



National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Executive Meeting  
6 February 2018 – Comox Legion

NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President  
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer  
Deb Yelf - Welfare  
Edith Kelly – Secretary

Kevin Weighill - Newsletter  
Norma Dean – Telephone Coordinator  
Nancy Bennett – Director  
Charles McMurdo - Guest

**Absent:**

Cecile Turnbull – Programs  
Steve Bunyan – Membership  
Dave Bell - Director

Kathi Brown - Vice President  
Clint Halfkenny – Benefits

**Agenda and Minutes:**

The agenda was approved as published and the 10 January 2018 minutes were approved with one correction under New Business, MSP Deductions. The single MSP payment has now been reduced to \$18.75 not \$17.50.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 31 January 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$55,550.21. Income for the period 01 January to 31 January 2018 was \$866.88 and expenses were \$79.64, resulting in a surplus of \$787.24.

He pointed out that there is a new liability account, Future Year Fees, created by National Office for us to capture the per capita remittance from memberships rolling over in 2018.

Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Kevin. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve was absent. Bill reported we have 744 double memberships and 697 single memberships for a total of 2,185 and there are 17 non-renewals. CRM currently shows that we have 2183 members. Steve is trying to track down the reason for the discrepancy. Trying to recruit new members has been made more difficult because of the Treasury Board decision not to allow the Federal Association of Retirees to include a recruitment brochure with their pension statement mail outs.

Norma would like Steve to send her a list of new members when they join after call lists are created.

**Newsletter:** Kevin has sent out a message with the 2018 newsletter deadlines. The next one is 01 March 2018.

**Benefits:** Clint was absent.

**Programs:** Cecile was away due to a family emergency. She wasn't able to check with Jamie at the Westerly on meal costs for 2018 before she left.

At the March luncheon, the guest speaker will be a representative from the Vancouver Island Compassion Dog Society which trains dogs for RCMP and military veterans suffering from PTSD.

**Communications:** The website is up-to-date.

**Welfare:** Since the January 2018 executive meeting, we have lost two more active and two inactive members. Stocky Edwards is now at home and Edith Albrecht is in hospital.

**Telephone:** See 2018 Telephone Blitz under New Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Integrated Personnel Support Unit.** The unit is located in a building behind the Canex. Bill spoke with Steve Knox, a former artilleryman who, for several years, suffered from PTSD. The service is primarily for currently serving personnel; however, they are willing to help veterans who are having issues with Veterans Affairs. Steve or his co-worker is lined up to be the guest speaker at the June luncheon. Bill will write an article for the next newsletter to make members aware of the unit.

**Newsletter Submission Dates.** The submission dates for 2018 are 01 March, 19 May, 25 August and 10 November.

**BC/YN Tri-Regional Conference 23-25 May 2018 in Chilliwack.** Branches are allowed to send one vehicle and three delegates whose accommodation and meals will be paid for two nights by the Branch Services Coordinator. Any other costs will be the responsibility of the individual branches. No agenda has been received to date; however, one topic for discussion might possibly be about how National Office seems to perceive branches. As information is received, Bill will keep the executive informed.

**Budget.** Bill said that the format of the budget had been changed to better align with our income and expense reports which reflect National Office's requirement for net reporting. He went over the proposed 2018 budget. It was agreed to include a line item of \$300 to cover replenishing the welfare petty cash account. Bill noted that before we can establish a Volunteer Development reserve, a motion must be approved at the AGM in March. It is important to keep our unappropriated equity figure low to avoid repatriation action by National.

**2018 Telephone Blitz.** Bill passed out copies of three scripts and report forms he had developed for a telephone survey. He took the member data from CRM, then sorted it into several lists - those who receive their newsletter by e-mail, those who are telephoned before meetings, those on the "do not call" list and those who appear to be on no list at all. The thought was that the survey team could use the forms for recording information.

It was decided to conduct a survey of the members who currently receive a telephone invitation to meetings to see whether some could be moved to the e-mail list. We should also survey those who are not on any list, again with a view to obtaining valid e-mail addresses for them. Once we have determined who is to be called, Steve can generate call lists for the telephoners.

Norma will arrange to have a meeting with the telephoners after the 6 March executive meeting. Steve will run off lists and instructions to be passed to the telephoners.

Members on the "do not call" list can be surveyed at a later date. Similarly, we can decide later what, if anything, to do about those who never open e-mails from us.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

**Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 6 March 2018.**

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*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*