

## 55+ BC GAMES – ZONE 3 AGM MINUTES

**Date:** October 18, 2016

**Location:** Abbotsford Seniors Association, 2631 Cyril Avenue, Abbotsford

<b>Attendance:</b> Cheryl De Graaf	Chair/Horseshoes	Dick Hopkins	Zone Dir/Floor Curling
Helen De Jean	Vice Chair/Darts	Harold Morioka	Secretary/Athletics
Sylvia Peary	Registrar	Bev Tennant	Treasurer
Jackie Carson	Bridge	Silvia Law	Crib/Whist
Leo LeCouteur	Cycling	Mark Mauger	Dragon Boat
Sandy Melle	Golf	Sam Wishlow	Ice Hockey
Ed Wagstaff	Lawn Bowling	Barry Stewart	Soccer
Alida Brichon	Swimming	Pat Topping	Table Tennis (Asst)
Joseph Incantalupo	Tennis	Shirley Hopkins	Guest
Jim Simpson	Guest		

**AGM Meeting called to order at 9:40** by Cheryl.

### **Adoption of Minutes from last year's AGM held on September 15, 2015:**

\* Motion to adopt the minutes. Helen/Shirley Motion passed

### **Correspondences: (8)**

- \* Helen De Jean – Helen will bring a few shirt samples to the meeting for showing and for sizing purposes. She would also like a down payment (deposit) for the shirts.
- \* Ross Priebe (Pickleball) – Regrets, unable to attend AGM due to work commitments. Report attached.
- \* Ernie Sawatzky (Ice Curling) – Regrets, unable to attend due to a conflict with a curling match.
- \* Faye Oakes (Slo Pitch) – Regrets, in Arizona and unable to attend.
- \* Victoria Urquhart (Equestrian) – Regrets, in Phoenix for a month and unable to attend.
- \* Frank Stock (Five Pin Bowling) – Regrets, unable to attend AGM.
- \* Gerry Baragar (Sports Chair) – Regrets, unable to attend AGM due to teaching in Port Coquitlam. Willing to let his name stand for re-election.
- \* Ernie Sawatzky (Ice Curling) – Ernie sent in his report by email (*report in Sports coordinators section*).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- \* Bev handed out a 2-page financial report.
- \* One page was for the financial activity from 2016-04-01 through to 2016-09-30 (2017-03-31).
  - \*BC Gaming Commission = \$5777.48
  - \* General Account = \$5,082.55
  - \* Total = \$10,860.03
- \* The other page is a Balance Sheet – As of 2016-09-30
  - \*Total Cash and Bank Accounts = \$81,051.31
- \* Bev said that the cheques written to subsidize travelling costs have not been deducted.
  - The amount subsidized to the executive and sports coordinators to attend meetings = \$4,883.22
  - The amount subsidized for the 3 zone reps to attend the AGM = \$150
- \* Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Silvia Law/Ed Motion passed

### **Business Arising From Minutes – none**

### **Old Business:**

- \* Helen brought 5 samples, with various sizes, of the new Zone 3 golf shirts for next year. Helen said that the shirts have been delivered to Vancouver and have been printed. The crest which has some blue, shows up well on the blue shirt. The shirts will be ready at the end of March. Every shirt comes with a pocket and each individual must sew on the pocket if/as they wish. To have the supplier

sew on the pockets would have cost an extra \$2/shirt. Helen suggested that Zone 3 should pay half of the total cost now and pay the remaining amount when the shirts are delivered. When Dick inquired about the total cost, Helen said it was \$29,047.20 which includes taxes. She said that we can apply to be reimbursed for the GST rebate of \$3,112.20.

- \* Alida said that the Mens Small was too large for her and asked if a Mens X-Small was available. Helen said no but Small, Medium and Large are available in Ladies sizes. But ladies sizes might have a “V-neck” collar. Decision made to reduce the 75 Mens Small to 50, and to order 25 Ladies Small.  
*(After the meeting, Helen sent an email stating that the ladies shirts are the same style as the mens)*
- \* Dick said that every Zone 3 executive and sports coordinator will receive a free shirt regardless whether they go to next years 55+ BC Games in Vernon or not.
- \* Dick recommended that sports coordinators hand out shirts at their play downs as individuals qualify for the Games.
- \* Leo said that would not be possible for cycling which will not have play downs.  
*Note: There are other sports that do not require play downs.*
- \* Dick asked coordinators if they knew of individuals who did not receive their medals from the Coquitlam Games. Send a list of these individuals by email to Dick by next week. Dick will take this list to Vernon (Directors meeting) and try to get their medals for them.

