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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
3 April 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
Paddy O’Blenis – Director
Edith Kelly – Secretary

Steve Bunyan – Membership
Norma Dean - Telephone Coordinator
Cherie Kelley – Director
Kathi Brown - Director
Warren Kelley – Guest

Absent: Nancy Bennett – Director

Kevin Weighill – Newsletter

Bill welcomed Paddy O’Blenis back to the executive and also new executive member Cherie Kelley.

Agenda and Minutes:

The agenda was approved as presented. It was moved by Deb, seconded by Serge that the minutes of the 6 March 2018 meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 March 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,350.40. Income for the period 01 January to 31 March 2018, including interest income of \$73.11 from rolling over the smaller GIC, was \$2,911.42 and expenses were \$1,372.99, resulting in a surplus of \$1,538.43. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Cecile. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported there is not much change in the membership numbers. He is still trying to track down the reason for the discrepancy between his numbers and those of the CRM.

Newsletter: Cecile reported that Kevin has advised National Office of the dates and guest speakers at the June, September and December General meetings for inclusion in the Sage magazine.

Benefits: At the Annual General Meeting Bill reported that a percentage of the MEDOC premium can be claimed for health care. He has since heard that it is 70%. If members contact MEDOC, they will receive a reply with a breakdown. Other claimable expenses include up to 50¢/Km for travel, \$17.00 per diem for meals and accommodation costs, if required. Be sure to keep your receipts.

Programs: Cecile felt the last luncheon was well done. The hotel has had some challenges about where the food can be laid out. With the smaller attendance numbers, the small hallway was able to handle the lineup. The June hamburger/chicken burger meal was laid out in the meeting room last year and worked very well. Jamie and a representative from Riverside Senior Living will make a presentation and conduct a tour of the facility after the June meeting. The Conference room costs are increasing to \$325.00 starting in June.

The September luncheon will be roast pork and the guest speaker will be a gentleman from Veterans Affairs whose office is located near the Canex building.

Both the June and September luncheons will cost \$18.00. Tickets for the Christmas luncheon will be on sale at the June and September meetings or by contacting Cecile or Norma.

Communications: The website is up-to-date.

Welfare: In the past month we have lost two active and two non-active members. Kathi reported that John Courtemanche passed away on 27 March 2018.

Telephone: Members who call or e-mail Norma, Bill, Cecile, or someone else that they do not plan to attend the luncheon should assume that the message has been received and should not expect a call back. Norma will be away from 18 May to 12 June so the contact number in the newsletter for that meeting will have to be changed. Cecile has agreed to be the contact person for the telephoners and members calling in to reserve for June Luncheon. Her phone number and e-mail in the newsletter will replace Norma's for this meeting. Paddy can also be added as a contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Executive Positions.

- Dave Bell has resigned from the Board and Clint has asked to be relieved of his HBO responsibilities at this time.
- Bill will replace Clint as Benefits Director until Cecile completes a Vulnerable Record Check, done by the RCMP.
- Paddy O'Blenis will take over as Programs Director, replacing Cecile.
- Norma accepted the appointment as Acting Vice President, replacing Kathi Brown.

Tri-Regional Conference 23-25 May 2018 in Chilliwack. The conference will include training in advocacy and communication. Bill and Cecile will attend as well as Warren and Cherie Kelley. The Branch will pick up any costs not covered by the Provincial organization.

AMM in Ottawa in June. The National AMM will be held in Gatineau, Quebec from 17-21 June. Bill must attend and the branch is also allowed to send three observers. Cecile, Steve and Cherie have volunteered to attend as observers. The Branch would look at paying travel costs.

Effectiveness of E-mail Efforts. Of the almost 900 e-mail invitations to the luncheon that were sent out, only 58% were opened. As the luncheon information also appears in our newsletters and in the Sage magazine, it was felt that we are doing as much as we can but, ultimately, it is the responsibility of the members to contact us if they wish to attend.

Price of Christmas Dinner. Paddy will accompany Cecile to the Westerley to discuss meal costs with Jamie, particularly how much we will be charged for the Christmas luncheon. Cecile will set up a meeting. We will continue to subsidize meals and once an agreement on the cost of the Christmas meal has been reached, the tickets will be printed.

Announcements: Warren Kelley was asked and agreed to replace Dave Bell as a Director.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1420 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 1 May 2018.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President