



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

NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

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

Absent:

Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator	Dale Dean - Historian
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The agenda was approved as presented and it was moved by Cecile and seconded by Kathi that the 5 April 2016 minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 May 2016, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$48,673.67. Income for the period 01 January to 31 May 2016 was \$7,554.60 and expenses were \$5,510.59, resulting in a surplus of \$2,044.01. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Deb. Carried.

Serge also advised he was able to contact Paula Gilmore on 5 April and finalized our 2015 CRM numbers.

Membership: Steve reported that there are currently 1387 active households and 64 lost contacts who pay by DDS, for a total of 2178 members which is down a little. Steve thanked Cecile and Kevin for helping track down some of the members whose dues were not paid. The rest were moved to an inactive list. Members who pay by credit card or cash will now have to keep track of their own expiry dates. Steve speculated that members who have paid by credit card may not be aware that renewal is not automatic.

Newsletter: Kevin reported the latest newsletter is out and he has received no feedback. Bill e-mailed 750 copies and about half of them have been opened. There were also approximately 680 hard copies mailed, up a little from last time due to some members requesting a hard copy when they did not receive their previous e-mailed copy.

Benefits: Clint had nothing new to report.

Programs: Cecile reported she signed a contract keeping the luncheon cost to \$17.00. Laura has finished her college education and it is hoped she will be kept on as the hotel's sales rep. Cecile will pick up a door prize for the luncheon meeting tomorrow. The Christmas tickets will be on sale at the meeting tomorrow and again at the September luncheon.

Communications: At the Chilliwack conference it was learned that the National website (Sitecore) is not yet ready to send e-mails. Our site in Victoria is still of value to us, so we might keep it indefinitely. We do have control over it and it is not subject to filtering by National Office.

Welfare: Since April we have lost six members. Presently there is one member in hospital and one at home suffering from dementia. The lady undergoing breast cancer treatment is doing well. Diane Middleton is recovering at home after she fell and hurt her back.

Telephone: Norma left the call back book with Cecile. There should be approximately 120 at tomorrow's luncheon.

History: Absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chilliwack Conference:

Steve attended the CRM training sessions and feels the new system is much better than the old one. Branches use CRM to update their website branch information pages and that will automatically update the National website. The information may take 2-3 days before actually appearing as there is a National Office approval process to go through first, possibly to prevent inappropriate items from being posted. Steve felt it was a worthwhile conference.

Cecile gave a report on the information session on volunteerism given by guest speaker Lisa Copeland. She said there are two types of volunteering – formal or structured and informal which is what most branches require. She suggested that when organizations look for volunteers they should consider what the approached member's pre-retirement job was. We should also be talking to people who are approaching retirement and might be looking for something to do.

Kathi reported that she was very impressed with the guest speakers as they were all very knowledgeable when making their presentations and were able to do it without having to refer to notes.

Bill attended a Presidents' forum and is okay with the National Office Strategic plan. There was only one branch that didn't like the proposed annual dues increase. Sidney has put forward a resolution which would allow branches to use their own accounting program; however, we will still have to report through CRM at the end of the year. Victoria is still working on allowing donations to charities from branch funds. Bill also advised we lost our \$259.00 repatriation fund appeal.

Helpers at June Meeting: Duty roster for G.M.

- 50/50 – Marjorie
- Check In - Cecile
- Cash/Financials – Serge
- Xmas Tickets – Deb & Elana

How to Get New Volunteers: Steve will rewrite the introduction letter he sends to new members and include the need for new executive members and other volunteers. He will also include some information on how our Snowbirds could be accommodated should some of them wish to be more involved.

Fall Speakers: Bill has a bio for Bruce Ronayne, tomorrow's guest speaker. Guest speakers at the September meeting will be Aji Fliss, Cruise Vacation Consultant, and Deb Dewar from Packables Travel Solutions. If you know of someone you think would be a good guest speaker in 2017, please let Cecile know. The police was one suggestion. Kevin was to look at the BC election and a possible speaker on the election process.

Summer Thank You to Volunteers: It was decided to have a get together at a restaurant. It will include the spouses, take place sometime in August and the branch will pick up the tab. Cecile will organize and get back to the executive.

Large Door Prize for Xmas: Was a huge success last year so another will be arranged for this year's Xmas luncheon meeting.

Away Oct/Nov: Bill and Cecile will be away from 25 September to 15 November. The October Executive meeting can be cancelled if Kathi deems it to be unnecessary; however, there should be a November meeting to finalize Christmas arrangements. Cecile will leave the Xmas ticket books with someone; however, she will be home in lots of time for people to pick up tickets before December. Bill and Cecile will get something to Kevin for the November newsletter.

October Meeting in Duncan: The BC Coastal Islands group would like to hold a meeting in Duncan in October. Tony Dambruskus, Branch Services Coordinator, will contact Kathi when more information is available.

Dates for Next Year's Meetings: The 2017 General Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wed of March, June, September and December. Cecile will coordinate with the hotel. Executive meetings will continue on the 1st Tuesday of every month except July and August.

G.M. Agenda: The agenda will include a short run down on the meeting in Chilliwack including the fees increase, putting some cost controls in place, and a positive feeling that, with the personnel changes, things are once again moving forward.

Next Executive Meeting – 6 September 2016

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1415 hours.