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NEXT MEETING

Date: October 21, 1997

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Topic: **Realignment of B.C. Politics and Canadian Unity**

Location: Stanley Park Pavilion

Speaker: Gordon Wilson, M.L.A.

Minutes of September 16/1997 Annual Meeting which was called to order by Chair Fred Cotton at 9:50 a.m.

Treasurer, Bill Wallace, reported that the January 1 to September 14/97 surplus was \$2,126.00, and he presented a proposed budget for 97/98 indicating a surplus of \$654.00 based upon annual dues of \$40.00/year. The budget passed unanimously.

A current roster of the 82 paid members as of September 14/97 was circulated.

Jim McPherson stated the tour of Roberts Bank was a go for September 25/97; please sign up. The next special event will be on October 18/97 which is a tour of the construction of the Catamaran Ferry at 980 West 1st Avenue, North Vancouver at 10:00 a.m.

Brice McDougall reported that the Speaker for the October meeting will be Gordon Wilson, M.L.A.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m. Gordon Christopher introduced our guest speaker, John Râtel, who was thanked by Dick Mathews. John is Director of Government Affairs for B.C.A.A. and he outlined the current efforts the B.C.A.A. is making on our behalf. Some points I noted are as follows:

- B.C.A.A. started in 1906 with the object to lobby Government. Current membership is 700,000 in B.C. and 3.8 million in Canada.
- The main activities of B.C.A.A. are safety education, roadside assistance, insurance, and travel advice.
- B.C. spends 95% of its gasoline tax on roads and the Federal Government spends 4% on highway construction (ie. 4% of 4 billion dollars).
- John and B.C.A.A. lobbied the government to increase safety which would reduce ICBC costs. No-fault insurance would not decrease ICBC costs. ICBC should address the mot cause of the increase in financial claims; increased safety will reduce claims.
- Reduce claims by attacking impaired drivers, high-speed drivers, and new driver probation period; photo radar and intersection cameras will also help reduce claims.
- B.C.A.A. is against Tolls.
- The automobile is a small contribution to air pollution, but is a popular and obvious target of the environmentalists.

A spirited question period followed, covering "Air Care" to "Speed Traps". Brice McDougall once again obtained an excellent speaker for our benefit.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

I am enclosing a final statement of income and expenses for the year ending September 30, 1997.

Jim Gilley
Interim Secretary