



National Association of Federal Retirees
Vancouver Island North - Branch 06
Executive Meeting
02 September 2014 - Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President
Kathi Brown - Vice President
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer
Deb Yelf - Welfare
Marjorie Arnold - Director

Cecile Turnbull - Past President & RSO
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Steve Bunyan - Membership
Clint Halfkenny - HBO

Absent:

Karen Finn - Secretary
Mary Kamann - Director
Dale Dean - History

John Challender - Communications
Norma Dean - Telephone Coordinator

Bill Turnbull introduced Edith Kelly who has agreed to assume the position of Secretary.

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

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 August 2014, the branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$44,873.15. Income was \$19,992.36 and expenses \$7,629.88 for the same period. Serge moved that the financial statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Kathi. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported that there are 685 Single Memberships and 751 Double Memberships for a total of 2,187 members.

Newsletter: Kevin reported that the September newsletter has been mailed out with over 300 being sent electronically. Steve said some 25 of those have been returned due to incorrect e-mail addresses. There was a problem filling up the newsletter, hence the Berwick article on downsizing. Kevin noted that member Agi Fliss had contributed travel advertisements occupying 1/4 page and 3/4 page for which he quoted her \$125.00. He said the Affinity Program information provided by Cecile was very helpful. Cecile added that members need to know that the code associated with each one is very important when dealing with the partners online. Kevin would like to see Clint include some articles on health issues from the information he receives from National Office.

Benefits: Clint advised that a dependant cannot receive Veteran VIP benefits if the entitled person had not applied for them prior to moving into a seniors residence. The PR person at Berwick Retirement Residence would be willing to give a talk at one of our meetings - possibly in June 2015.

Programs: Bill reported that arrangements have been made and a contract signed at the Westerly for the meeting next week. The cost to us will remain at \$17.00 per plate.

Communications: Bill advised that John Challender had tendered his resignation for personal reasons.

Welfare: Deb reported that we have lost four more members and a fifth is currently very ill in St Joseph's Hospital.

Telephone: Clint wondered if the luncheon-meeting telephone calls should continue considering the number of 'No' responses received. Bill said he thought those numbers were fairly typical and that the luncheon and guest speakers were the main attraction. Without a quorum of 70 members, we cannot

pass any motions.

History: Dale is away.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website: Bill reported that last month's bill for the website was \$12.95 + tax vice the \$6.95 + tax that we originally signed up for. The reason for this was the extra storage capacity being used. Kevin moved that we contract for the Silver plan at a cost of \$12.95 + tax; seconded by Serge. Carried.

Secretary Position: Bill advised that Karen Finn would like to remain on the Board but not as Secretary. Edith has volunteered to take the position.

Mary Kamann: Mary is the longest serving executive member on the board and it is felt that she should receive some kind of recognition.

General Meeting 10 September: Duty roster for luncheon/meeting as follows:

Cash - Kathi

50/50 - Marjorie

Check-in - Clint

Xmas Luncheon Tickets - Cecile and Deb - The tickets are \$20 each and 36 have been sold to date.

Meal Costs: The Westerly wants to raise the meal cost from \$17.00 to \$17.50 for 2015, excluding Christmas. Now that we can no longer make donations, it was suggested that we consider subsidizing the luncheon costs. It was moved by Kevin that the cost of the luncheon meals to members, exclusive of the Christmas meal, remain at \$17.00 for 2015; seconded by Kathi. Carried.

General Meeting Attendance: Bill suggested sending a trial e-mail message using the new website to see if that will generate more interest in the luncheon-meetings.

BC Regional Meeting - Chilliwack. Cecile reported on a three-day event starting on 28 October and ending at 12:00 pm on 30 October. A banquet will take place on 29 Oct. Each branch can send three people. Kevin Armstrong from Ottawa will introduce the IT renewal program which includes a replacement for WMS. Attendees will not need to bring a computer. While the meeting program is still being worked out, events could feature Isabel McKenzie speaking on Advocacy, HBO training, Communications, branch management and volunteerism. Up for discussion will be branch report mailings. National Office will be cutting out branch newsletter mailings and some of the smaller branches are upset over this. More information will follow.

AGM Outcomes: Bill reported that the set of Articles, By-Laws and Regulations designed to comply with the new legislation governing not-for-profit corporations was rejected by Industry Canada for reasons unknown to us. The issue is being worked by Association lawyers. The deadline for acceptance is mid-October.

John Finn: Kevin moved that, in recognition of all that John Finn has done for the organization and this branch, that we rename it the "North Island - John Finn Branch"; seconded by Kathi. Carried.

Announcements:

Next Executive Meeting - 7 October 2014

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hrs.

Edith Kelly
A/Secretary

Bill Turnbull
President