### ***New Business:***

- \* Dick told coordinators to check re accommodations for next years Games in Vernon. But while he is in Vernon for next month's meeting, Dick will block about 150 rooms for Zone 3.
- \* Dick said that Zone 3 should consider chartering a bus to Vernon next year. A commitment by about 50 people would be required before chartering a bus. Dick will look into the cost for this. Dick said busses have been chartered in the past but problems have occurred. In fact, one year the bus driver did not show up.
- \* When Ed asked what days the bus would be hired for, Dick said from Tuesday to Saturday.
- \* Cheryl said that the Zone 3 crests are being cleared out for \$5. *A great deal.*

### ***Elections:***

- \* Cheryl referred to the bylaws and noted that “half” of the executive positions are to be voted on on alternate years. But for some reason all executive positions are due for re-election this year. To get back on the proper rotation, the positions of: Director, President, Vice President and Registrar will be for two years while the positions of Sports Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be for one year.
- \* Mark Mauger took over the meeting and acted as the chair for the elections. He said that the voting will be by a show of hands. For each executive position, Mark asked the incumbent whether they would stand for their present position. In each case the incumbent answered that they would let their name stand for re-election (Gerry Baragar by email). As required, Mark asked three times “Are there any nominations” from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, each incumbent executive won by acclamation.

Director	Dick Hopkins	2 year term
President	Cheryl De Graaf	2 year term
Vice President	Helen De Jean	2 year term
Sports Chair	Gerry Baragar	1 year term
Secretary	Harold Morioka	1 year term
Treasurer	Bev Tennant	1 year term
Registrar	Sylvia Peary	2 year term

(Note: no ballots to destroy)

- \* Motion to accept the elections. Alida/Sam Motion passed

## ***Sports Coordinators' Report:***

\* Cheryl asked each sports coordinator to give a brief summary of their sport at this year's 55+ BC Games in Coquitlam, including any problems that occurred.

**Archery** – No coordinator present.

**Badminton** – Wendy Nagasaka sent her badminton report by email. She said that the school gymnasium was a great facility but 7 courts was not enough (8 to 10 would be better). “The washroom facilities were inadequate” due to wet floors, stalls that didn't lock and overcrowding when students were on a break. The school cafeteria was open to participants only on Wednesday and Thursday until 12:30. There were a few food businesses in the plaza across the street. The tournament itself was well run and on time. A coordinators meeting was held but no rule changes were proposed. Zone 3 had 57 participants with 203 in total. Zone 3 won 40 medals (16 gold, 14 silver and 10 bronze).

**Bridge** – Jackie Carson reported that Zone 3 sent 6 couples to Duplicate Bridge and 5 couples to Social Bridge. Both Duplicate and Social bridge were in the same room so Jackie said “the noise level was unacceptable.” The Director wanted the Social bridge to be in the duplicate format with bidding boxes and boards so “there was a mini-revolt so changes were made.” Many people were unhappy with the line-up at the Casino buffet. Zone 3 won 16 of a possible 18 medals (6 couples in Duplicate Bridge, and 2 couples won 2 of the 3 medals awarded in Social Bridge).

**Bocce** – Cancelled this year.

**Carpet Bowling** – Both Ron Sheepwash and Jack Ramsey had medical conditions and were unable to attend. Fay Monkman chaired carpet bowling for the Games. Fay said the “volunteers did an amazing job” and made her “work as sports chair much easier.” Zone 3 won a bronze in Pairs, a silver in Threes and a bronze in Fours. *Cheryl reported that the facility was extremely cold*

**Cribbage/Whist** – Silvia Law reported cribbage was well represented but there was low participation in whist. Cribbage was divided into 4 flights made up of 4 tables per flight and with 2 teams at each table for a total of 32 teams (64 people in total). The top 2 teams from each flight played for medals. The teams played early in the morning and then had long waits before their afternoon games. Sylvia would “like the number of flights reduced from four to two so that the players would play more teams and perhaps this would also fill in the gaps between playing times. There was a problem when players pulled out opponents pegs before the score was written down. Whist had about half the number of teams (compared to cribbage) and each team played each other four times. Zone 3 had 6 teams in both whist and cribbage. Zone 3 won two of the 4 flights in cribbage and won a gold and silver in whist.

