

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

### Vancouver Island North Branch 06

### General Meeting June 8, 2011

Cecile called the meeting to order and Margaret Crites led us in the singing of O Canada. Cecile then thanked the staff for providing us with such a delicious meal. She then told us that we do have a guest speaker – Joy Flaro – who we will hear from later.

It was moved by Bill Turnbull and seconded by Ian Sibbald that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: Kathy Brown started her report by announcing that today is Stocky Edwards 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was received by a round of applause. Her report showed a balance of \$3,011.72. She also explained that the dues refund reported in the statement was because one member had paid by DDS and by cheque. Barbara Schneider moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Halle MacMullen. Motion carried.

Membership: Steve Bunyan said that our membership stands at 2064 members and spouses but that 70 of those are inactive. He wished one and all a great summer.

Newsletter: Steve was away so Bill Turnbull sent out the e-mail side of the newsletter.

Benefits: Bill Turnbull said things have been quiet. The PSHCP cards seem to be working quite well. Also, the Langley office is available for inquiries regarding Johnson Insurance or Medoc. He also has estate documents for sale after the meeting.

Programs: Barbara Schneider said she hoped all had enjoyed their meal. The phone committee total showed 134 members said they were coming but 152 showed up. Barbara had guaranteed 138 guests so another table had to be set up to seat everyone. She wished everyone a great summer.

Telephone: The attendance numbers today illustrate the problems that can arise. Are you coming and how many! Please phone Barb or Paddy if you have to cancel.

History: History is doing well.

#### **Old Business:**

We will continue to hold our meetings at the Westerly. Other facilities were looked at but there is nothing available in the area at present.

Cecile has been to the Annual General Meeting in Ottawa where there was much discussion regarding the by-laws. As a result of that meeting, ours will have to be looked at later in the year to make sure we conform. They will be brought forward to the membership when completed.

**New Business:**

After much discussion, the executive proposes that our annual charitable donation this year be made to the Free Masons Cancer Car service which provides transportation for patients to the airport, hospital, etc. Cecile moved that the suggestion be approved, seconded by Tom Dandeno. The motion carried.

The Christmas luncheon tickets are on sale today and at the September meeting. We are limited to 200 members and if you have no ticket, you will not be admitted. If necessary, you can contact Cecile or Barbara to reserve one.

Our guest speaker was Joy Flaro from the Medicine Shoppe and she spoke to us about staying at home as long as you can. The greatest dangers are falling, stairs, bathing and bed height. She discussed grab bars, chair lifts and many other useful and helpful aids available to make life easier. She stressed that you should get a prescription for everything and the cost will be less. There are two stores, one in Courtenay and one in Nanaimo.

Cecile thanked her for all the information she provided and she was given a round of applause from the members.

Cecile went on to welcome the newcomers and Georgie Munroe was the winner of a free ticket to the next luncheon meeting.

The winners of the Pot of Gold were Reg Garnett, Darlene Bernard and Diane Stewart. The donation from the Black Finn was won by Bob Clarke.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President

