



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

NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

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

Cecile Turnbull - Programs
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Clint Halfkenny - Benefits

Absent:

Steve Bunyan - Membership
Norma Dean - Telephone Coordinator
Dave Bell - Director

Deb Yelf - Welfare
Nancy Bennett – Director

The executive approved the agenda and minutes from the 6 June 2017 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 August 2017, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$55,392.90. Income for the period 01 January to 31 August 2017 was \$11,769.85 and expenses were \$3,855.73, resulting in a surplus of \$7,914.12. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Kathi. Carried.

The larger GIC, \$35,199.22, will be rolled over later this month.

Membership: Steve was absent. Bill reported that as of 4 September our membership stands at 729 double and 697 single memberships for a total of 2,155. Bill is checking CRM to see why it shows a total membership of 2,152.

Newsletter: Kevin reported getting the newsletter out this time was a challenge as he was holidaying in Ontario at the time. Bill reported sending 763 e-mail copies of the newsletter; however, only 719 actually went out. He is checking to see why. So far 53% have been opened. An additional 700 copies were sent by regular mail.

Benefits: Clint had nothing to report.

Programs: Cecile is awaiting a final count before finalizing the next week's luncheon arrangements. To date only 38 Christmas tickets have been sold. They have to be purchased in advance and Bill will send out the information to remind members.

A thank you card was received from Norma Dean for the flowers that were sent when Dale, her husband, passed.

Communications: Nil

Welfare: Deb was absent.

Telephone: Norma was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Volunteer luncheon. There are 39 volunteers including executive members, telephone callers, financial reviewers and their spouses. The luncheon will be held at the White Spot sometime in October.

Remembrance Day Wreaths. Kevin will purchase a wreath for the Campbell River service, Serge for Courtenay, Edith for Cumberland and Bill for Comox.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contributions to National Defence of Benefits Fund. It was moved by Cecile; seconded by Kevin, and with member and National Office approval, to donate \$10,000 to the National Defence of Benefits Fund when the larger GIC is rolled over later this month. Carried.

Branch Admin Support. It was reported at the AMM that 60 branches currently do their membership admin work through the National Office. Steve, our membership chair, is in favour. It was moved by Kevin; seconded by Cecile that we move that admin activity to National Office Branch Admin support. Carried.

Frequency of Meetings.

General. As attendance at our general meetings has fallen off, due in part to many members going south for the winter or travelling during the summer, it was discussed changing our March annual meeting to early April, cancelling the June meeting, but keeping the meetings in September and December. If required, our by-laws can be changed. This will be discussed at the general meeting next week.

Executive. Our by-laws state that we should hold 10 executive meetings a year; however, a meeting can be skipped when not required.

Branch Executive – Structure & Vacancies. Kathi has indicated she does not wish to run for Vice President again next year and several other members would also like to retire. Bill will write something about the lack of ‘new blood’ for inclusion in the next newsletter. Hopefully some of our younger members will step up and volunteer. Whether or not we still need the historian position was discussed as records can now be digitized and backed up on external hard drives.

Veterans Outreach Town Hall. The meeting will be held on November 1st in the Florence Filberg hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Debra Krause is the facilitator and is setting up the meetings in conjunction with Communications Director Andrew McGillivray. National Office wants an audio recording of the event so Sound Advice has been hired to set up a sound system and do the recording. The cost for the hall includes coffee for 100, but we will have to supply donuts, muffins, etc. It is expected there will be 100-150 attendees. National Office is picking up the tab. Ads will be placed in the newspapers and N.O. will be sending posters which can be placed around town in areas where veterans might visit. All executive members are expected to attend and help.

We will need to provide someone to man a table and answer questions about the organization, literature will be provided. This is being done in affiliation with the Nanaimo branch. It is an appeal to military and RCMP veterans and those still serving, looking for inputs from them on what currently is and/or isn't working for veterans.

Regional Meeting – Duncan – 17 October. Bill, Serge and Cecile, if there are no others interested, will attend. There will be a special guest who will speak on the B.C. government's proposal to tax our health care premiums.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the 13 September 2017 general meeting will be LCol Curtis Wright, WOpsO, 19 Wing Comox. His wife, Shelley, will accompany him.

General Meeting Assignments. Sign in – Norma
50/50 – Edith
Cash – Kathi
Christmas Tickets – Kevin and Paulette

Announcements: Kevin apologized for not getting our Branch information out in time for inclusion in the last issue of the Sage magazine.

Next Executive Meeting – 3 October 2017, but it might be skipped.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President