



CENTRAL YUKOOTOK HERITAGE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

National AGM Highlights

We had a Zoom Presentation from Michael Butera who is the Chief Investment Officer for the Canada Post Pension Plan.

He told us that their mission is to pay pensions. Those payments are made up of 30% from Contributions and 70% from investments. There is a team of 60 people managing the assets. 60 to 65 % of the investments are in Canada. Solvency of the fund at the end of 2024 108% and going concern 130% The money in the Canada Post Pension Plan belongs to the beneficiaries of the plan, it does not belong to Canada Post and therefore: Canada Post has no access to the pension funds, they cannot use them to spend or to borrow funds. All promises made to the members of the plan will be paid regardless of any changes to CPC, assuming the plan continues to generate 5 to 6.5 % per year. As a result of Canada Post's current financial situation, changes have been made which affect the viability of the Heritage Club. The relationship between Canada Post and the Heritage Club has declined over the years, as the people running the Corporation have changed due to retirements and other personnel changes that have transpired. When the financial crunch became obvious, the Corporation advised the Heritage Club that they would be unable, this year, to provide us with the \$50,000 that they had been giving us as seed money. Something that they had been doing since they had stopped funding the banquets many years ago. The National always distributed that full amount to the chapters.

Canada Post also advised they would no longer be paying our postage, about \$50,000 per year, which the new Managers didn't realize they were doing. The effect on the Heritage club is a loss of \$100,000 per year. The AGM was therefore focused on how we would survive in the future. Discussions continue with Canada Post concerning postage. There has been a suggestion that Canada Post might provide some form of partial subsidy. The National is trying to assume the current permit number, so we don't waste our preprinted stock of envelopes. The plan would then be that National would make the payment for the mailings, and then bill the appropriate amounts to the chapters, based on the paperwork we submit when we mail.

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Kelowna Council News:

Good afternoon everyone. The Kelowna Club had a luncheon on July 8th at the Old Spaghetti Factory. There were 13 members in attendance. Four people had to cancel at the last minute. It was a good luncheon and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The minutes from the Central Yukootok meeting in June were passed around for everyone to read. There were no questions.

The 50/50 draw netted us \$25 for a charity. Howard Wiebe won \$25 in the draw.

On and off rain so I'm preparing for a luncheon as follows: Tuesday September 9, 2025 at the Old Spaghetti Factory 1355 Capri Street in Kelowna. 12:00 noon cause that is lunch time. Please let me know if you're coming, so I can be sure to have enough tables set up. On the info side, we'll be discussing where to hold our Christmas Luncheon in December, so you don't want to miss that. If you know of any Ex posties who might like to join us, welcome them and let me know. Let's fill the place up. Tks.....Fred



As you're aware, effective July 1, 2025, Johnson Insurance Travel operations will come together with belairdirect and rebrand as belairdirect travel insurance, respectively. This marks an exciting new chapter for all of us. With belairdirect, you can expect the same level of service they know and trust.

Fred Jarvis and a Director with the Central Okanagan Food Bank in Kelowna receiving the Cheque for \$500 from the Heritage Club Central Yukootok.

Prince George Council:

I was glad to be able to be in Vernon for the AGM in early June. Good to be there! Not much to report here.

We have continued to chase our local Railway & Forestry Museum for a meeting to close off our plans with them regarding a mail car for a postal display; but still have been unsuccessful, even as of last week. The new ED over there is somewhat swamped I guess. PLEASE, IF YOU DO want to stay in touch; it will be VITAL to provide your email address and phone number.

We did get the \$500.00 donation check from Vernon and have handed that over to our local Salvation Army Foodbank.

We had planned our annual barbecue for August, but it sounds like that may be postponed until early September due to key players being unavailable at original date. More coming soon on that...

IF YOU DO want to stay in touch; it will be VITAL to provide your email address and phone number to me at gjvm111@telus.net to be kept updated in our files.

We in north central BC have been very grateful that we have had plenty of moisture and not much in the way of fires. Keep well; and enjoy the soon-coming launch into autumn , ... like it or not.. Gwen in PG

