



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

NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President
Kathi Brown - Vice President
Steve Bunyan – Membership
Dale Dean - History
Edith Kelly - Secretary

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

Absent:

Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Nancy Bennett - Director

Serge Gosselin - Treasurer

The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by Deb, seconded by Cecile that the 4 April 2017 minutes be approved. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge was away so Bill gave his report. As of 1 May 2017, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$49,566.59. Income for the period 01 January to 1 May 2017 was \$4,225.99 and expenses were \$2,138.18, resulting in a surplus of \$2,087.81.

Bill reported that we will no longer have to remit dues payments by cheque. In future, National Office will deduct the amount we owe from the dues we receive through DDS payments. Moved by Cecile, seconded by Kathi that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Carried.

Membership: Steve has been away; however, he believes the numbers remain the same as they were about two months ago. He had one query from Kevin regarding the entry of one member's dues which was not right and will be corrected.

Newsletter: The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is 15 May.

Benefits: Clint had nothing to report.

Programs: Cecile reported that the June luncheon will be a summer BBQ with burgers and salads. Cecile will purchase some Canada decorations for the tables to celebrate our 150th anniversary.

At the luncheon there will be a moment of silence in honour of Tom Dandeno, the Association's only honorary member. His funeral service will be at Christ the King Catholic Church on Wednesday, 31 May at 11:00 a.m. Bill and Cecile will have flowers from the Federal Retirees sent to the church.

Tickets for the Christmas luncheon will be ordered and will go on sale at the June and September meetings.

Communications: Bill will send everyone a revised list of the executive members. He asked how many executive members are currently receiving the 'Bulletin to Branches' direct from National Office. It would appear that not everyone is, so he will send N.O. a revised list of the executive.

Welfare: Deb reported we have lost two active and 3 inactive members since the last meeting.

Telephone: See Old Business.

History: Dale had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weeding the Call Lists. How members will be contacted for future luncheons was discussed. It was decided to stay with the current member lists and methods of contacting members for the remainder of this year. Members will be advised through the newsletter of any proposed changes to the way we contact members, prior to the March 2018 luncheon.

Regional Meeting in Chilliwack. Kathi reported there have been no updates on the meeting or the agenda. National Office will have members there for one day doing training sessions.

Name Tags. Bill will order name tags for Nancy and Dave, our two new members to the executive.

NEW BUSINESS:

AMM 2017 Resolutions. Bill reviewed the 2017 AMM proposed resolutions and whether they are supported by NBOD.

Update Regulation 4.2 Financial Administration. Agree that cheques should not be signed in advance, although it might be necessary at branches in the more remotes areas.

Direct Payment of Branch Dues. Agree, as it will reduce the cost of stationery and stamps.

Update Regulation 1.2 Fiduciary Responsibility and Conflict of Interest. Agree with NBOD to support.

Update Regulation 5.6 Travel Policy. Car rental at destination vs mileage. Agree with NBOD to support.

Change in voting for District Directors would require an all member vote. Will be discussed at the President's Forum. Agree with NBOD not to support.

Living and Dying in Dignity. Agree with NBOD not to support; however, would not oppose NBOD pursuing a seniors' strategy in order to direct people who want to explore their options more fully to an agency/organization that could help. Possible pension/insurance implications should also be investigated.

Definition of the official logo of the NAFR. This seems a bit silly, so agree with NBOD decision.

Making a lapel pin. Agree with NBOD not to support.

Military Service and Retirement Age Under PSSA. Agree with NBOD support of the amended version.

AMM 2017 President's Forum Topics. At the forum, five discussion groups will brainstorm the following topics:

Branch Role in Advocacy. Is pretty much limited to our own MPs, town halls, all-candidates meetings or guest speakers from the local area on matters that deal with senior's health or housing.

Member recruitment. National Office should send out notices through Public Works as many people have never heard of the Federal Retirees Association.

Members should try and recruit their friends and neighbours.

Branch to Branch support. If a branch gets into some difficulties and doesn't have enough volunteers, perhaps an adjacent branch could help out.

Services to Members. Normally limited to directing people to the agencies which can assist them.

Terms of Reference:

Cecile asked each executive member to compile, in point format, Terms of Reference for their position and pass it to her or Bill.

Announcements.

It was decided that a volunteer get-together will be held in the Fall at a date to be determined.

Canex is now carrying BRAT (Born, Raised and Transferred) pins.

Bill passed out envelopes containing a sample of what National Office sends out for SCAN seminars.

Next Executive Meeting 6 June 2017

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1435 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President