



National Association  
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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President  
Cecile Turnbull – Benefits  
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer  
Deb Yelf - Welfare  
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs  
Edith Kelly – Secretary

Kevin Weighill - Newsletter  
Steve Bunyan – Membership  
Norma Dean – A/Vice President  
Kathi Brown - Director  
Cherie Kelley – Director  
Warren Kelley - Director

**Absent:** Nancy Bennett – Director

**Agenda and Minutes:**

The agenda was approved as presented. After amending the date of John Courtemanche’s passing to 27 March 2018 and removing the last sentence in the third paragraph under Programs, it was moved by Cherie; seconded by Cecile that the 3 April minutes be approved. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 30 April 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,238.18. Income for the period 01 January to 30 April 2018 was \$2,911.42 and expenses were \$1,485.21, resulting in a surplus of \$1,428.21. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Cecile. Carried.

Serge and Bill will set up an account for the \$3,000.00 Volunteer Development Reserve Fund which was approved at the General Meeting in March.

When he attends the Annual Members Meeting (AMM) in June, Bill will check with National Office on the feasibility of sponsoring one dog in the Compassion Dog Society program.

**Membership:** Steve reported we have 735 double and 693 single memberships for a total of 2,163 members; however, the CRM shows a total of 2156 members. As at the end of April, two memberships were not renewed in February, five in March and four in April. Members that did not renew by the end of March are now considered inactive. National Office has suggested that branches should try contacting these members in a last ditch attempt to retain them.

**Newsletter:** Kevin will send any revised info to the Sage magazine prior to the 22 June deadline. Kevin will also include the June luncheon contact information changes in the latest newsletter. Cecile requested that the November newsletter deadline be moved up from November 10th.

**Benefits:** Cecile’s Vulnerable Sector Check, required for this position, was approved by the RCMP. She has written an article and passed it to Kevin for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Bill received a call from a veteran who was having problems getting approval from Veterans Affairs for hearing aids. Bill referred him to the Integrated Support Unit at the Base. Kathi noted that there are also Service Officers at every Legion who might be able to help.

**Programs:** Cecile and Paddy met with Jamie at the hotel and some adjustments have been made to the menu. Soup has been removed and the vegetables will now be roasted rather than boiled. Removing the soup resulted in a \$1.00 saving on the cost. The summer menu has been arranged, but changes can be made at any time. Jamie noted that the increased luncheon cost is more the result of wage increases rather than food costs.