CENTRAL YUKOOTOK CHAPTER 29

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 5th 10:30

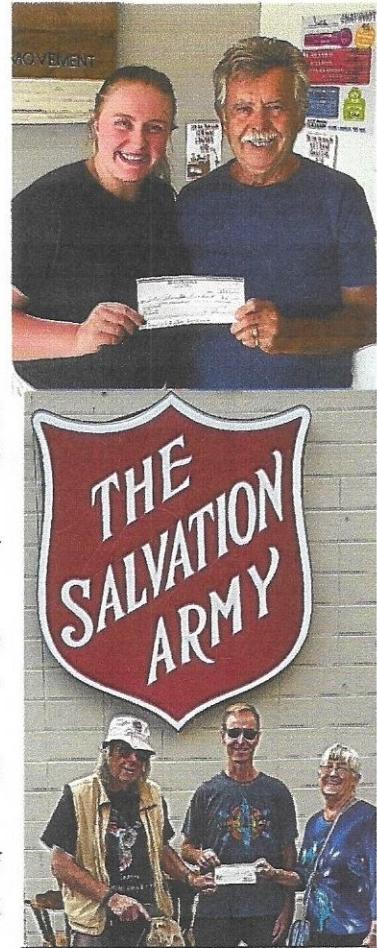
Army, Navy and Air Force Club

—Meeting called to order —time 10:55. Welcome, refreshments and washroom facilities. Introduction of head table. 25 Attendees

National Executive Meeting Report presented by John. As attached. Wanda suggested the wealthier chapters subsidise the poorer ones. She also encouraged everyone to go onto the Website.

Motion: 2025:01—Treasurer Report—as read--\$11,104.32—minus todays costs of the luncheon. 170 paid members and 104 associate members. We received \$1000.00 in relief funds from the National Heritage Club (in lieu of the seed money) We will be looking for a couple of volunteers to review/audit our books in the new year. M-Willard S-Fred C-

Motion:2025:02—Membership Dues -presentation attached-Motion Amended--That we change the dues structure for Chapter 29 and starting with the dues for 2026, we will collect the same amount from members, as associates/partners/spouses. That the amount shall be set at \$20.00 per year. M-Gwen S- Sandra C-



Presentation of the donation made to the Prince George Food Bank for \$500

Vernon Council Update - Wanda Fisher—No BBQ in June but will hold one in July, Army and Navy Club. The passing of Reg Shummay. Our local kitty from 50/50 draws is \$209.37 which will get donated as it grows.

Kelowna Council Update - Fred Jarvis—We have forgone meetings as everyone knows, due to lack of participation, but we do enjoy getting together for luncheons to share our adventures and to catch up on the local news. We didn't have a May luncheon as the General was June 5th and we wanted to encourage more to attend this meeting. We are planning a Luncheon Tuesday July 8th at 12:00 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Kelowna, 1755 Capri St across from the Capri Hotel. I'll be sending an email mid-June, visitors are welcome.

Prince George Council Update - Gwen Murphy—Our annual BBQ at Gary's will be held in August as it was such a success. Waiting to protest our Railcar agreement with the Museum which changed our costs from hundreds to thousands but have not been able to nail them down yet for a meeting. We had 21 attend a luncheon in May at a Chinese Restaurant. We have \$300 in our slush fund.

Motion:2025:03—Recipient of this Year's Donation. We currently have \$1500 to donate and seven councils in our area, but only three are active. I hereby move to donate \$500 to each of the active councils being Prince George, Vernon and Kelowna to be donated to the Food Banks in these areas. M-Fred S- Sandra C-

Motion:2025:04—Next General Meeting, when, location—Year 2027 and location to be determined. M-John S-Pam C-

Motion:2025: 05—Election of Officers— Doug MacKinley—All by acclamation—

John Barrowclough—President

Fred Jarvis—Assistant President

Willard Turner-Treasurer

Pamela Dyrda-Secretary

M- Sandra S- Gwen C- Meeting Adjourned –time 12:00—50/50 Won by John

National AGM continued

The Heritage club nationally is in good financial shape at the present time, however the loss of the \$100,000 per year will deplete that very quickly. The National does not collect any dues from the members; Chapter dues stay with the local chapters. The National does receive revenues however from our partners, Belaire Direct/Medoc, which last year amounted to about \$114,000. This is a normal arrangement with Insurance companies and group plans. This amount varies based on claims history etc. Heritage Club members in good standing can participate in the Medoc travel insurance and can purchase Home and Auto Insurance through Belaire Direct at special group rates.

Due to the loss of the seed money, this year, the National Executive proposed to provide the chapters with relief from their reserves. After discussions, we voted to give each operating chapter \$1000.00 this year. We also decided that in order to save money nationally we will only hold in person AGM every 2 years, with a zoom meeting in the off years. We voted to have the National Executive prepare a letter to Canada Post, that would be signed by the National Executive as well as all of the Chapter Presidents to express our dismay for withdrawal of our funding, and that as a result we would no longer organize or recruit members for initiatives like the Santa Letters, or reviewing the applications for the Canada Post Foundation Grant and Scholarship Programs.

The executive hopes that you all have had an enjoyable summer season thus far and wish you a wonderful fall. Reminder that our Fall Newsletter will be calling for the 2026 dues, which are \$20.00 each, members/associates/spouses alike.

John.