

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. <u>Carried</u>.

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. <u>Carried</u>.

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.

Communications: The website is up-to-date. The latest minutes have been posted and the contact information updated to reflect the current membership of the board.

Welfare: Since the March meeting, we have lost one active and three inactive male members.

Telephone: Norma will be away until the day before the 13 June General Meeting. Paddy will take any telephone or e-mail responses. Norma will advise the telephoners of the change and Bill will include it in his luncheon advisory e-mail.

BUSINESS:

Christmas Tickets. The Christmas dinner meal cost is \$24.98 plus taxes and gratuity. After much discussion, it was moved by Kathi, seconded by Paddy that the cost of the 2018 Christmas luncheon tickets remain at \$20.00, with the branch continuing to subsidize the cost. Carried.

Cecile will contact Speedy Printers to get the tickets printed and have them call Paddy when they are ready.

Annual Members Meeting Resolutions. Bill reviewed the resolutions that will be voted on at the AMM. This provides him with the views of our executive and gives him an idea of how he should vote when they are presented.

Chilliwack Confirmation of Attendance/Issues to Discuss. Bill, Cecile, Steve, Cherie and Warren will attend. A number of National Office personnel, including the Vice President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance, are slated to attend. The meeting will include some informational training sessions.

How to get Directors more Involved in Key Positions. Bill asked Cherie and Warren, the newest executive members, to consider what roles they would like to play on the Board.

How to attract new members to General Meetings and for Help in the Future. A lengthy discussion followed and some of the suggestions for getting new and old members out to our luncheons and more involved in the Association are as follows:

- occasionally have luncheons in areas outside of the Comox Valley;
- telephoning out of area members to learn why they are not attending;
- holding a wine and cheese party once a year, open to all new members;
- pointing out the benefits of belonging;
- possibly holding an evening luncheon as some of our members still work;
- pointing out that you no longer have to be retired to join;
- having the Base invite other federal sector employees to their SCAN sessions; and
- putting notices in area newspapers and posters in the various Legions and 888 Wing.

June GM Meeting Responsibilities:Greeter at Door – Norma50/50 – EdithCash – SergeSetup – Paddy

June's guest speakers will be Kit Browning, the Riverside Senior Living Development Project Manager, and James Snow from the hotel. They will speak about the new facility, followed by a tour of the building.

June Executive Meeting: Unless an urgent situation arises, the executive voted not to hold a meeting on 05 June.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1425 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 4 September 2018.