



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

NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President	Cecile Turnbull – Programs
Steve Bunyan – Membership	Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer	Clint Halfkenny - Benefits
Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator	Deb Yelf - Welfare
Edith Kelly - Secretary	Nancy Bennett - Director

**Absent:**

Kathi Brown - Vice President	Dale Dean – History
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Guest: Charles McMurdo was present.

The agenda was approved with several additions and Cecile moved that the 2 May 2017 minutes be approved as read; seconded by Deb. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 31 March 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. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve reported he is trying to find the reason there is a 15-person discrepancy between his records and those in CRM. His records show we have 2141 members/spouses; CRM shows 2126. Steve has started receiving in/out transfer messages from CRM; however, he has had a problem accessing half of the individual records.

**Newsletter:** Kevin reported the deadline for inputs for the next newsletter is **21 August 2017**. Bill e-mailed 728 copies of the newsletter with 15-16 going to Branch Presidents. So far 53% have been opened, down from 63%, and 9 were bounced. Steve will follow-up with a telephone call to determine why they were bounced.

**Benefits:** Clint reported he was able to help one lady who had a problem with changes to her health services plan.

**Programs:** The luncheon is ready to go. Cecile has created some Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary table decorations which one lucky person at each table will get to take home. The white tablecloths will have a red overlay. Check the National website to see her creation.

**Communications:** To date Bill has received half a dozen replies to the newsletter front page luncheon notice and a couple more from the 712 invitation e-mails he has just sent out.

Kevin will send the Christmas luncheon information to the Sage magazine for the December issue. It will be held on Wednesday, 13 December 2017, tickets will cost \$20 and the guest will be Santa Claus.

**Welfare:** Deb reported we have lost four members since the last meeting and that John Challender was in a car accident. Cards have been sent accordingly.

Deb reported that she has had some problems because CRM does not always have a member's telephone number/address or the one they do have is incorrect. Steve reported that he has over sixty members who pay their dues by DDS, with no way of contacting them. Due to confidentiality rules, Supply and Services cannot provide any information.

**Telephone:** Norma had not received reports from her 15 telephoners.

**History:** Dale was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Guest Speaker:** The guest speaker at the 13 September 2017 meeting will be Col Mike Atkins, WComd, 19 Wing Comox.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Luncheon Meeting Assignments.**

- Dave will pick up the cashbox, tickets and chequebook from Serge. Serge will also give him copies of the financial statement for distribution.
- Dave can issue cheques, Kathi and Edith have signing authority.
- Cecile will run off copies of the agenda.
- Cecile, Nancy and Paulette will set up the tables.
- If Norma can't attend, Steve will pick up the membership book and 'tick off' the attendees.
- Edith will look after the 50/50 tickets.

The minutes from the 8 March 2017 AGM will not be approved at the June meeting as they must be approved at the March 2018 AGM meeting.

**Chilliwack Regional Meeting.** Steve reported that the meeting was basically Dale & Donna, the training folks out of National Office, going through the contents of the binders that were handed out. He felt they were knowledgeable and it went over fairly well. The only thing we can probably use is in the area of recruitment. As this was the first time for the presentation, it will probably undergo some fine tuning.

Serge felt that 75% of the presentation was about the screening process if there are 3-4 applicants for a position. This won't work for us; however, he did get a good readout on how to get people to volunteer. Serge also came away with a better understanding of the organization's goals and what we are trying to achieve. He felt that Isobel McKenzie, the Seniors Advocate, gave an excellent, eye-opening presentation and that her job is very important to all seniors.

Steve felt Isobel McKenzie's presentation had some pretty hard-hitting points and she debunked a lot of how we think seniors are with respect to finances and housing. Things are not that bad as there are not many who are in dire straits.

CEO Simon Coakeley gave several presentations. In one he advised that if we are running our website and it has an 'unsubscribe' button, then, if someone hits the button, we must notify Ottawa within 24 hours so they can unsubscribe them from the whole system, or we are in violation of the law. Richard Simpson, who helped draft the legislation, said that that was not the intent and that N.O. is going overboard. The wording should be changed so that it is specific to our website.

National Office was supposed to roll out a webmail service for us, but it hasn't been done yet.

Several Branch Presidents noted that having pensioners in various executive positions seems to have improved the performance of National Office.

**Volunteer Lunch Timing.** Will be held in mid October, date TBD.

**Announcements.**

The Christmas luncheon tickets are now available at a cost of \$20.00.

**Next Executive Meeting – 5 September 2017**

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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*