



National Association  
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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Executive Meeting  
01 March 2016 – Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1305 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President  
Kathi Brown - Vice President  
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer  
Edith Kelly - Secretary  
Cecile Turnbull – Programs  
Dale Dean - History

Steve Bunyan - Membership  
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter  
Clint Halfkenny - Benefits  
Norma Dean - Telephone Coordinator  
Deb Yelf - Welfare  
Marjorie Arnold – Director

There were no additions to the agenda. Deb's name was missed as attending the 2 Feb meeting. Moved by Kathi that the minutes of the 02 February 2016 meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 29 February 2016, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$51,378.97. Income for the period 01 January to 29 February 2016 was \$4,974.28 and expenses were \$224.97, resulting in a surplus of \$4,749.31. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve reported that there are currently 748 single and 742 double memberships for a total of 2232 members. The CRM count is close to ours. Steve did not do a breakdown between active members and the approximately 70 we have lost contact with. Bill observed that lost members pay their dues through DDS and, unless they cancel their membership, they will remain members. It is presumed that most of them have moved, in some cases to a retirement or nursing home.

**Newsletter:** Kevin reported that the newsletter is out. Cecile complimented Kevin on the new look of the newsletter.

Steve reported that 621 hard copies and over 800 soft copies were sent, with 89 e-mail copies being undeliverable. Steve has now sent those individuals hard copies with a note requesting their preferred mailing method and an updated e-mail address.

Steve was shocked when he was charged over \$300.00 to mail the 89 hard copies. He learned our special rate requires a minimum of 500 copies; however, he was able to get the charge reversed and used regular postage rates instead.

Bill will advise the other provincial branches that we will no longer be mailing them hard copies of our newsletters as they are available on our website.

Bill and Steve are dealing with a request to suspend all publication mailings to an elderly member who can no longer read. They will see whether national mailings can be stopped through CRM.

**Benefits:** Clint noted that any veterans/dependants requiring a reassessment in order to get some housekeeping/ financial support can find important telephone numbers on page 8 of the March 2016 newsletter.

**Programs:** Cecile advised that the March luncheon has been arranged and the cost to members will remain at \$17.00; however, it will probably increase for the June, September and December luncheons. Cecile has purchased a door prize for the March meeting, but still has to shop for candy for the tables.

**Communications:** Bill received notification of a CRM webinar on Friday at 8:00 a.m. He will pass the information to Serge. There have been some minor updates to the CRM program. Our Victoria website at [www.nijf.ca](http://www.nijf.ca) is current.

**Welfare:** Deb reported we lost one member in February.

**Telephone:** Norma reported the meeting on 17 February had a good turnout and so far no one has said they are not going to do their phone list. She is starting to receive luncheon attendee reports from the telephoners.

**History:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Financial Review:** Bill and Serge reported that we passed our annual financial review and have the form, signed by our two auditors, stating that our books are in good shape. Serge and Bill have signed a 'Declaration of Due Diligence' form which states that no one has tried to defraud the organization. These documents will be sent along with copies of the 9 March AGM minutes and 2015 financial statements to National Office in Ottawa.

**GIC Reinvestment:** Bill and Serge went to the Bank of Montreal, cashed in the smaller GIC (\$7,327.08) and purchased a new one for \$10,000.00 at .75% interest. The GIC is cashable for the first year and will have to be rolled over again next February. The larger GIC (\$22,191.46) will mature in June 2016 and will be reinvested, probably in the same type of GIC. The price of keeping the funds liquid is a low interest rate.

Nothing new has been heard on the repatriation of funds. Bill did request, through the District Director, an exemption from paying National Office the excess surplus charge. Bill has been asked if he would co-author a proposal for the National AMM on accounting methods and transparency.

**Budget 2016:** Bill will present the 2016 budget for approval at the AGM next week. He has applied for a new 50/50 draw license and will check on its status before the meeting.

**AGM Preparations:** The guest speaker at the luncheon next week will be Donald Bardonnex, Courtenay Fire Chief. Tony Dambruskus, Vancouver Island RSO, will also be a guest. He will conduct the swearing in of the newly elected executive. Cecile reported that all the current executive members have agreed to let their names stand for re-election.

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

Cecile has several ladies who have expressed a willingness to help set up the tables at the luncheons.

**Announcements:**

- The Christmas luncheon tickets will go on sale at the June General Meeting. Cecile must first check with the hotel on the cost before the tickets can be printed.
- Marjorie reported being shocked when she received an e-mail supposedly from John Finn. Bill reported receiving messages shown as coming from Karen Finn. Evidently, the Finn's e-mail addresses have been hacked and these e-mails should be deleted, not opened.
- Steve reported that some members did not find a membership sticker in their SAGE magazine. If anyone has an extra sticker, please pass it to him.
- Bill passed out several copies of the proposed National Assoc of Federal Retirees 2016 AMM Budget and Forecast which he had just received. The budget proposal was discussed at length; however, to allow the executive members a chance to have a more thorough look, Bill will e-mail them each a copy. He will also include the February Bulletin to Branches containing information on the AMM that to be held in Ottawa from 15-17 June 2016.

**Next Executive Meeting – 5 April 2016**

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1405 hours.

*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*