

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
Vancouver Island North Branch 06
General Meeting – December 12, 2012

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada lead by Margaret Crites.

Ian welcomed everyone and when he asked if there were any who had not been to a meeting before, we had two people stand for a special greeting. He then went on to introduce Cecile Turnbull in her new capacity as Regional Service Officer for the Island. John Finn, our Provincial Advocacy Officer, also received a special acknowledgement.

It was moved by Mary Kamann and seconded by Margaret Wreggitt that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Ian went on to enumerate the changes which have resulted from Cecile leaving as President. Ian, as Vice President, moved up to the president's chair and Al Dawber was temporarily installed as the new Vice President. Cecile has now become the Past President, replacing Bill McSeveney. Deborah Yelf has accepted the Welfare position from Halle, who is now a Director. There will be general elections in March of 2013.

Ian presented Cecile with a framed Certificate and she was given a bouquet of flowers from the Branch by Barbara Schneider. She was given a round of applause from the members in appreciation for her service to the Branch.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathy gave her report, copies of which were on the tables. As there were no questions, Al Dawber moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Kevin Weighill. Motion carried.

Membership/Web: Steve said our membership at present stands at 2100 – 1379 members and 721 spouses. There will be a Membership drive from National Office in the new year. He wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Newsletter: Kevin has asked again for those who have e-mail addresses to allow us to send their Newsletter that way. The addresses will not be used in any other way. We can save a lot of money if we don't have to send so many by mail. He also said he is open to suggestions and items for the paper. Please get in touch with him.

Benefits: Bill said there was a rumor circulating that CFSA survivor benefits were going to increase from 50% to 60% but that is untrue. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

Programs: Barb said she found the meal provided to be very good and hoped everyone else enjoyed it as well. Applause provided the response. She went on to thank Laurie for her help in wrapping the gifts, Frank for picking them up and delivering them to the hotel and Frank again for delivering the food bank groceries and money to the Food Bank. She also wished Lorne McCully a happy 84th birthday and everyone Joy for the Holiday season.

Media: John said he had been taking pictures and they would be available for viewing at the March meeting. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

Welfare: Deborah said that she has sent out 13 sympathy cards, 1 to a member recovering from surgery and 14 get well cards. She has also been visiting members who are in hospital.

With regard to the food bank donations, cash donations amounted to \$185.00 plus the branch's share of the 50/50 draw will also be donated. There were also 7 large tubs of food donations. She wished all a Happy Christmas holiday season.

Telephone: Paddy said she was in dire need of more callers. Calls are made only three times a year

and with many volunteers, the time spent is minimal. Please get in touch with her so she can add more names to the list. She wished all the Best of the Season.

History: Seasons Greetings to all and will see you in March, said Frank.

BUSINESS:

Pension indexing for 2013 is 1.9% so we will get a slight raise.

A ruling has come down that Revenue Canada cannot impose HST on membership dues so those who have paid their dues for 2013 will get a refund.

Financial Review Committee – John and Dave have agreed to act again this year and the report will be presented at the March Annual General Meeting.

Election of Vice President. Paddy called for nominations and Stocky Edwards named Al Dawber and Toni Edwards named Bill Turnbull. Bill declined the nomination so Al Dawber was elected by acclamation. Al was sworn in by Cecile so the Vice President was officially installed.

Following the business meeting, the draws were done. Halle conducted the 50/50 draw and 4 draws for \$50.00 each were won by Joan Collins, Gary Rhindress and Terry Chester twice.

The winner of the Food Bank Draw was Andy Anderberg and the Door Prize was won by Bob Bird.

The meeting was brought to a close by Art Collins reading a poem The Knight before Christmas, which was very well received and the singing of God Save the Queen in honor of the Diamond Jubilee Year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Santa Clause arrived and the gift draws were made to the enjoyment of all present.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Ian Sibbald - President