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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
4 September 2018 – Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President
Serge Gosselin – Treasurer
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Edith Kelly – Secretary
Warren Kelley - Director

Norma Dean – A/Vice President/Telephone Coord
Steve Bunyan – Membership
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs
Cherie Kelley – Director

Absent: Cecile Turnbull – Benefits
Kathi Brown - Director

Deb Yelf - Welfare
Nancy Bennett – Director

Agenda and Minutes:

The meeting agenda and minutes of the 4 May 2018 meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 August 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$57,641.01. Income for the period 01 January to 31 August 2018 was \$9,382.48 and expenses were \$6,553.44, resulting in a surplus of \$2,829.04. The CRM ledger for the second quarter has been updated. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Cherie. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported we have 736 double and 683 single memberships for a total of 2,155 members; however, the CRM shows a total of 2151 members. When preparing the envelopes to send the newsletter, Steve discovered 4-5 members who had not paid which would bring our total more in line with that of the CRM. At this time, there are about 30 memberships that have not been renewed, 15 for the month of September. He also noted that our member who lived in New Zealand passed away in June.

Newsletter: The newsletter was sent to the printer; however, an error was noted that had to be corrected. There were other delays which resulting in the 440 hard copies of the newsletter going out in the mail tomorrow. As our current contract calls for 500 copies, the cost for postage will probably have to be adjusted in the future. Fewer copies; however, should mean a savings on the cost of printing and envelopes which should balance things out. The electronic copies of the September newsletter will be going out soon.

Benefits: Bill reported that Cecile only had one query regarding PSHC and MEDOC while she was away. She returned the call, but has not heard anything further.

Programs: Paddy has not met with Todd, the new hotel sales manager. The September luncheon will be held in the first floor main dining room of the hotel.

At present, the location of the Christmas luncheon is unknown. Paddy will talk directly with the Westerly staff and also contact other facilities in the Valley to see if there are any other venues such as the Filberg, Elks, Prime, Cumberland and Comox Legions, Black Fin, etc. still available. Most places probably are already booked for Christmas festivities. Ticket sales might have to be limited, depending on the size of final location of the meeting. Members will be advised of any future changes as they happen.

The guest speaker for the September meeting had to be changed when the VAC representative was refused permission to attend. Two female authors from Qualicum Beach will fill in. Kevin will print an insert to be included with the newsletter, noting the changes.

Communications: The website is up-to-date.

Welfare: Deb was absent, but reported that we have lost twelve members over the summer.

Telephone: Norma reported that all her telephoners are available. Steve will give Norma a list of any deleted members or new members that will need to be phoned.

BUSINESS:

Volunteers/Phoners Appreciation Lunch. Instead of an Executive meeting on 2 October, Norma will arrange a luncheon for the executive, volunteers, phoners and their spouses at the White Spot restaurant.

BCCI Meeting – 23 October in Duncan. Bill and Norma will attend. Serge will attend if a separate meeting is arranged for Treasurers and he is available.

Bill reviewed the current items listed for discussion on the meeting agenda:

- 2019 Federal election. A seniors' strategy will probably be one of the themes of the election.
- Frequency of AMMs. Presently requires a yearly annual general meeting. To keep costs down, electronic meetings could possibly be looked at for future meetings. A limiting factor will be long-term contracts signed with hotels.
- Volunteer Recognition Program. This is probably from Victoria Branch who are not great fans of the program.
- Membership Recruitment. Some of the recruiting effort will fall to branches.
- Communications.
- Vancouver Island Seniors' issues. Rachel Blaney is still the Federal critic for seniors and Gord Johns is the critic for veterans.
- Inter-branch support/amalgamation. Members can belong to whatever branch they choose. Should a branch close, the members will be transferred to another branch in their geographic area.
- CRM involvement by National Office in HST. We are unsure what this means unless it refers to National applying for GST rebates.

Dividing the Program Director's Portfolio. Serge will look after the 50/50 ticket sales; Bill will apply for the lottery license. Paddy will continue to liaise with the hotel for the Christmas and other luncheons. She will also arrange for the hall setup and purchase any prizes.

Paddy will obtain a list of possible guest speakers from the Probus Club, She requested and received permission to offer each speaker a \$100.00 honorarium.

Business Cards. Bill will check on the availability of business cards through National Office.

Lapel Pins. Bill has some lapel pins that we can give out at the Christmas general meeting.

September GM Meeting Responsibilities:

Greeter at Door – Norma
50/50 – Edith

Cash – Serge
Setup – Paddy

Xmas ticket sales – Kevin and Paulette

October Executive Meeting: Will be replaced with the Volunteer luncheon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1410 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 6 November 2018.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President