

QUARTERLY



Summer . 2021

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY LIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE LEKWUNGEN-SPEAKING PEOPLE, KNOWN AS THE ESQUIMALT, SONGHEES, AND WSANEC FIRST NATIONS

We need a little help from our friends!



Laurie Davison
Acting President

Many of you may be aware that VENC has struggled this year to fill their slate of officers for the upcoming year. Like many businesses and clubs, coming back from COVID is going to be a challenge.

The life I lead in Victoria today would not be what it is if I had not joined VENC. If you feel that VENC has helped you to find friends and discover the city, please show your support by renewing your membership for another year.

Felicity, Acting Vice-President, and I have already received commitments from a few members to help bring VENC back from the COVID shut down but we know we will need your support. Please don't let this be the year you decide VENC has served its purpose for you. Instead, won't you consider lending your talents to the VENC Executive, or offer to host one of the activity group gatherings?

Looking forward to seeing everyone, in person, soon!

Sincerely,

Laurie Davison, Acting President



Focus on Activity Groups

The majority of the VENC Activity Groups are continuing into the coming year. See the current list on the web site, under the Activities tab. To be included in any invitations, **be sure to update your membership profile on the web site.** Walking groups have already resumed.

A new group, Day-Trippers, has just started up, led by Renee Roy and Alison Clark. An announcement with more information about this group went out by email at the beginning of July.

Unfortunately, the following groups will not be available unless you consider leading or co-leading one of them:

Scrabble - two games per evening

Games Night - board games at various members' homes

Pub Night - once/month, spouses and partners welcome

Get the inside scoop from the Activity Leader job description on the web site (About VENC> Job Descriptions> Member Roles), then contact the Activity Group Liaison, Edie Ungstad (VENCActivity@gmail.com).

AGM Results

Thanks to the 68 members who participated in our electronic AGM. This is equivalent to the attendance we usually had at our traditional dinner meetings. The results of the voting were as follows:

- 1 Carried: Motion to accept the 2020 AGM Minutes.
In Favour: 68 Against: 0
- 2 Carried: Motion to approve the change in Bylaw VII-5.
In Favour: 66 Against: 2
- 3 Carried: Slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 Executive.
In Favour: 68 Against: 0

Due to the large number of vacancies as noted in item 3, the VENC Executive continued to seek volunteers to fill these positions and ensure a successful VENC Restart. Several volunteers have joined the incoming Executive.

However, **we continue to seek volunteers for Secretary and Events Coordinator, as well as for Acting President and Acting Vice President positions.** For details, please see the Bulletin issued at the end of June.



Welcoming Committee Needs More Members

For a new member, contact from this committee is a welcome interaction. For a committee member, this is one of the most enjoyable volunteer jobs in the Club. To join the committee, see the job description on the web site (About VENC>VENC Job Descriptions>Member Roles) then contact the Membership Coordinator, Alison Clark (VENCmembership@gmail.com)



Membership Renewal due by August 31st

There was no fee during the pandemic. Despite the cost of everything going up, VENC membership is still only \$30! We are anticipating a full year of activities, beginning in September. Given the high percentage of vaccination in the population on the South Island, we expect to be able to interact safely once the BC Restart Plan reaches Step 4.

Renewal notices went out by email on 8th July. Be sure to review your profile, update the photo if desired, then select any activity groups in which you wish to participate. The mailing lists will be refreshed in September, and then monthly thereafter.

