



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North
General Meeting
Westerly Hotel – 12 June 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Bill Turnbull, the President. When he asked if there were any new members present, one person stood and introduced himself. Bill then introduced John Finn, PAO, who is running for 3rd Vice President on the National Board of Directors, Cecile Turnbull, RSO, and LCol Todd Sharp, our guest speaker.

Bill asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Receiving none, he moved on to the minutes of the AGM on 13 Mar 2013. Cecile noted that “Annual” should be added to the title of that meeting. Ed Shymko moved that the minutes be accepted as amended; seconded by Wayne Murphy. Carried.

Committee Reports:

With Serge Gosselin, Treasurer, busy counting the draw cash, Bill pointed to the financial statements available on each table. Steve Bunyan, Membership Director, had reported to Bill from Ireland that the Branch now stands at 2,188 members. Since Kevin Weighill, Newsletter Editor, was absent, Bill simply noted that the Newsletter had been published and distributed on schedule. Clint Halfkenny, our new HBO, is on board and had Estate Documents for sale. Barb Schneider, outgoing Programs Director, thanked everyone for 14 enjoyable years on the Executive. Bill is actively looking for someone to replace her. John Challender, Communications Director, was absent but Bill reported on his behalf that notice of our meeting did appear in the Echo and on Jet FM. John had noted that the Comox Valley Record has moved its Community Events calendar from the print edition to its online site. Deborah Yelf, Welfare Director, reported that as many as seven members have passed away since our March meeting. Paddy O’Blennis, Telephone Coordinator, mentioned that the volunteers’ appreciation day will be celebrated with steaks at this summer’s BBQ. Bill stated that he is holding the Branch history records for the moment. He noted that it is now 50 years since Fred and Evelyn Whitehouse started FSNA in Victoria. From that modest beginning, FSNA membership has grown to more than 180,000. Vancouver Island North got its start in 1982 but became dormant for a time, starting up again in 1993. So this year marks a 20th anniversary for the “new” Branch. Bill once again solicited for volunteers to fill the Programs and History positions.

Business:

Bill started the nomination and election of officers. Kathi Brown stood for Vice President, Karen Finn for Secretary, Clint Halfkenny and John Challender as Directors. All were acclaimed. Cecile, as RSO, swore in Kathi, Karen, Clint as well as Serge Gosselin who was absent when elected in March.

Bill then presented Certificates of Achievement to Frank Elvins for 20 years’ service on the Branch executive, Dorothy Lind for 18 years, John Davis for 17 years, Ian Sibbald for 14 years, Barb Schneider for 13 years, Halle MacMullen for 12 years and Laurretta Hewitt for 5 years on the Board plus many more helping Barb with luncheon preparations.

Bill reported that we now have a Class D Gaming Licence for 50/50 draws and outlined some of the regulations associated with such a licence.

Bill gave a presentation on increasing luncheon costs and possible alternatives in terms of venues, caterers and menu choices. When asked for a show of hands, the members present indicated that they would prefer a lighter (and therefore lower cost) lunch but wished to continue using the Westerly Hotel as a venue. They felt that a traditional menu was appropriate at the Christmas meeting even if that meant paying \$22 - \$25 per person. Barb Schneider noted that the Westerly has been reserved through 2014.

LCol Todd Sharp, CO 442 Squadron, gave an informative talk on Search and Rescue in Canada which was followed by a lively question and answer session. He presented us with artwork of his squadron's aircraft that was subsequently awarded as a door prize.

Additional door prizes of two floral arrangements and a gift certificate to *Chad's West Coast Bar & Grill* were also awarded.

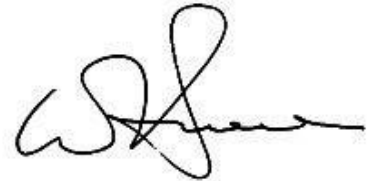
The 50/50 draws were won by Karin Kratz and Marie Maurice.

John Finn moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kathi Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Karen Finn – Secretary

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Bill Turnbull – President