



Billy Bishop/Kerrisdale (B.C./Yukon No. 176)

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COVID-19 MEMO #29 to MEMBERS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Comrades

Over the last two weeks we have been diligently dealing with Health agencies, B.C. Yukon Command the City of Vancouver and others to try and open for our members. Yesterday we received a communication from our Health Inspector, from our final discussion and communication Friday related to the Current Health Order. Briefly the result of her communication is as long as we conform to all health orders and provide “food service” every day we can open. In other words if we operate as a food service establishment with a bar we can open. All procedures and health protocols will be closely monitored.

Before going forward with some details I would like to remind all that on an annual basis we have not been making any money over the last two years. There were very few Saturday dinners that per profitable with some exceptions, such as the Christmas turkey dinner which was sold out. (an apology to those we had to turn away). Other days were less profitable due to lack of support.

As we all know prices for everything have gone up over the last couple of years, which means the Branches fixed expenses have risen drastically. For example, our insurance on the building has gone from \$5,000 last year to \$13,000 this year. All utilities and other related costs have also risen although not quite as drastically. Over that period our prices to members have stayed static. This week we have had to liquidate some of our investment to cover ongoing accounts receivable.

Now back to our plans going forward. We will open on our regular days starting this week based on the information and direction from our Health Inspector. A food menu will be available for days open and it will be provided in our weekly blast as well as in the Branch. Saturday food however will be a traditional roast beef dinner with background music by Chapter 11 with. There may be a hint of Scotland. The meat draw will take place on Sunday naturally with all required protocols in place.

We are going to have to closely evaluate this week for support and if we cannot at least break even will have to re-visit this opening decision.

We have always followed all Covid Health Order Protocols and in some cases we have been ahead of the orders to ensure this is a very safe environment. We have been ordered to update our Covid Policy which will accompany this Memo and I encourage everyone to read it as adherence is critical to our operation this week and hopefully going forward, as it has included requirements for a food service establishment.

Please come in and enjoy a meal while relaxing with family (children are allowed when we serve food) or watching NFL, listening to background music or watching other sports and help to keep the branch open.

Going forward we need fresh ideas and fresh faces for committees so we can provide a wide range of new services and entertainment.



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Thanks to all the regulars who have supported us through this difficult time and we are glad we have been given this opportunity to try and open again.

We will be providing other branch information in a separate Memo which will include updated detailed financials and hopefully some good news to go along with it.

Thanks again to all,

In Comradeship and on behalf of the Executive we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

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