

**WINE COUNTRY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union Office
in Oliver**

Present (alphabetically): Ted Allen, Carol Cieslik, Stefan Cieslik, Jim Demetrick, Letitia Ecker, Heather Frank, Ken Hayes, Ritchie Kendrick, Doris Kuehn, Sherry Philpott-Adhikary, Ray Pitt, Jan Shannon, (12 in total). Regrets: Arthur and Cheryl Halsted because of a medical consultation appointment/scheduling conflict.

1. Call to Order @ 10:00am

2. Welcome/Introductions/President, Stefan Cieslik

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: H. Frank/R. Kendrick That the agenda be approved. Carried

4. AGM Minutes for 2021 – the meeting was held by e-mails and telephone calls, due to Covid. Stefan will attach the 2021 AGM Minutes to the 2022 AGM minutes.

5. Reports:

President's Report – Not much to report as we haven't met for two years. Cheryl Halsted and Sherry Philpott-Adhikary attended Super Zone meetings, by zoom, in March/May 2022. Stefan discussed options for extended health, dental and house insurance. Ray Pitt suggested that we host a speaker from BCRTA to present these options to our members in Sept. 2022. Stefan will look into this.

Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Halsted (Stefan gave a report for Cheryl as she wasn't able to attend the meeting) We have a bank balance of \$732.40 + \$6.74 in shares = \$739.14 TOTAL

Zone Report – Sherry Philpott-Adhikary gave highlights of the May 2022 Super Zone meeting. Our annual fee will go from \$42 to \$45, due to the rising costs of inflation. The BCRTA Conference will occur Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1/2022 in person, in Richmond BC.

6. Election of Wine Country RTA Executive for 2022/23, chaired by Ray Pitt

- President: Stefan Cieslik by acclamation
- Secretary: Sherry Philpott-Adhikary by acclamation
- Treasurer: Cheryl Halsted by acclamation

•2 Delegates for the BCRTA in person & virtual Zoom Conference/AGM to be held in Richmond Sept 29, Sept 30, Oct 1st ,2022. Stefan Cieslik will attend as President Delegate. No one put their name forward as a second delegate or alternate.

Motion: R. Kendrick/Ken Hayes That the meeting gives the President, Stefan Cieslik, the power to appoint a second delegate. Carried

7. Announcements:

•Ernie Milward – re-elected as President of South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union for 2022/23 (5th term; by acclamation).

•Congratulations to this year's retirees June 2022, EA Bonnie Douglas – OSS, Gary Reichl – SESS, Paulina Tinn – SESS & CPS, Lorraine Stayberg & Shari Burnie – OK Falls, Tina Lovett (District Staff). There may be others, but these are all the names that we have as of June 13,2022.

- There will be a School District #53 reception to be held on June 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm at the Watermark Beach Resort, 15 Park Place, Osoyoos
- There will be a South Okanagan-Similkameen Teachers' Union end-of-year retirement function this year to be held on Friday, June 17th at Meyers Family Vineyards in Okanagan Falls. Retired teachers invited \$25 at cost.

• BCRTA AGM - in-person event and hybrid ability. If you are not a delegate you can still attend, but still have to register to get the zoom link. Registration Process - Free on-line broadcast live. Delegate = cost. Sept. 29th evening, Sept. 30 Conference all day, Oct. 1 = BCRTA AGM preceded by RR Smith AGM

• September – Annual - To Hell with the Bell Breakfast (if such a brunch gathering is feasible, venue TBA)

• December - Christmas Luncheon, venue TBA

• Free Membership in BCRTA right now through until June 30, 2023 (if you know someone who is not yet a member).

8. Other Business – none

9. Adjournment 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Philpott-Adhikary, Secretary