**Cycling** – Leo LeCouteur reported that “The cycling venue was one of the best I have seen in all the years I have been racing.” The course for the 12 km time trial and road race was “well marshalled with challenging hills”. There was one sharp corner at the bottom of one hill where a rider went down but was not injured. There was a problem with the timing system because if the bike was positioned too close to the magnetic strip on the pavement, the timing chip started the time immediately adding a minute to the actual time (there was a one minute interval between riders). The hill climb was challenging, especially for the novice cyclists. But “All in all, the whole event was a success. *Information missing re medals but Leo won the gold medal in the hill climb.*

**Darts** – Helen de Jean said “One again, our venue was very small and cramped.” Although the rules state that there should be a minimum of 16 feet distance between the toe line and the toe line behind them, there was only “just over 4 feet.” causing participants to bump each other. With no room to sit, participants had to wait in the hallway between matches and it was difficult to hear your name being called. Once again the person who was running the event was also playing which “caused some dissension, delays and confusion.” But the food was very good and the prices were very good as well. Although a coordinators meeting was scheduled for 3:30, no one showed up. Zone 3 won 19 medals (10 gold, 2 silver and 7 bronze). *Note that Helen won a complete set!*

**Dragon Boat** – Mark Mauger sent his report by email. He stated that this year's venue at Rocky Point was excellent with lots of volunteers. The competition was well officiated and promoted. They had “drones overhead which recorded the races so that people could view them online.” A coordinators meeting was held (attended by Zones 1,2,3,4,6 & 8) and several issues were discussed and formalized. A motion was passed to change the minimum number of women on a Mixed Crew team from 8 to 10. Cross Zone continues to be a problem for dragon boating because the teams paddle all year with members from different zones (teammates living in zones 3 and 4 in the LowerMainland/Fraser Valley). These paddlers would prefer to paddle for the “Zone based on where the team paddles out off” rather than being split up into the zones where they live. Zone 3 had 6 teams and won 3 medals.

**Equestrian** – Cancelled this year

**Five Pin Bowling** – No coordinator present. Dick reported that there was an issue with the Scottsdale bowlers. Because this club is on the border of Surrey (Zone 3) and North Delta (Zone 4), the North Delta bowlers wish to compete with their teammates from Zone 3. Dick said this is against the rules and will not be possible. No information re medals.

**Floor Curling** – Dick Hopkins reported that the venue was extremely cold. A coordinators meeting was held and a rule change was made to allow a 3<sup>rd</sup> team from each zone. This third team will be placed into the “A” or “B” category depending on the number of teams entered. Zone 3 had 6 “A” teams and 4 “B” teams entered. Zone 3 won the Gold in the “A” group and a bronze in the “B” group.

**Golf** – Sandy Melle reported that of the 76 golfers registered for the Zone 3 play downs held at Poppy Estates Golf Course, 37 (17 women, 10A & 9B and 20 men, 12A & 8B) qualified for the Games. The games were to be held at both Swaneset and Golden Eagle but only the Golden Eagle courses were used. *Dick explained that the reason for cancelling the Swaneset course was because the guaranteed number of a minimum of 250 golfers was not met. This could have resulted in a loss of about \$10,000.* A total of 176 golfers were registered for the 55+ Games but with the rain on the second day, only 147 completed both rounds. Sandy said “Thank you to the Zone 3 executive for providing financial assistance to the golfers.” A total of 119 medals were awarded for golf. Zone 3 won 26 medals (12 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze).

**Horseshoes** – Cancelled this year.

**Ice Curling** – Ernie Sawatzky sent his report by email. He said that the Zone 3 teams “did very well.” He had one concern regarding an individual who qualified for the Games, then indicated she couldn't play due to a sprained ankle, then after a spare was found, she “came to the Games.” Ernie wrote “I found this (to be) very poor sportsmanship.” Zone 3 won 6 medals (4 golds, silver and bronze).

**Ice Hockey** – Sam Wishlow reported that Zone 3 had 70 players playing on 5 teams. There was some confusion at the start because the referees were enforcing some rules unfamiliar to the players. Apparently the hockey committee changed some of the rules which were not approved by the BCSGS at the November AGM. After explaining this to the referees, there seemed to be no more confusion. Sam said, “Otherwise all went well and once again we did not have any serious incidents or accidents.” A coordinators meeting was held but only 3 coordinators (Zones 3, 6 & 9) attended. They discussed the subject of adding a 75+ division (*but no mention of a motion being passed*). Zone 3 won 3 medals (2 golds and a bronze).

