



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
General Meeting
Westerly Hotel – 14 June 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Vice President Kathi Brown.

Margaret Crites led the singing of O Canada.

Kathi welcomed everyone to the meeting, including first time attendees Barb Casey, Doug Black and Bill and Ellie Clark. She thanked Cecile for providing the lovely Canada 150 Anniversary table decorations.

Kathi also welcomed Wendy Johnstone from Keystone Eldercare Solutions, the guest speaker.

Agenda and Minutes:

It was moved by Ian Sibbald and seconded by Dave Bell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer:

Serge Gosselin was absent so the financial statement was presented by Dave Bell. As of 31 May 2017, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$53,213.91. Income for the period 01 January to 31 May 2017 was \$7,879.31 and expenses were \$2,144.18, resulting in a surplus of \$5,735.13. Dave moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by John Renaud. Carried.

Membership:

Steve Bunyan reported that we have 1425 households or a total of 2141 individual memberships. Currently we have 60 'lost' members. The dues for these members are deducted from their pensions; however, there are no current addresses or phone numbers for contacting them at the branch or National Office.

Benefits:

Clint Halfkenny reported receiving a call from a woman regarding changes to her public service medical plan. He gave her a phone number to call and presumes she received the help she was looking for as he hasn't heard from her again. Clint still has Estate Documents for anyone requiring one.

Newsletter:

Kevin Weighill apologized for the incorrect luncheon date in the Sage magazine and presumes it was a typo made by the Sage staff. Kevin reported being a bit rushed for the latest issue as he was also working as the District Electoral Officer for Elections B.C. on the North Island. He does his best to get the newsletter out and hopes everyone is still enjoying it. If members have any comments or something they would like to submit, his address is listed in the newsletter.

Programs:

Cecile Turnbull hoped everyone enjoyed the lunch. Something different was tried for this luncheon as we are coming up to summer and it is a special year. Canada's 150 Anniversary is special for anyone who was military, a public servant or RCMP.

Recently Tom Dandeno, a long time member and Treasurer on the executive for almost 20 years, passed away. Cecile and many others attended his funeral service which she found quite moving. Other members attended the Legion part of the service, which was also very well attended. Cecile asked for a moment of silence to honour Tom, Marion King who recently passed away, and all other members of the organization who served this country and have passed away.

The Christmas luncheon tickets are now on sale for \$20.00, the same price as last year. They will also be available at the September meeting or by contacting Cecile. Again this year there will be many special draws and a visit from Santa Claus.

The guest speaker at the September meeting will be Colonel Mike Atkins, 19 Wing Commander, or his representative. The meal will be pork tenderloin. All the luncheon information will be in the September newsletter.

A plan is still in the works for a volunteer luncheon in the Fall, date TBD.

Communications:

Bill was absent as he was attending the Annual Members Meeting in Ottawa.

Telephone:

Norma Dean thanked all the callers. She noted that there was a much smaller crowd this time and hoped that things will pick up again in September. If you need to contact Norma about attending a luncheon or not coming when something happens to prevent it, her phone number is in the newsletter.

Welfare:

Deb Yelf was absent due to a back injury. Kathi reported that we have lost 12 members since the March 2017 general meeting.

History:

Dale Dean was absent as he is still having some health problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill at AMM.

Bill is in Ottawa attending the Annual Members Meeting. He will give a report at the general meeting in September.

By-law Revisions.

Our by-law revisions were forwarded to National Office and have been approved.

Chilliwack Conference.

Three executive members, Kathi Brown, Serge Gosselin and Steve Bunyan attended the conference. They found it informative; however, much of what was presented applies to the larger branches and not to ours. They all enjoyed the chance to meet and visit with members from other branches in B.C.

Guest Speaker. Kathi introduced Wendy Johnstone from Keystone Eldercare Solutions. Wendy has had many articles published in local and national magazines for seniors. Her presentation was very interesting and informative. She reminded us that seniors should make sure they have put their affairs in order, that any requests they have regarding their future health or care needs are documented and accessible for future caregivers.

Kathi thanked Wendy for her presentation.

The 50/50 draw winners were Don Ferguson and John Renaud.

The door prize winner of a \$50 gift certificate to the Black Fin was Alex Boyko.

Two Keystone Eldercare Work Books, donated by Wendy Johnstone, were won by Willy Wenninger and Laurie Aucoin.

The Canada 150 table decoration packages were won by Nicole Cantin, Ellie Clark and Al Kruger.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Kathi Brown, Vice President