

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

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President Cecile Turnbull - Programs Serge Gosselin - Treasurer Deb Yelf - Welfare

Absent: Clint Halfkenny – Benefits Kevin Weighill – Newsletter Kathi Brown - Vice President Steve Bunyan – Membership Norma Dean - Telephone Coordinator Edith Kelly – Secretary

Nancy Bennett – Director Dave Bell - Director

Agenda and Minutes:

Both the agenda and 6 February 2018 minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 28 February 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$55,694.11. Income for the period 01 January to 28 February 2018 was \$1,015.16 and expenses were \$133.02, resulting in a surplus of \$882.14. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Kathi. <u>Carried</u>.

The smaller GIC was cashed and rolled over in February for another year.

Bill reported that John Renaud and Dave Shewchuk completed the branch annual financial review in February and were quite happy with it. That report and other pertinent documentation, including the meeting minutes, will be forwarded to National Office once it has been passed at the AGM on 28 March 2018.

Membership: Steve reported we have 741 double and 696 single memberships for a total of 2,178 members; however, the CRM shows a total of 2171 members. Steve is trying to track down the reason for the discrepancy. There were 11 memberships that expired and were not renewed by the end of 2017 and two more that expired in February.

Newsletter: Steve reported that Kevin has sent the .pdf version of the newsletter to the printer. Based on the results of the membership survey that has just been carried out, more newsletters will probably be sent via e-mail.

Benefits: Clint was absent. Bill reported he had included several items regarding benefits related to taxes in the latest newsletter.

Programs: Cecile was in touch with Jamie at the hotel and the meal cost for March is \$15.50 + \$3.38 for the taxes and a gratuity = \$18.88. The cost for June and September will be \$16.75 + \$3.47 = \$20.22. The December cost is not known yet. A turkey dinner is normally \$30.00 plus taxes and gratuity which is really high. Jamie is going to try and keep the cost under \$25.00 for \$30.19 with taxes and gratuity. The cost of the room is \$300 for March, but will increase to \$325 for June, September and December 2018.

It was moved by Steve, seconded by Deb, that at the April executive meeting we consider raising the cost of the Christmas luncheon to \$25.00. Carried.

The March luncheon will be ham and scalloped potatoes, plus all the fixings. The June meal will be hamburgers or chicken burgers plus the fixings, September will be roast pork and the December meal will be turkey.

The hotel is building a seniors residence at the back of the hotel and Jamie would like to arrange a presentation and tour following one of our meetings. Cecile will try to arrange it following the June meeting.

The hotel is currently trying to remove a beer making company located in a room near the entrance to the hotel. It would then have another room, capable of holding 100-125 people, for a rental cost \$125.00. It might be a consideration for future luncheons if the number of attendees doesn't pick up.

Communications: The website is up-to-date. The latest newsletter and minutes have been posted.

Welfare: Since the February meeting, we lost three active and three inactive members and several more are suffering from dementia or can't get out because of a family situation.

Telephone: See below.

NEW BUSINESS:

Telephone Survey Results: Bill and Steve will input all the contact information received from the survey and build caller lists for the telephone callers. It is hoped to have the new caller lists out by 19 March, one copy only either hard or e-mail. Cecile thanked Bill for setting up the survey questionnaire, etc. when she was called away.

AGM Run Through: Cecile included an article in the newsletter with all the information on the upcoming elections. Positions up for election are: Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Newsletter Editor/Publisher, Telephone Coordinator, Communications Director and three Directors at Large.

Following the AGM, National office requires:

- copy of the minutes from the 28 March 2018 AGM meeting showing that:
 - The 8 March 2017 AGM minutes were approved; and
 - The audited financial results for 2017 were presented and approved.

Also required:

- A copy of the 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017 financial statement;
- The 2017 Branch Annual Financial Review form; and
- A copy of the 2018 Budget showing a \$300 allotment to cover replenishing the petty cash account.

AGM Meeting Responsibilities: Greeter at Door – Kathi 50/50 – Edith Cash – Serge Setup – Cecile

The guest speakers will be Barb Ashmead and a veteran with his dog from the Vancouver Island Compassion Dog Society.

BC/YN Tri-Regional Conference 23-25 May 2018 in Chilliwack. Bill passed out copies of the Agenda for the conference. There will be two training modules; one on advocacy and the other on communications. The Branch Services Coordinator will pay for up to three people to attend. If anyone is interested, let Bill know. Steve advised that if there is someone interested in the currently vacant Communications position, he would be willing to step back from attending this conference.

AGM Ottawa. The National AMM will be held in Gatineau, Quebec from 19-21 June. There will be a training session on membership which Steve is interested in attending as an observer. The Branch would pay his travel costs.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1405 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 3 April 2018.