



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES**  
**Vancouver Island North - BC Branch 06**  
General Meeting – March 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ian Sibbald, who then called on Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of “O Canada”. He then asked if we had any new members present. Several stood and they introduced themselves. They were welcomed by a round of applause. He also welcomed John Finn, Cecile Turnbull and our guest speaker, John Horgan.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: Kathi informed us that the HST payment made on the membership dues by some of the members before the ruling was reversed was slowly being returned to them. She then called on John Renaud to give the report of the Financial Review Committee. John said that the accounting was in order and in the black. Kathi moved that the audited financial statements be accepted, seconded by John Davis. Motion carried. She also referred to the copy of the proposed budget for 2013, a copy of which is on each table. She then made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

Membership: Steve said that we presently have 1403 members and 734 spouses for a total of 2137. He also said the web site was up to date. He sent out 1030 copies of the Newsletter via Canada Post and another 285 via e-mail. He also wished everyone a good summer.

Benefits: Bill said that things have been relatively quiet but that he had a request for advice from one of our members.

Programs: Barbara mentioned the meal and a round of applause went up for the staff that provided it for us. She also wished everyone a happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Media: John said that the album containing the pictures from the December meeting was outside the door and a form was there for anyone wishing to place an order for pictures.

Welfare: Deborah said that she had received notice of 4 illnesses, 3 surgeries and 13 deaths. The appropriate cards have been sent and hospital visits have been made.

Telephone: Paddy thanked the callers for again doing a good job.

History: Frank said he had nothing to report.

Election of the new Board Members was carried out by Paddy O’Blenis. The president and the treasurer had both resigned. The new President is Bill Turnbull, Vice President is vacant, and the new Treasurer is Serge Gosselin and those standing for re-election, Frank Elvins, John Davis, Barbara Schneider, Paddy O’Blenis and Marjorie Arnold were all acclaimed. The Board was sworn in by Cecile Turnbull.

Our guest speaker, John Horgan of the Watershed Conservancy, was introduced by Cecile Turnbull. He gave a very interesting talk and slide presentation regarding the estuary, its inhabitants and its importance to the area. Following his presentation, he was thanked by a round of applause from the assembly.

The draws followed, won by Bill Bruin, Deb Yelf and Toady Elvins. The luncheon winning ticket was held by Georgina Dalton.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Ian Sibbald – President

#### ADDENDUM:

Given the election of a new executive, there will of necessity be a change of signing authority for Branch accounts held at the Bank of Montreal, Courtenay. Henceforth, the following officers will hold signing authority:

William D. Turnbull, President

Serge J. Gosselin, Treasurer

Robert Ian Sibbald, Immediate Past President

WD Turnbull – President