

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
Vancouver Island North Branch BC 06
General Meeting March 17, 2010

The President, Cecile Turnbull, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. After a few words of welcome, she asked Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of O Canada. Cecile then introduced the 2010 Executive members to the general membership.

It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by Barb Schneider that the minutes of the last General meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Tom presented his financial statement for the year to date, a copy of which was on each table for the members to read. He asked if there were any questions. There being none, he moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by John Davis. Motion carried.

John Renaud, a member of the Financial Review Committee, summarized that report and said that all was in order for 2009. Tom moved that the Audited Financial Statements for the Year ending 2009 be accepted by the membership, seconded by Halle MacMullen. The motion was approved by the members.

Membership: Steve said that the callers have reported some incorrect phone numbers and asked anyone who plans to move or who has a new phone number to please inform someone on the executive. The executive is listed in each issue of the Newsletter.

Newsletter: The Name the Newsletter contest has started and we have one suggestion already.

Benefits: Bill has estate documents, in which you can record vital information required to settle an estate, available for \$3.00. There was also some discussion at the last executive meeting about cases where one partner has looked after all the financial affairs and the other partner is in the dark. Bill suggested that both partners share their financial information with each other. Settling an estate is difficult enough without having the added stress of "not knowing".

Programs: Barb asked everyone if they enjoyed the meal and a round of applause indicated approval. She also told us that if we had any suggestions regarding the menu to give her a call. She is open to suggestions. Tickets for the Christmas meeting in December will be on sale at the June and September general meetings.

Media: John said that the photograph album was available to look at and was on the table by the door. He invited anyone wanting copies to use the accompanying request form. Prints would be made available at no charge.

Welfare: Halle said she has sent out six cards since the last meeting. Her phone number is in the Newsletter.

Telephone: Paddy thanked the phone committee members for doing a good job again. She noted that the phoners make approximately 1000 calls for every meeting.

History: Frank said all is well.

New Business:

- The coat that went missing at the Christmas meeting has not been recovered. If anyone finds a strange coat in their closet please check with Cecile.

- The Name the Newsletter contest has started and a final decision will be made at the September Executive meeting.
- The election of a National Director for British Columbia is under way. John Finn, the present Regional Service Officer, and Julie Spencer, the present National Director, are on the slate. We should know the results shortly.
- The 2010 National Congress will be held in Halifax from June 14 to June 18. A By-law committee worked on the 2010 By-laws and they will be presented at the Congress. There was a question as to why the Congress is held annually as it can be a very expensive undertaking. Maybe every two years would be enough.
- Ian presented the proposal from the executive that our annual donation of \$1,000.00 be made this year to the Comox Valley Prostate Support Group. This would help finance the tests which cost \$34.00 each. It was moved by Paddy and seconded by Frank that we make this our donation for this year. Motion carried.

Our guest speaker was Denise Wanleff who is with the Vancouver Island Health Authority. She told us of the many services available and that many of them subsidized by the Province. A phone call to 250-331-8570 will give you someone who will be able to help you solve a problem or direct you to someone who can be of further help. Their website is www.viha.ca.

The draw for lunch at Jo Claussen's Grill was won by Stu McIntosh. The Newcomers draw was won by Elizabeth Steeves and the Pot of Gold was shared by Don Harris, Arlene McIntosh and Toady Elvins.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind
Secretary

Cecile Turnbull
President