



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
Vancouver Island North Branch 06
General Meeting – June 13, 2012

Cecile called the meeting to order with words of welcome to those attending and especially to those who are with us for the first time. She then called on Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of O Canada.

It was moved by Rick Shaw and seconded by Halle that the minutes of the last general meeting be accepted as presented, with copies on every table. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathi remarked that she hoped everyone had a chance to study the financial statement, copies of which were on each table. She asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, it was moved by Bill and seconded by John that the report be approved. The motion carried.

Membership: Steve said our membership total to date is now 2097. He also remarked on the fact that some people who pay by DDS are also paying by cheque, which causes a great deal of confusion. He explained that if the expiry date on the membership card is December, you pay by cash. If the expiry date is March, then your dues are automatically deducted monthly at source from your pension cheque. Our by-laws state if dues are not paid by March 31st of each year, membership is automatically cancelled.

Health Benefits: Bill told us that things have been quiet lately and also that the Health Benefits position has been filled again by Louise Bergeron. He also said that 6 million people in Canada have pension plans and that half of those are government employees. This means about 38% of Canadians are covered by a pension plan. He also said that FSNA had sent a letter regarding the Veteran's pension plan court case which was lost by the government and thanking them for not appealing the verdict.

Programs: Barb wished everyone a very happy summer and hoped to see us all back in the fall. She also remarked on the 'food shortage' which she hopes will never happen again. There were 23 no-shows.

Welfare: Halle thanked those who have contributed cards. She said they are a great help. She has sent out 2 'thinking of you' cards and 2 get well cards. She wished everyone a great summer.

Telephone: Patty expressed her thanks to the members of the phone committee for another job well done. She reminded the volunteers of the BBQ on July 21st, wished all a good summer and will see you in the fall.

History: Frank said the history was up-to-date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charities: The executive is recommending a donation of \$1000.00 be made to the Veterans Learn to Ski/Snowboard Program on Mount Washington with the proviso that this donation be specifically for the use of the veterans and their equipment. Kathi Brown was familiar with the program on the mountain this past winter and spoke to the meeting about the experience and how the veterans responded. It was moved by Bill Turnbull and seconded by Ian that the donation be made. Motion carried.

The second donation of \$1000.00 being recommended is to the Free Masons Cancer Car Project who drive cancer patients and their families to hospitals and clinics for treatment. It was moved by John and seconded by Derorah that this donation be approved. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The National Annual General Meeting is being held in Edmonton this year on July 27-28.

Christmas Luncheon tickets are on sale today and will be on sale at the September meeting. Otherwise, they can be obtained from Bill Turnbull at 250-338-1857 or Barb Schneider at 250-703-2504. Cecile asked that everyone get their tickets early as the seating capacity of the hall is only 200.

Our guest speaker today is Nick Nesling who is the Examiner Supervisor with Courtenay Driver Services. He gave a very interesting outline on the rules and regulations covering the Senior drivers Licensing privileges. Following the presentation, he answered many questions from the members. Cecile thanked him for helping seniors to understand what to expect in the future and for the guide lines.

The speaker for December is Betty Donaldson from the Elder College.

DRAWS:

Aji Fliss from the Travel Connoisseurs Club donated the following:

A basket of flowers won by Jim Rest.

The following won a \$50.00 gift certificate towards a cruise:

Angie Howell	A & N Windley	Sylvia Nichols
Stewart Ing	Theresa Foster	Terry Burns
Kathi Brown	Paul Lapointe	Joan Erickson
Bob Mortimer		

Pot of Gold – each of the following won \$50.00

Reg Garnett	Laurie Aucoin	Toady Elvins
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The \$30.00 lunch ticket was won by Paul Gill

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President