

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
General Meeting - Vancouver Island North
16 September 2009



Vice President, Cecile Turnbull, in Bill McSeveney's absence, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Margaret Crites led the gathering in singing "O Canada".

Cecile welcomed the membership, and introduced herself. The Regional Services Officer, John Finn, was introduced as the guest speaker, reporting on Congress 09.

Cecile introduced Stocky Edwards, a WWII pilot being honoured by having a refurbished Curtis P-40 Kittyhawk named after him.

She thanked Luciano Rollin for donating two shirts as door prizes.

Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved by Halle MacMullen and seconded by Ian Sibbald to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Tom Dandeno presented the financial statements for the period 1 Jan - 31 Aug 2009. He moved that it be approved as presented. Seconded by Barb Schneider. Carried.

Media: John Davis mentioned that any pictures taken would be on display at the next meeting in December.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen told members that four cards had been sent out since the last meeting. She thanked Cecile and Paddy for the very successful volunteer appreciation BBQ held at Kin Beach.

Programs: Barb Schneider reported 135 members attending today's luncheon and thanked everyone for attending.

Membership/Website: Steve Bunyan reported that the Branch now stands at 2017 members and that the website is up-to-date.

Newsletter: In Kevin Weighill's absence, Steve Bunyan reported that 1069 newsletters had been mailed out. He explained that, in the past, the concern had been meeting Canada Post's minimum number for preferential rates. Having passed that threshold, he will contact some of the newer members for whom he has e-mail addresses to see whether they will accept receiving the electronic as opposed to the paper version of the newsletter. This will save FSNA some postage charges.

Benefits: Bill Turnbull informed members that tickets for the Christmas Luncheon are going fast. On the benefits side, he restated the importance of providing guidance to survivors and executors for which the Estate Document (developed by the Sydney Branch) is ideally suited and which this branch sells at our cost of \$3.00.

Telephone: Paddy O'Brien thanked telephoners and told them they were done for the year and

to enjoy the next few months off.

History: Frank Elvins reported all quiet.

New Business

The December Luncheon Meeting will be held Tuesday, 9 Dec 2009. The meeting is important because it involves the election of officers. Cecile invited anyone interested in becoming a Director on the Executive to make their desire known.

Presentation: John Finn gave a synopsis of Congress 09 and informed the membership on the happenings within FSNA. He briefed on the Vertical Expansion of the Canada Pension Plan and advised of an upcoming regional training day on 4 November.

Draws

The 50/50 winners were Doug Carmichael and John Lahey. Doris Truchon won a golf shirt and Gary Flath a sweatshirt, both donated by Luciano Rollin. Lorna Kirker won a \$40 gift certificate for the Greenhouse Restaurant.

Adjournment

Moved by John Davis and seconded by Bill Turnbull that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 pm. Carried.

Approved by:

Karen Finn
Secretary

Cecile Turnbull
Vice President