



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

NORTH ISLAND – JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1305 hours.

Present:

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

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

Absent:

Steve Bunyan - Membership

Dale Dean - Historian

The agenda was approved as presented. It was moved by Deb and seconded by Cecile that the 7 June 2016 minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 August 2016, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$51,785.80. Income for the period 01 January to 31 August 2016 was \$17,763.60 and expenses were \$12,607.46, resulting in a surplus of \$5,156.14. Serge moved that the financial statements be accepted as presented; seconded by Deb. Carried.

Membership: Steve was away on holiday. Prior to leaving, Steve passed Bill some numbers out of CRM showing 2174 members. His records showed 2176 and today CRM is showing 2176 members, made up of 722 Single and 727 Doubles.

Newsletter: Kevin reported the latest newsletter was sent out early because Steve was going to be away. Deadline for Spring announcement articles for the next Sage magazine is 20 September. Kevin needs to get information such as the agenda for the March 2017 AGM election meeting so he can pass it to National Office. Cecile has already started checking into the possibility of getting someone from the newest hearing aid sponsor as the guest speaker.

Bill reported Steve had mailed out 648 copies of the newsletter and he had sent 769 copies electronically. Fourteen went to other Branch Presidents, the remainder to our members. Of those, 15 bounced mainly due to e-mail address failures. Bill tried phoning these members and managed to get half a dozen new addresses, but almost half of the telephone numbers were also no longer in service. Bill spoke with our website developer and there should be no more problems in the future over the number of e-mails that can be sent each hour.

Benefits: Clint reported that things have been quiet. He will look into a situation he was made aware of just prior to the start of the meeting.

Programs: Cecile reported she has everything organized for the luncheon. Guest speakers are Deb Dewar and Aji Fliss. Cecile will pick up a door prize today. The Christmas tickets will be on sale at the General Meeting on 14 September.

Communications: Bill reported he was once again able to use the newsletter template with the Campbell River image. He was unable to use it for a while as one or more people had reported our newsletters as spam. That in turn caused Shaw's spam filter to block messages containing elements from the template.

Welfare: We lost two members in August.

Telephone: Norma reported everyone is busy calling the members on their lists. She has had seven replies so far.

History: Absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Meeting - Responsibilities:

- 50/50 – Marjorie
- Check In - Norma
- Cash – Kathi
- Financials – Serge
- Xmas Tickets – Deb & Elana
- Table Number Callout - Bill

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon:

The luncheon at the White Sport had a good turnout of telephoners and executive members. It cost just a little over \$700, but going to a restaurant removes any worries about weather conditions and there is no setting up/cleaning up afterwards. Norma has an assortment of picnic paper products stored at her house from previous years. The executive approved donating it to a worthy organization that can use it.

Defence of Benefits Investment Strategy:

Bill and Serge visited the Bank of Montreal and instructed them to take out a new GIC for us in the amount of \$35,000 and earmark it as a 'Defence Benefit Reserve' account. It will generate a shortfall for the next few years as our expenses will exceed our bank account holdings. Serge will follow up and make sure the purchase happens on 26 September 2016.

In order to keep the GIC liquid, in case the money is needed, it is in a 'Rate Riser GIC' which can be cashed on its monthly anniversary (26th) for the first year. *If it is not renewed each September 26th it will be locked in and there will then be a penalty to cash it. The smaller \$10,000 GIC will also have to be renewed every year on February 15th.*

President and Past President Away:

Bill and Cecile will be away from 24 September to 14 November. Kathi will be in charge and depending on what comes up, she can decide if a meeting is needed. Bill will ask National Office to send e-mail information to Kathi while he is away.

BCCI Duncan Meeting in October:

Kathi will attend the meeting on Monday, 17 October. Steve has indicated he would like to attend. Norma was undecided and will let Kathi know if she decides to go so that the organizers can be advised. Kathi will not be returning the same day, but Steve should be able to take a passenger. More information will be available once the agenda is received.

Tony Dambruskus, BSC, is organizing the meeting. One of the BC Directors will be attending and they will probably introduce the new Branch Services Coordinator (BSC) who will be replacing Tony.

Remembrance Day:

Remembrance Day wreaths, to be Pre Laid, will be purchased for the various Service locations:

Marjorie – Comox Kevin – Campbell River Serge - Courtenay Edith - Cumberland

Christmas Luncheon:

Christmas luncheon ticket sales have been slow. It is hoped they will pick up at the September General Meeting. Cecile will leave a book of tickets with both Kathi and Norma. Members will still have lots of time to get their tickets from Cecile when she gets back on 14 November. Steve has agreed to act as Santa again this year.

Announcements:

Kathi will have applications for the CF1 card at the General Meeting.

Cecile advised that NAFR has a new motto called "Still a Force". She feels it is quite meaningful because of the number of members we have in our organization who are working with other seniors' organizations on retirement issues. Public Works has asked for members with a financial background to help fix the Phoenix pay system problems and the Canadian Medical Association have asked the Association to set up some Town Hall meetings dealing with health care issues affecting seniors. Kevin will include the motto in our newsletter banner.

Next Executive Meeting – 4 October 2016

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1345 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President