**Lawn Bowling** – Ed Wagstaff reported that a very large number of participants from six zones competed in a total of 50 games at the Coquitlam Lawn Bowling Club. Prior to this year, lawn bowling was completed on the Thursday and Friday, but due to the large number of entries, the schedule was extended to Saturday. Unfortunately a few teams had not booked accommodations for Friday night so they could not stay for the Saturday matches and medal ceremonies. A rule change which allowed participants to play on both the mixed fours team and the men's or women's pairs team

also meant more games were required. At the coordinators meeting “which was very poorly attended”, a discussion took place regarding a request that lawn bowling be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, should there be another large entry. Ed will personally contact the host lawn bowling club in Vernon to pass on this information and to send a “generic” schedule. Only 4 medals are awarded for the sport of Lawn Bowling. Zone 3 won the bronze medal in the mixed fours event. A Zone 3 bowler cross-zoned and won the gold medal with the Zone 1 mixed triples team.

**Pickleball** – Ross Priebe reported that “pickleball continues to grow in numbers” with approximately 270 players registered this year. Zone 3 had close to 90 participants with over 40 of these being first-time participants at these Games. “Special thanks to Roxy Simpson, Bob McQueen and Adele Cloete for their assistance.” Walter Knecht (Zone 4 and Pickleball Sport Chair 2015 & 2016) and his team of volunteers put together an enjoyable tournament. Zone 3 brought back over 60 medals (*exact totals not given*).

**Slo Pitch** – Faye Oakes sent her report by email. She said that the mixed team category “is the fastest growing category with 10 teams entered, in 2 categories.” Zone 3 had three teams entered in these two categories. Two mens team registered for the Games but both withdrew due to lack of competition and “there is talk of cancelling the men's divisions completely.” Players commented that “the competition is too stiff for out of town casual teams” while the “competition is not good enough for more competitive teams.” Overall the tournament seemed to run smoothly. A negative was that the final results were very slow and the teams did not know whether they qualified for the final medal games. As a result one team did not show up for their medal game. There was a coordinators meeting but only 4 zones were represented. The men' coaches (if they continue to participate), put forth recommendations for 5 rules changes. Zone 3's 55 plus mixed team and 65 mixed team both won gold medals in their divisions.

**Soccer** – Barry Stewart reported that unlike in individual sports, getting “a whole team of 15 to 20 for mid-week daytime games is a daunting task.” Thus “the 55+ men's team fizzled out”. Zone 3 didn't have enough for a 65+ team so seven Zone 3 members played for the Zone 4 team which won the bronze medal. Three Zone 3 players played for the Zone 2 team but did not win a medal. These 65+ players already have ten Zone 3 players interested in going to Vernon next year. The Zone 3 60+ mens team was undefeated until they lost in the championship game (thus winning the silver medal). Barry is concerned about the unfairness of playing time when a player sits on the bench for almost the whole game “while others played the full game or most of it.” There was a coordinators meeting but Barry was unable to attend. He passed on a post-Games comment to Paul Kingan and others on the rules committee proposing that “EVERY player is entitled to at least 15 minutes per half in ALL games.”

**Swimming** – Alida Brichon sent her report by email. The venue at the City Centre Aquatic Complex in Coquitlam was a beautiful 8-lane pool with two extra lanes for warm up. The meet manager did a fantastic job ... “one of the best run meets.” Inadequate seating for the swimmers is a constant problem and the medal presentations is taking a lot of time. “Volunteers were fantastic, friendly and helpful.” After the competition was finished at 2:30 pm on Thursday, it was too long to wait for the 7pm start of the Casino Night. Zone 3 had 35 swimmers (with 8 new Coquitlam swimmers) participating at this year's Games. They won 131 individual medals (63 gold, 43 silver and 25 bronze). They also won 12 sets (4 per team) of relay medals (28 gold, 16 silver and 4 bronze).

**Table Tennis** – Sylvia Yee and Pat Toppings reported that the venue and table set-up at Port Moody was good. After an initial confusion over game times and table numbers, this was corrected and the games ran efficiently. A negative was that some individual playing times were too close together and also there was no water, coffee or food available. Zone 3 had 46 players registered for the Games and 43 participated, including 15 new participants. There was an even split between competitive and recreational players. Zone 3 won 28 individual medals (12 gold, 10 silver and 6 bronze). They also won 30 doubles medals (15 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze).

**Tennis** – Joseph Incantalupo reported that tennis requires a dry surface to play on and that was the case except for one day “when it was touch and go”. Since Zone 3 made up about half of the total participants, zone 3 “ended up holding most of the medals.” (*Joseph did not indicate the medal count*). Last year, Zone 3 had a record number of participants and that number was surpassed this year, and in fact “maxing out in several age categories.” A highlight for Joseph was when he was granted permission to present a silver medal to a women who was able to “play in our games for her first time.”

