



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES**  
**Vancouver Island North Branch (BC06)**  
**Executive Meeting – 03 Sep 13**  
**Comox Legion**

Bill called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Those in attendance were:

Bill Turnbull	President	Karen Finn	Secretary
Kathi Brown	Vice	Serge Gosselin	Treasurer
Steve Bunyan	Membership	Deborah Yelf	Welfare
Clint Halfkenny	HBO	Kevin Weighill	Newsletter
John Challender	Communications	Mary Kamann	Director
Marjorie Arnold	Director	Cecile Turnbull	Past President/RSO

The agenda was accepted. Kevin moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by John. Carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer:** Serge provided financial statements for the period of 01/01/13 through 31/08/13 showing a total income of \$19,389.51 and total expenses of \$16,216.18. The Branch reserves amount to \$38,225.33. Serge made a motion that these statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Kevin. Carried. Serge said he will be away from 27 Sep to 20 Oct. He will leave the cheque book with Bill.

**Membership:** Steve stated that the Branch now numbers 2,197 members - 1440 primary (1252 on DDS) and 757 spousal.

**Newsletter:** Kevin noted that the Newsletter got out on time and that he went from having not enough material to almost too much.

**Benefits:** Clint reported that all had been quiet on the HBO side.

**Programs:** Bill said he had signed the contract with the Westerly for 11 September. Cecile noted that the General Meeting will feature a light luncheon and that she had purchased small dishes and assorted candies for each table. Mary said she would distribute them.

**Communications:** John informed the Executive that he is not too happy with the website as it exists now. His thought was to have a more dynamic site that we could update ourselves. Bill said he would obtain contact information for Islandnet, the company which developed the Victoria Branch site. He noted that the site is also used for mass e-mailings. Some discussion of how to obtain more member e-mail addresses ensued.

**Welfare:** Deborah reported that we lost six members over the summer. Bill noted that some other branches do publish a list of member names and/or read out the names and observe a moment's silence at their meetings. Kevin reminded everyone that we need to be careful not to prematurely declare someone dead as once happened.

**Telephone:** Kathi, as acting telephone coordinator, said returns for the 11 Sep luncheon are trickling in but callers had until Sunday, 7 Sep to report.

#### **Old Business**

**AGM 2013:** Bill gave a quick synopsis of the 2013 AGM. A major change to the National By-Laws will be tabled at next year's National AGM in order to comply with the Federal Not for Profit Act. A new

governance structure will be introduced with the establishment of six districts (BC/Yukon, Prairies, Ontario without Ottawa, Ottawa, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. A Tri-Regional meeting on the new by-laws will be held 25-26 Sep in Chilliwack. Bill and John will be the official Branch delegates. Karen will also be in attendance as she is travelling with her husband who is on the By-Law Review Committee. Cecile will attend as RSO.

**Xmas Tickets:** A price change for the Xmas Luncheon necessitated reprinting the tickets. That has been done and tickets are now on sale.

### **New Business**

**General Meeting Duties:** For the 11 Sep 2013 meeting, Bill requested that Serge and Steve be prepared to renew memberships and that John collect cash at the door. Kathi will keep attendance. Cecile and Deb will be selling Xmas tickets at the door. Marjorie will be looking after the 50/50 draw and Mary will handle filling of the candy dishes.

**Honour Your Promise:** Bill provided some additional history on the Honour Your Promise campaign and circulated the petition opposing TB's proposal to increase PSHCP costs to pensioners. Copies will also be available at the upcoming luncheon. The last newsletter contained a mail back card which may or may not be admissible since its wording was taken from the online petition. Only now have we received the parliamentary petition which has slightly different wording

**Public Relations & Communications:** John Challender will chair the Public Relations & Communications committee comprising himself, Kevin and Steve. They will look into getting prices for a new Website.

**E-Mail Address Capture:** Steve said he would send a message to new members whose on file e-mail addresses are probably current asking if they would like to receive e-news. Bill noted that the newsletter request to send a message to fsnavin@yahoo.ca may bring some results as will the personal URLs set up for Honour Your Promise.

**Telephone Lists:** Bill raised the issue of telephone lists and the steady decline in meeting attendance over time. He noted that only about 600 of some 1400 households are represented on the call lists and that many names had been culled because of past non-attendance. He was as concerned as well that we had not kept a record of "do not call" requests and would have to initiate a comprehensive call up in 2014 to ascertain who should be receiving calls. Steve thought he could capture some of the past "do not call" names by examining old and new lists.

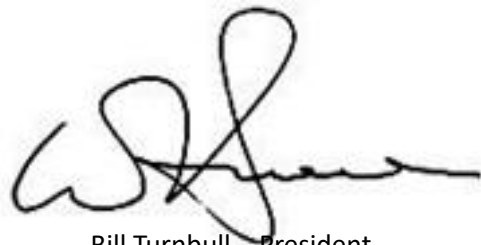
**Archive Requirements:** Bill gave out copies of the Branch Administrative Guideline covering archives. He noted that we have some but not all of the items listed therein. We do have the 1982 Charter creating the Branch, some 1983 by-laws and some undated by-laws thought to be from 1994 and 2003. He said this illustrated the need for an archivist to make sure the Branch retains documents and photographs in a systematic way.

Kevin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm; seconded by Deb.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, 1 Oct 13.



Karen Finn – Secretary



Bill Turnbull – President