



National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
14 February 2017 – Comox Legion

NORTH ISLAND – JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President
Kathi Brown - Vice President
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer
Steve Bunyan - Membership
Edith Kelly - Secretary

Cecile Turnbull – Programs
Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator
Clint Halfkenny - Benefits
Deb Yelf - Welfare
Marjorie Arnold – Director

Absent:

Kevin Weighill - Newsletter

Dale Dean - Historian

The agenda was approved with one addition. It was moved by Cecile, seconded by Kathi that the 6 December 2016 minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge submitted a report that as of 31 January 2017, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$49,997.26. Income for the period 01 January to 31 January 2017 was \$2,670.66 and expenses were \$12.25, resulting in a surplus of \$2,658.41. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Deb. Carried. Serge has had verification from the bank that the GIC was turned over.

Membership: As of today, Steve reported there are 719 single and 721 double memberships for a total of 2161 members. CRM shows we have 2176 members. Steve will try to find the reason for this discrepancy. Steve received notification of an additional 28 overdue memberships which has since been reduced to 18. Currently there are 53 overdue memberships. Several reminders have been sent and memberships will be cancelled if not renewed within the next two weeks.

Newsletter: Kevin was absent. Bill requested Kevin include information on the upcoming elections in the next newsletter and the Notice of Motion to amend our By-laws which will have to be voted on at the March AGM

Benefits: Clint was contacted by an ex-military man and his wife regarding their dental coverage. They are not Federal Retiree members, but he did help by giving them a contact phone number.

Programs: Cecile reported she had questioned the hotel on the cost of the Christmas dinner. The hotel had charged \$27.00 per person plus taxes and a gratuity; however, they did reduce the cost to \$22.49 plus the taxes and gratuity. The final total came to \$4,307.00.

Cecile met with James at the Westerly and they decided on the menus for the March, June and September meetings. The hotel has increased the cost to \$18.88 all in (\$15.50 + \$1.05 + \$2.33). The executive has decided to increase the cost to members to \$18.00. The menus have also changed slightly. March will be Tuscan chicken, a vegetable lasagna plus salads, etc. June will be a chicken and beef patty burger bar, various condiments, whole wheat or white buns, and strawberry tarts or fruit kebabs for dessert (only one of each per person). September's dinner will be pork tenderloin.

The December dinner will be turkey at a cost of \$27.15 all in. The executive suggests leaving the cost at \$20.00 per person and subsidizing the difference. This will be proposed to the membership at the GM. The cost will probably increase next year.

The guest speaker at the March dinner will be Bob Quelch, Audiologist, and Regional Manager of HearingLife Canada.

Communications: Bill reported that our website is pretty much up-to-date.

Welfare: Deb reported we have lost 12 members since the December meeting.

Telephone: Norma reported four telephoners have quit and she only has one replacement. There is only one person notifying Campbell River area members but he feels he can handle it. A discussion followed and, to reduce the telephoners' workload, it was decided that the 700 plus families that currently receive the newsletter electronically will receive an e-mail invitation to attend the dinner, with a request to e-mail back and/or call Norma.

History: Dale is still undergoing treatment, but has started sorting through past paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

CRM ClickDimensions E-mail Client Training Session. Has not happened as a message was received that there are problems implementing the program.

Ideas for Future Guest Speakers. Cecile believes the RCMP will provide someone for the June meeting and Kathi will approach the Wing Commander and request someone from the Base for the September meeting.

2017 Budget Requirements. Bill reviewed the proposed budget requirements for 2017. It will have to be approved at the March AGM. He also advised that our Branch is now authorized to spend up to \$7,500 without National Office approval.

Protection of Branch Assets. The President and Treasurer positions both have a back-up person. Bill and Steve will look into the feasibility and requirements to have a back-up person for the Membership position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Tickets. The executive will decide at the next meeting whether to continue pre-selling tickets for the Christmas dinner or to sell tickets at the door.

Bill C-27. The association is opposed to Bill C-27 in its present form because it will allow retroactive changes to pension plans. Bill has written to Rachel Blaney and will meet with her in March. He has not heard from Gord Jones.

Proposal to tax health care benefits. The proposed change seems to have gone away.

Regional Meeting 24-26 May 2017. Steve and Serge will attend and Kathi will go if Bill can't.

AGM Agenda

- Elections. There is a notice in the latest newsletter and a note that we are seeking new members. Positions up for election are: President, Secretary, Health Benefits Officer, Programs Director, Welfare Director, Communications Director and three Directors at Large, two of which positions are currently vacant.
- By-law Revisions. Must be approved at the AGM and then forwarded to National Office for their approval.
- Financial Reports. The 2015 report will be revised to include the interest received for the GICs. It must be approved and reported in the minutes. Serge will contact John Renaud and Dave Shewchuck to do the 2016 financial review.

Stipend for Legion Bill will check into a stipend for the Legion and report to the next executive meeting.

Next Executive Meeting – 7 March 2017

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:05 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President