



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES**  
**Vancouver Island North - Branch BC 06**  
**Executive Meeting 01 April 2014**

Bill called the meeting to order at 1301 hrs.

In attendance were:

Bill Turnbull	President	Cecile Turnbull	Past President & RSO
Kathi Brown	Vice President	Norma Dean	Telephone Co-ordinator
Serge Gosselin	Treasurer	Vivian Lochridge	Director
Steve Bunyan	Membership	Mary Kamann	Director
Deb Yelf	Welfare	Marjorie Arnold	Director
Kevin Weighill	Newsletter		

Absent were:

Karen Finn	Secretary	Dale Dean	History
John Challenger	Communications	Clint Halfkenny	HBO

The meeting agenda was accepted. Kevin moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved; seconded by Cecile. Carried

#### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that, as of 31 March 2014, the financial statement shows Branch savings and cash accounts totalling \$40,912.48. Income was \$9,480.00 and expenses \$6,925.66 for the period. Serge moved that the financial statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Kevin. Carried

**Membership:** Steve reported that membership remains at 2183 members. There are 30 memberships not yet paid and Steve will telephone those members. Kathi will call Vancouver regarding the membership status of Al Brown.

**Newsletter:** Kevin stated the deadline for the next newsletter is 16 May.

**Benefits:** In Clint's absence, no report.

**Programs:** Bill indicated that he and Vivian would shortly sign a contract with the Westerly for the June meeting.

**Communications:** In John's absence, no report.

**Welfare:** Deb reported that we have lost two members since the last meeting and two are ill. She asked about observing a moment of silence at general meetings. It was generally agreed to do this only at the year-end meeting in December.

**Telephone:** Norma reported that, although there were several member telephone numbers no longer in service, the last call-out had been well handled by the phone committee and that she was happy with the results.

**History:** Dale being absent, Norma submitted a nil report on his behalf.

#### **Business**

**Reaction to PSHCP changes:** Bill noted that there had evidently been some behind-the-scenes negotiations resulting in certain minor concessions on the part of the government; e.g. phasing in

premium increases over four years and the waiving of deductibles. He said in some ways this all had less to do with saving money than with achieving the 50/50 cost-share ratio. He noted that, at present, the pensioner's premium share varies from 17% to 45% depending upon their hospital coverage level. What the final fee structure looks like will depend upon how the oversight committees juggle the numbers.

Duncan Regional Meeting: Bill, Cecile and Steve will attend the Regional meeting in Duncan on 16 April which will include website training in the afternoon.

New website: The new site will be fnavin.ca. Kevin said he would change the newsletter template. Bill said the site is working but that we need to learn how to use it.

By-Law Revision: Some Board members thought that all members should have the opportunity to review the proposed new by-laws prior to their adoption. The options seem to be to have them mailed with the next edition of *Sage* which would delay approval until September or to include them with the next Branch newsletter. Steve will get a quote from the printer for four additional black & white pages.

National AGM Resolutions: Bill distributed a summary of the resolutions to be dealt with at AGM 2014 noting that he wanted Board input into Branch voting positions at the AGM. He promised to send Board members a link to the national *DocuShare* site where they could review the resolutions in entirety.

2014 Donations: Board members could begin thinking about where our budgeted \$1,000.00 donation could go. This is apart from 50/50 draw profits which must be donated to charity to comply with gaming regulations. Some present again suggested the Free Masons' Cancer Car project as a worthy potential recipient.

July Volunteer Appreciation BBQ: After trying a number of venues, the 2014 event will return to the President's residence. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats will be supplied by the Branch with salads and deserts reverting to a Pot Luck format which experience suggests the participants enjoy. The event will take place on 12 July 2014, times TBD.

Xmas Luncheon Tickets: Tickets for the Xmas meeting and luncheon need to be ordered soon so that they can go on sale at the June meeting. The meal price is yet to be determined, but will hopefully stay at last year's \$20.00. Bill and Vivian will meet with the Westerly staff shortly to confirm arrangements.

Due to holiday plans, the Vice President decided there will be no May Executive Meeting.

**Next Executive Meeting to be held 03 June 2014.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1405 hrs.

*Kathi Brown, Acting Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*