

National Association of Federal Retirees
Vancouver Island North - Branch 06
Executive Meeting
03 March 2015 - Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President	Steve Bunyan - Membership
Kathi Brown - Vice President	Dale Dean - History
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer	Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Edith Kelly - Secretary	Deb Yelf - Welfare
Cecile Turnbull - Past President	Marjorie Arnold - Director
Clint Halfkenny – HBO	

Absent: Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator

The agenda was accepted as amended and the minutes of the 3 February 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 28 February 2015, the branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$46, 649.76. Income for the period 01 January to 28 February 2015 was \$5,494.10 and expenses were \$1,670.30, resulting in a surplus of \$3,823.80. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Kevin. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported that there are 680 Single and 758 Double Memberships for a total of 2,199 members.

Newsletter: Steve reported he had mailed 879 hard copies of the newsletter and Bill sent 647 electronically. The printing cost was almost double due to the inclusion of a copy of the new by-laws; however, the postage changed very little. Bill will give Steve a copy of the Certificate of Continuance so he can change the Association's name at the Post Office.

Kevin included several pages of items of interest, but opted not to have them printed in color due to the additional cost involved. He needs any inputs for the SAGE magazine no later than 20 March 2015. The guest speaker at the June meeting will be Linda Rutherford, Community Relations Manager, Berwick Comox Valley, on lifestyle options. At the September meeting Kevin Holte from Canada Purple Shield will speak on living well and leaving well.

Benefits: Clint reported that he had ordered 20 more Estate Documents at a cost of \$3.00 each.

Programs: Following the meeting, Bill will contact Maria at the Westerly Hotel and sign the contract for this month's lunch. Cecile reported that she had been in touch with Maria and another green salad and potatoes have been added to the original menu of soup, chicken, pasta salad and a veggie.

Communications: Bill has changed the website newsletter logo to the new one. He is having some difficulty trying to improve the color but will persevere. Only one e-mail address out of the 647 he sent out bounced. Cecile suggested that in future the telephone lists should also contain e-mail addresses. They could then be confirmed as being current by the telephone callers.

Welfare: Deb reported that we have lost 5 members since mid-February.

Telephone: Kevin is the only executive member who will not be attending the lunch; however, he will attend the meeting.

History: Nil report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vulnerable Sector. Under the new rules Clint, Bill, and Steve, due to their positions on the executive, will require criminal record checks. Deb, Kathi and several other members already have one due to their involvement as volunteers in other organizations. The forms can be picked up at the RCMP Detachment. Before doing the check, they should get a form letter from Bill explaining why the check is necessary. The check should be free, but the National Office will cover the cost if it isn't.

Excess Revenue Return. National Office originally suggested we had to pay back \$23,000 in excess revenue for 2012-2014. It was later proved that they had not arrived at that amount correctly and we ended up not owing anything.

A letter was received from Gary Olberg, our National President, requesting financial support for the National Office from our Defence of Benefits allocations or any other funds that might be available. To date, no one appears to be upset by our lack of response to the request.

New RSO. Cecile has resigned as RSO for personal reasons. Tony Dambruskus from Victoria is the new RSO. Bill has invited him to attend our March 11th AGM and swear in our elected directors, but we have yet to receive a response.

2015 Budget and 2016 Forecast. The original 2015 budget has been amended and a 2016 forecast column added.

Branch AGM Planning. Steve will print 20 copies of the agenda, the current financial report, the 2014 financial report, the 2015 budget, minutes of the last General Meeting and the membership report.

It was felt that the by-laws have been forwarded to the members several times so only need to be approved as presented. John Renaud will be at the AGM and will confirm the 2014 financial review report.

Duty roster for G.M.	●	50/50 – Marjorie	●	Cash – Kathi
	●	Check In - Norma	●	Elections – Cecile

Executive Name Tags. Several styles were discussed; however, new name tags cannot be ordered until the Branch name change has been approved. Several suggestions were also discussed regarding name tags for the members that regularly attend General Meetings. The paper name tags currently used are getting more expensive and harder to find.

Program Director Appointment. Moved by Kathi and seconded by Steve that Cecile be appointed Program Director. Carried. The incumbent of this position has the authority to sign lunch contracts with the Westerly or other catering facilities.

Announcements: Bill will be taking part in a superannuation seminar at 19 Wing Comox on 26 March.

Bill and Cecile will be away from late April to 9 May. Kathi will chair the 5 May meeting if one is required.

The Comox Valley Photographic Society will hold an Image Fest at the Sid Williams Theatre on 21 March, tickets \$15.00 available on line or at the box office.

Next Executive Meeting – 7 April 2015

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1405 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President