



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

General Meeting June 15, 2010

The Vice President, Ian Sibbald called the meeting to order. He explained that Cecile was in Halifax attending the FSNA Congress. He had special words of welcome for those who were with us for the first time and then he called on Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of O Canada.

It was moved by David Stenson and seconded by Halle MacMullen that the minutes of the last general meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Tom presented his financial statement for the year to date, a copy of which was on each table for the members to read. There being no questions, he moved the acceptance of his report seconded by Ian Sibbald. Carried. Tom explained that we had more money to come from National Office, our share of the dues deducted at source.

Membership: He said we presently had 2045 members and spouses, including 88 with whom we have lost contact. He specifically asked that if members move or change their telephone numbers, that he be informed. It would make his job much easier. He also said he would get the minutes of the last meeting on the web site for all to see.

Newsletter: Steve said that 1090 copies of the Newsletter had been mailed and 240 had been sent by e-mail. Again he asked that any changes, including e-mail address, be forwarded to him. His e-mail address and phone number are listed in the Newsletter. He also said that if any other members would like to get their Newsletter by e-mail please contact him.

Benefits: In Bill's absence, Ian reported that the Public Service Health Care Plan benefit cards will be mailed in the fall. The two main points are that the updating of personal information through the process of positive enrolment is mandatory and the use of the card will be optional. The information package will be mailed by Sun Life in July and will give instructions on how to complete the positive enrolment process and apply for the benefit card, on paper or electronically through the computer. The Sun Life Help line number is 1-888-757-7427.

A Private Member's bill to change the present status of members who marry after the age of 60 is in the House now.

Programs: Barb told us that 128 members were in attendance. She also said that the tickets to the Christmas meeting are on sale at the door for those who would like to beat the rush. She wished everyone a great summer.

Welfare: Halle told us that she had sent out three cards in the last while and she also wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Telephone: Paddy gave thanks to the members of the phone committee for their efforts to contact the members. She also wished one and all a good summer.

History: Frank had no history to report.

New Business:

- The Newsletter contest will be judged in September.
- The item regarding transportation to meetings has been tabled.

Our guest speaker was Beth Regehr, a family litigation lawyer with the Swift Dato Law Corporation, who spoke to us on legal concerns for seniors. She spoke on such things as the Power of Attorney, Wills, and Representative agreements. She also stressed that we should keep our families informed as to what we are doing financially and to hold family meetings. A lot of problems can be avoided that way. It was a very interesting session with a question and answer session at the end. It was suggested that maybe she could come back again and she said she would be glad to.

The winner of the Pot of Gold was Sandy Higgenson who was rewarded with a meal at the Westerly.
The Blue winners were Carl Jones, Paddy O'Blenis and Steve Bunyan. The New Member, Don Ayotte, was awarded a free meal as well.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary – Dorothy Lind

Vice President – Ian Sibbald