

National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Executive Meeting  
03 November 2015 - Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1302 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President  
Kathi Brown - Vice President  
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer  
Edith Kelly - Secretary  
Cecile Turnbull – Programs  
Marjorie Arnold – Director

Steve Bunyan - Membership  
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter  
Clint Halfkenny - HBO  
Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator  
Deb Yelf - Welfare

**Absent:** Dale Dean - History

Agenda: M/S approval of the amended meeting agenda. Carried.

Minutes: From 6 Oct 2015, under Newsletter report, correct the spelling of Aji Fliss' name. Moved, seconded and approved as amended.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 31 October 2015, the branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$51,409.75. Income for the period 01 January to 31 October 2015 was \$24,123.70 and expenses were \$15,561.30, resulting in a surplus of \$8,562.40. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve reported that we have picked up a couple of new members. Bill reported at the September meeting that the membership count was up slightly and that he believed it was the result of a recruiting drive mailing to Canadian Forces members. The mail out to RCMP members should be done soon. Bill reported that he knows of one person who wants to be on the paper mailing list and a few others who don't want to hear from us at all. Bill and Steve will review the mailing list.

**Newsletter:** Kevin advised that the next newsletter deadline is 4 November 2015.

**Benefits:** Clint reported that he has had no calls since the last meeting.

**Programs:** Cecile reported that Linda is no longer working at the Westerly, having moved on to another job. Cecile will go in sometime this week and go over the luncheon menu and get the contract from Laura. There have only been 91 tickets sold for the Christmas luncheon. The newsletter article should help increase that number. As an incentive, there will be a special door prize: a Chemainus Theatre/Dinner package. Only people that come to that luncheon will be eligible for that draw. Norma, Kevin and Paulette Weighill will help Cecile and Bill with the gift shopping and wrapping.

**Communications:** Bill reported that we are still waiting for the new National website to go fully on line. It is there now at [cd.federalretirees.ca](http://cd.federalretirees.ca). At present the website is in test mode, but will eventually be [federalretirees.ca](http://federalretirees.ca). Bill asked the executive members to take a look at it and let him know if they find anything amiss. Our own website is pretty much up-to-date.

**Welfare:** Deb reported that five members passed away in October.

**Telephone:** Norma will help Cecile with the gift shopping and wrapping.

**History:** Norma reported that Dale is home following his surgery, but is still weak.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Name Tags:** All the Executive members now have their new name tags.

**September No-Shows:** The executive agreed that, considering the amount of time has that passed since the September luncheon, no no-show letters will be sent.

**Remembrance Day:** Wreaths have been purchased for the November 11<sup>th</sup> services in Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland and Campbell River.

**December General Meeting:**

- Cecile will purchase the gifts. Kevin and Paulette will help wrap them.
- Marjorie will sell the 50/50 tickets.
- Edith will give out tickets to anyone who brings a donation for the Food Bank.
- Steve has agreed to be Santa.
- Serge has agreed to pick up some totes and deliver the food collected to the Food Bank.

**Beyond Election 2015:** The Federal election is over with an interesting outcome. Bill received a telephone call prior to the election from Gord Johns, the successful candidate for the Comox-Alberni riding. He will arrange to get together with him to discuss some of things that matter to the Association. He will also try to arrange a meeting with Rachel Blaney, the successful candidate for the North Island-Powell River riding. The thought is to cultivate some relationship with these two MPs as they are sympathetic to our concerns, as are the Liberals. It remains to be seen just how much of the Liberal campaign will get implemented. In general, their platform was favourable to our concerns.

**District Director Vacancy:** B.C. is entitled to two Directors. Al Heinrich, the longest serving director, has decided to retire in October before his term is over in June. If anybody would like to run for that position or knows of somebody that would make a good candidate, let Bill know. Brian Strongman, retired RCMP, is the second B.C. director.

**Recruitment & Branch Elections 2016:** Cecile was asked to act as the Nominating Committee and to conduct the elections. She will be contacting the executive members whose positions are up for re-election to see if they are willing to continue. They are Kathi, Serge, Steve, Kevin, Norma and Dale. As well, the Communications and two Director positions remain vacant. Cecile will put an article in the next newsletter. It was suggested that if a simple Terms of Reference for each position was written and passed to the general membership, it might help get more volunteers.

**Budget 2016:** Cecile questioned whether the 2% budget increase for 2016 was enough. Bill will e-mail a copy of the 2015 budget to the Executive members so they can take a look at the figures and see if they will work for 2016.

**December Executive Meeting:** Cecile suggested holding the December 1<sup>st</sup> Executive meeting at a restaurant and to include spouses. She will check to see what the various restaurants have to offer, let people know and ask for their feedback. Marjorie will let the Legion know that we will not require the hall.

**Announcements:**

- Norma asked Steve if he had received many telephoner's 'Do Not Call' lists. She will remind them to get them in to Steve as soon as possible. Norma has also received two resignations so will require more volunteer telephoners next year.
- Deb asked Serge for a cheque for \$85.65 to purchase a roll of stamps.

**Next Executive Meeting – 1 December 2015**

**Adjournment.** M/S that the meeting adjourn at 1345 hours. Carried.

*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*