

**Electrical Inspector's Association of British Columbia  
General Meeting of September 24, 2012  
Held at Cheer's Restaurant  
125 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., N. Vancouver, B.C.**

Roger Tuttle, the Past President extended a warm welcome to all and thanked everyone for coming. Attending members and guests then introduced themselves.

Roger informed the members about the unfortunate accident incurred by Jack Ball while he was trimming trees. He noted that Jack had fractured several ribs, but was on the mend and doing well. On behalf of the EIA, Roger extended best wishes to Jack for a speedy recovery.

**Guest Speaker**

Roger Tuttle introduced the Sales Representative team for Thomas and Betts which included Mr. Kim Davies, Mr. Dennis Howe, Mr. Russ Decola and Mr. Vince Russell. The team of T&B reps had set up a table that included information brochures and several samples of new and innovative products that are currently being marketed to the electrical industry. A well designed power point presentation was used to illustrate the various products. The presentation included a description of the "Readylite" line of exit signs developed to comply with the recently adopted changes to the NBCC. The NBCC now requires the use of the "international Green Man pictogram" for exit signs. The presentation also included an explanation of the innovative Thomas & Betts "nexus" system for testing emergency lighting. A short video was used to illustrate several of the benefits of the system which include:

- elimination of manual testing costs
- simplified maintenance procedures
- on demand compliance reporting
- etc.

The presentation finished up with an informative question and answer session.

Roger Tuttle thanked Kim and his team for the excellent presentation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Roger Tuttle called the meeting to order at 19:15 hours.

**MINUTES**

Roger Tuttle noted the minutes of the previous General meeting were currently not available, however would be posted on line in the next day or so.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

There was no report available at this time.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Brian Esau reported that our current bank balance was \$37,123.26.

Wayne White moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Rick May. Carried.

### **Website Committee**

Rick Porcina noted the website activity remained quite active with about 40 hits per day.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nil.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Roger noted that the EIA was looking to recruit a new editor for the newsletter and was also searching for someone to take over the duties associated with the website. Roger asked if anyone was interested to please let him know.

### **Life Membership**

Eric Sipila recommended that Farmand Ghafari be accepted as a Life Member in the EIA. There was unanimous support to include Farmand as a Life Member.

### **Door Prize**

The free dinner was awarded to Bill Hopkins.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further new business, Roger Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 19:30 hours.