



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

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President

Kathi Brown - Vice President

Serge Gosselin - Treasurer

Edith Kelly - Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - Past President

Clint Halfkenny – HBO

Steve Bunyan - Membership

Dale Dean - History

Kevin Weighill - Newsletter

Deb Yelf - Welfare

Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator

Marjorie Arnold - Director

Absent:

Thomasine Lick, Director, has submitted her resignation for unspecified personal reasons. Mary Kamann, Director, has confirmed her retirement.

The meeting agenda was accepted as amended.

Deb moved that the minutes of the 2 December 2014 meeting be approved; seconded by Serge. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 December 2014, the branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$42,825.96. Income for the period 01 January to 31 December 2014 was \$30,284.13 and expenses were \$26,352.09, resulting in a surplus of \$3,932.04. .

Serge also reported that as of 31 January 2015, the branch savings and cash accounts totalled \$43,147.86. Income for the period 01 January to 31 January 2015 was \$1,835.52 and expenses were \$1,513.61, resulting in a surplus of \$321.90.

Serge moved that both financial statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Kathi. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported that there are 680 Single Memberships and 759 Double Memberships for a total of 2,198 members, up 10 from the last meeting. There is still no word on the new membership cards. The delay is attributed to some printing problems and the new logo. Steve has received several duplicate cheques because of this delay. He will phone the members who paid by cash and reassure them.

Newsletter: Kevin sent an e-mail to everyone for newsletter inputs, reminding them the deadline is 11 February. Deb will continue to submit an annual report for the newsletter. Her annual submission for SAGE, October of the previous year to October of the current year, will be sent to Kevin for forwarding no later than early November.

Benefits: Clint received a call from a 90 year-old lady looking for some help. He told her to contact VA and gave her the telephone number. When she called back, he gave her the number for Assisted Living and he hasn't heard from her again. Clint will contact David Stinson at the Sidney branch to order 30 more Estate Documents at a cost of \$3.00 each. Bill will send him David's e-mail address.

Programs: Nil

Communications: Bill sent out the latest Bulletin to Branches via the website. It went to 650 addresses and only three bounced this time.

Welfare: Deb reported that we have lost 5 members since the December meeting.

Telephone: Norma has been checking with the Telephoners to see how many are available this year. She has not heard back from several people and so far six do not wish to continue and two don't want to call on a full time basis. Edith, Cecile and a new volunteer, Melissa Webb, have agreed to take a list. Norma will put out an appeal at the next meeting and in the

newsletter. A meeting has been arranged at the Comox Legion on Wednesday 11 February 2015 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to brief the telephoners and to hand out their lists.

History: Bill will provide Dale contact information for the Nanaimo Branch which published a 20-year Branch history in 2002.

NEW BUSINESS:

Westerly Hotel Meal Costs and Dates. Bill had a meeting with Maria (who is standing in for Linda Bridgman) and Graham Sergeant, the new Operations Manager. Due to increased food costs, the hotel has raised their price to \$15.50 + tax + gratuity which comes to \$18.72. The room cost will remain at \$300.00. Moved by Kevin that the cost difference (\$1.72) be absorbed by the Branch; seconded by Deb. Carried.

The cost for the Christmas meal will be discussed closer to that date. The room has been tentatively booked for the following General Meeting dates:

- 2015 – 11 March, 10 June, 9 September and 9 December; and
- 2016 – 9 March, 8 June, 14 September, 14 December.

Budget. Bill reviewed the proposed budget for 2015 which would see the year ending with a \$2,800 operating surplus. After discussion, it was agreed that the budget revenue amount should be reduced, an Advocacy line for \$1,000 be added, and the Misc line be renamed Contingency and increased to \$1,000. Bill will rework the budget and e-mail everyone a copy. Serge and Bill will go to the bank next week to roll over the smaller GIC so it remains cashable. A second GIC is locked in until next year.

Financial Review. This year's financial review has been done and signed off by Dave Shewchuck and John Renaud.

By-Laws. By-law 5.4.1(b) - a budget forecast for 2016 will be done, showing an anticipated percentage increase. Bill will work on the wording for By-laws 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 which he will e-mail to the directors for their consideration.

Branch Executive. Cecile will conduct the elections. All current directors have agreed to stand again.

Proxy for President at AMM. The annual Meeting of Members will take place in Ottawa from 23-27 June 2015. Bill was considering a conflicting family commitment and Kathi cannot attend. All expenses will be paid. If anyone is interested in representing Bill, let him know.

Volunteer Awards. National Office is really pushing volunteer awards to thank the members who volunteer in any capacity. The awards, nominations for which should be submitted in March for Volunteer Week in April, will include certificates and pins for years of service. Members can also recommend people for the various awards by completing an award form available online at the National website. The awards can be at the branch, regional or national level.

Election Strategy. Bill recommended that anyone interested should tune in to the webinar scheduled for tomorrow.

Spring Conference in Chilliwack. The meeting will be held at the RCMP school from 18-21 May. Branches will be responsible for meals and incidental costs to and from the conference. Sylvia from National Office will be there. There will be a video conference covering IT renewal. We are allowed to send the President and two others. Steve would like to attend.

Vulnerable Sector. There is a possibility that in the future, anyone giving out information or advice to vulnerable people could be required to have a criminal record check. More information is expected in the future.

Proposed Name Change. Our proposed name change, approved at the September meeting, has not yet been approved at the National level. The intent is to combine that with our submission of revised Branch by-laws. Kevin will include the proposed by-laws with the newsletter mailing.

Announcements: Nil

Next Executive Meeting – 3 March 2015

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1440 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President