



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
Vancouver Island North Branch - BC 06
Executive Meeting – 05 Nov 13

Bill called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Those in attendance were:

Bill Turnbull	President	Karen Finn	Secretary
Cecile Turnbull	Past President	Serge Gosselin	Treasurer
Steve Bunyan	Membership	Deborah Yelf	Welfare
Clint Halfkenny	HBO	Kevin Weighill	Newsletter
Marjorie Arnold	Director	Norma Dean	Telephone Coordinator
Dale Dean	History		

Absent:

Kathi Brown	Vice-President	John Challender	Communications
Mary Kamann	Director		

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

Committee Reports

Serge provided financial statements for the period 01 Jan 13 through 05 Nov 13 showing total income at \$23,370.53 and total expenses at \$20,047.60. Branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$38,559.51. Cecile moved that these statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Kevin. Carried.

Steve stated that the Branch membership now numbers 2,203. He mentioned that he is still working to reconstitute the telephone lists.

Kevin re-stated a 7 Nov deadline for Newsletter input.

Clint reported sending out some Estate Documents and answering a couple of routine inquiries.

Bill indicated he will meet with the Westerly Hotel shortly to sign a contract for the Christmas luncheon. He noted their adding several items to the menu to make amends for a disappointing effort in September.

Bill said John had filed a nil report except to note seeing a lot of e-mail traffic about branch and provincial website development.

Deborah reported sending out five bereavement cards. She raised the idea of adding an in memoriam section to the quarterly newsletter.

Norma said that she has been contacting all of the telephoners and is about half way through her list. So far, all have agreed to continue.

Dale as our new Historian agreed to accept a couple of totes of archive material.

Old Business

The Honour your Promise campaign is still ongoing with pledges trickling in. Bill has written a letter to MP John Duncan and hopes to meet with him shortly. Bill looked into the feasibility of withdrawing defence of benefits GIC funds should the need arise. The smaller GIC can be accessed on the 15th of each month until March 2014 when it locks in. We will have to renew it before then in order to keep the funds liquid.

Bill raised the topic of the Branch having its own website that will allow designated individuals to upload information and will provide for mass e-mail communications. Bill said the advertised cost of replicating the Victoria site was \$360 and sought approval for such an expenditure. Kevin moved that an amount not to exceed \$500 be authorized for website development; seconded by Steve. Carried.

Bill provided a description of the RC Church's large meeting room. While quite suitable, it would be slightly more expensive than other venues. He also provided some pricing from Carmie's Catering. Her prices are similar to Plates. Use of the Comox Legion for the March, June and September meetings was also discussed. Clint asked about using one of the military messes and Bill said he would investigate.

Remembrance Day wreaths have been arranged by Serge for Courtenay, John for Cumberland, Kevin for Campbell River and Marjorie for Comox. Kevin and Bill said they would lay the wreaths in Campbell River and Courtenay, respectively.

Christmas food bank donations will be looked after by Mary. Frank Elvins told Bill that five totes and two boxes were required last year. Several people said that we should be able to obtain totes from the food bank itself.

New Business

Bill noted recent personnel changes at BMO. Kellie Rommel will be our primary contact. Karen Young will provide back-up.

Bill stated that he, Cecile, John, Deb and Norma will be attending the COSCO Seminar 13-14 Nov in Campbell River. Two cars will be needed with the Branch paying mileage.

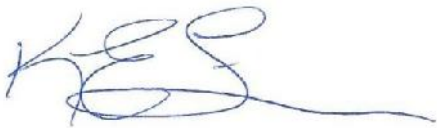
Dale has agreed to take on the task of ensuring that we preserve important documents in accordance with FSNA's administrative guidelines.

Cecile mentioned having a coaching session for telephoners in early 2014. Steve said he would have the revised telephone lists organized by then.

Cecile suggested that our next meeting be over lunch. Bill said he would make a reservation at the Monte Cristo Restaurant.

The next meeting will convene at 12:00 on 3 Dec 13.

The meeting adjourned at 14:30.



Karen Finn – Secretary



Bill Turnbull – President