: Thanks to all our Committee Chairmen, especially Mr. Fellowes, Arena Committee Chairman.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

The Building Committee Report was dealt with by Mr. Alex Fisher. He referred to the large number of meetings that had been held dealing with matters in connection with the construction of the New Centre, and pointed out that commitments in regard to space for Civic Departments had been made over three years ago. It was understood, at that time, that they would be entitled to the same space in the New Building as they occupied in the old, but this raised some problems, particularly in connection with the Library who wanted larger quarters. However, it was eventually worked out that the Library paid the additional costs. Caution had to be exercised in drawing plans, particularly as the Committee was aware of rising costs. Fortunately when the tenders were received they were considerably lower than anticipated. The original By-law voted had been \$375,000., plus \$24,000. to be supplied by the Library Board, making a total of \$399,000. The Contract price had been secured for erecting the building at \$262,000., Architects fees would amount to \$16,000. Figuring \$12,000 for Furnishing, \$10,000. for Grading the Parking lot, and an amount of \$5,000. for extras, these would amount to \$305,000. leaving \$94,000. for the swimming pool, etc. The cost of the pool was estimated at about \$70,000.

PARKING FACILITIES:

Mr. Flinn raised the question of securing additional parking for the New Centre by securing the land now occupied by the City Engineer's Department at the rear of the old Municipal hall. It was thought wise that the Centre Society should give this latter consideration during the coming year.

BOND INTEREST:

The question of the interest paid on the Bonds sold in connection with the New Centre was raised and this matter was referred to the Board of Management to consider.

HOCKEY:

There was some discussion on the merits of senior hockey compared to junior, and this matter was laid over for the new Board of Management to go into further. It was suggested that Mr. Bernard write and ask for a hearing from the Board of Management to present his views.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. MacDonald would like to see the Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club addition to our rink soon.

Mr. Russell: Confirming the words of Mr. Dunn - Mr. Elliot is very co-operative, and we find, compared to other Arenas, he operates our Arena economically. His public relations are good, and the interests of the Community always uppermost in his mind. We would also wish, through him, to convey our thanks to his staff for their support. He was a very strong mover in supporting the kids in their endeavour to have Junior Hockey.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONT'D):

Thanks to Mr. Orr for his help in performing his duties. He has everything ready for me at every meeting. It simplified things very much.

SCRUTINEERS - ELECTION:

Scrutineers for election of Directors: Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. Fellowes, Chairman of Nominating Committee, presented his report.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that anyone who had made an application for membership and paid their membership fee who was present at the meeting would be entitled to a vote.

Mr. Reeder: Are the amendments to the By-laws now legal? I am very much impressed at this meeting to-night, and I would like, at this time, to propose your retiring President be made the first Honorary Life Member of this Organization.

Regularly moved, seconded and carried.

Mr. Frank Baker: The main business of the Society had been done by the Board of Management. There should be more meetings of the Directors. I do feel the Board of Management might give consideration to calling a Board of Directors meeting every 2 months. It would be in the interest of the Directors elected to-night and of those already Directors to call more meetings of the Directors.

Mr. Russell: At no Directors meeting was there more than 10 in attendance. From now on I am sure you will find the activity will be increased.

LUNCH WAS SERVED:

THE ONE-YEAR DIRECTORS WERE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. D.B. Allan	Mr. Frank Baker
Mr. W.J. Beck	Mr. A.D. Black
Mrs. Ken Edwards	Mr. Victor Gowan
Mr. A.W. MacDonald	Mr. H. McNulty
Mr. E.A. Munro	Mr. Fred Taylor, Jr.

These new Directors were asked to remain and attend the first Directors meeting of the new year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received from the Community Planning Association enclosing a Brief to have the Quilchena Golf Course remain as is, and not be subdivided.

It was regularly moved and seconded "to endorse their recommendation that Quilchena remain as it is". Carried.

Mrs. Cracknell: The matter of the site of the New Library is being brought up again to-morrow (Tuesday). Will anyone interested please join the delegation to the City Hall and try and have the Library built on the proper site?

Mr. Russell: There are 60 members present -- the most we ever had. We thank you for coming out. It has been very enjoyable.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

EDWIN T. ORR,

Secretary