**Track and Field** – Harold Morioka reported that track and field was held at Percy Perry Stadium/Track (formerly named Town Centre). About 235 athletes registered for the Games but just over 200 competed. For the first time unlimited entries were allowed per zone, so Zone 3 had our most-ever number (72) of athletes registered for track and field. Several athletes did not compete on Friday due to the rain. Initially the officials wanted to postpone the pole vault competition to Saturday but since some of the pole vaulters were going home on Friday night, the pole vault competition was finally held late Friday, but with many vaulters deciding not to compete in the rain. The 50 metre sprint and 4x400 metre relay were added to the schedule while the medley relay was eliminated. Zone 3 won 179 individual medals (69 gold 70 silver and 40 bronze). The relay teams won 11 sets (4 medals per team) of medals (4, 5 and 2). Zone 3 athletes broke eleven 55+ BC Games records (9 individual and 2 relays). The womens 4x400m relay team broke the Canadian W55+ 4x400m record. A coordinators meeting was held and 8 Zones were represented. Nine motions were passed recommending rule changes for next year.

### ***Director's Report:***

- \* Dick reported that this year was extremely challenging for him. He attended all Coquitlam Board meetings from November and he oversaw the registration system because Sylvia was heavily involved with the Abbotsford Summer Games. Thanks to Helen, Gerry, Mark and Frank for helping with the keying in of information. There were over 1000 registered for Zone 3 playoffs with 852 participants and 10 non-participants signed up for the Games.
- \* Too many people showed up at 4 pm on Tuesday causing long line ups during Accreditation. Pickleball was particularly bad until they split the group into two lines. There was no problem at Accreditation on Wednesday.
- \* Dick said, “This year's opening ceremonies was the best I have ever attended.” Allowing all athletes to march in was well received. He was “thrilled to be chosen to do the Participants Pledge.” Thanks to those who spearheaded Dick's nomination for this honour.
- \* The banquet was very good this year with lots of seating, quick service and good quality food. This is the last year for the Banquet. It will be replaced by a social event next year.
- \* Let Dick know if any of your participants did not receive their medal. He must know by next week. Dick will try to pick up any missing medals when he attends the meeting in Vernon.
- \* Next year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Games and will be held in Vernon from September 12-16, the first host city of the BC Seniors Games (now known as the 55+ BC Games) in 1988.
- \* BCSGS will oversee the Games for the last time in Vernon. After this, they will hire an Operation Manager and a couple of Event Managers.
- \* Dick said, “Thank you to all the Executive and coordinators for their hard work during the year.”
- \* Motion to accept the Director's report. Sam/Sylvia P Motion passed

### ***President's Report:***

- \* Cheryl said it's hard to believe she has been chair for Zone 3 for two years. The time “went by so fast.” She has enjoyed working with everyone and “want to thank the hard working board who helped steer me always in the right direction” and to “thank all of you who work so hard in your positions to make your sports run smoother.”
- \* Cheryl said there are a lot of changes coming for the 55+ BC Games. For example as mentioned by Dick, there will be no banquet next year in Vernon.
- \* Cheryl has been in contact with the Vernon coordinators and they are “very excited to get to work to make (the) 2017 Games one of the best ever.”

\* Cheryl reminds us the schedule for the next three years will be:

2017 Vernon (Sept 12-16)

2018 Cranbrook & Kimberley

2019 Kelowna

\* Motion to accept the President's report.

Alida/Joseph

Motion Passed

### ***Open Floor:***

\* Alida said that Zone 3 finished #1 at this year's 55+ BC Games.

\* Dick agreed and said that Zone 3 had about 100 more medals than the second place Zone.

*Keep in mind that Zone 3 was the host zone and had the most participants registered.*

\* Ed (and others too) was unhappy about the \$10 fee he was charged for the Casino Night. Ed stood in line for over an hour for his food but finally decided to get out of line. After purchasing a hamburger, Ed concluded that the hamburger cost him about \$25.

\* Helen said she only received "frustration" for her \$10.

\* Helen said that she will be out-of-town from November to mid-March. She has already scheduled her darts play offs for *Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017*. She later emailed with this additional information:

*Br. 280 Legion, 5661 Vedder Road, Chilliwack.*

*Sign up at 11 am – 12:30 pm*

*Toe line approximately 1:00 pm.*

### ***Monthly Projections for Meetings in 2017:***

\* Following the meeting, Cheryl sent an email indicating that the Zone 3 monthly meetings will be held on the following dates:

\* February 21

\* March 21

\* April 18

\* May 16

\* June 20

\* July 18

\* No August Meeting

\* No September Meeting (Games in Vernon)

\* October 17 (AGM)

### ***Next meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2017***

\* Motion to adjourn.

Mark/Shirley

Motion passed

### ***Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm***

Refreshments – Alida