

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall.

Those present: George Robbins - President, Roger Painter - Vice President, Joy Cameron, Dave Thomson, Shirley Cook, Irene Evans, Bonnie Wadds, Heather Dickenson, Gord Dickenson, Dorylee Robson, Jo-Anne Heans, Bill Wikkerink, Pat Langelo, Jens Liebgott, Ron Bronstein, Nancy Bronstein, Kim Barnard, Gerry Sjostrom, Dorothy Sjostrom, Mike Wilson, Joyce Behnsen, Al Nikiforuk, Laureen Van Der Meulen, Bill Dumont, Robin Brett - Treasurer and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President George Robbins who turned the meeting over to Roger Painter to Chair as he had been on holiday at the time of the Directors meeting.

Roger welcomed everyone to the meeting then provided a brief overview of the Directors meeting held on January 21, 2019. He indicated the minutes of the Directors meeting would be emailed out to the members during the week.

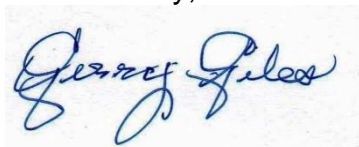
Questions were asked about Seedy Saturday and the comments made will be taken into consideration by the Seedy Saturday Committee.

Robin provided an overview of the financial situation of the Farmers Institute and said that we were about \$2,000 behind where we were at this time last year. She clarified this was due to the replacement of the kitchen stairs with a ramp and the complete replacement of the front stairs of the hall. The material for the front stairs was bought by the Farmers Institute but the work to deconstruct and then construct the stairs was done by the Rotary Club of South Cowichan.

At 7:20 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Bill Dumont who gave an excellent presentation of his New Zealand tour. Wonderful half time snacks were also provided by Dumont tours.

Questions were asked and answered after which the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the title "Secretary".

Secretary