



National Association
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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
2 October 2018 – White Spot Restaurant

Bill called the meeting to order at 1255 hours.

Present: Bill Turnbull - President

Cecile Turnbull – Health Benefits

Steve Bunyan – Membership

Deb Yelf – Welfare

Cherie Kelley – Director

Norma Dean – A/Vice President/Telephone Coord

Serge Gosselin – Treasurer

Paddy O’Blenis – Programs

Edith Kelly – Secretary

Warren Kelley - Director

Absent: Kevin Weighill - Newsletter

Nancy Bennett – Director

Kathi Brown – Director

Agenda and Minutes:

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

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 30 September 2018, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$57,122.98. Income for the period 01 January to 30 September 2018 was \$9,455.48 and expenses were \$7,144.47, resulting in a surplus of \$2,311.01. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by John Renaud. Carried.

Bill noted that our total cash holding of \$11,135.74 exceeds our expenses for the year and we should look at increasing the size of our Defence of Benefits reserve. This will be taken to the General Meeting in December 2018 for approval and included in our CRM Ledger. In February, when our smaller GIC is rolled over, we can increase the amount of the new one.

Membership: Steve reported that membership numbers remain about the same as in September and our total is now the same as that of CRM. There are a number of memberships that have not been renewed, but that is now National Office’s responsibility. He also advised that our member who lived in New Zealand passed away in June.

Newsletter: Cecile will ask Kevin to move up the deadline for the November newsletter items by one week to 3 November 2018. This will allow for one final reminder before Christmas ticket sales end.

Benefits: Cecile will be including quarterly information on health benefits in future newsletters. In December she will also have estate documents available for \$3.00.

Programs: Paddy reported that everything is back to normal with the Westerley. She will be meeting with the new hotel contact person to discuss menus, costs, etc. Paddy also reported she has already purchased half of the gifts that Santa will hand out in December.

While many people liked the smaller restaurant setting of our September luncheon, it would not be suitable should a projector and screen be needed.

Communications: Nil

Welfare: Deb reported we lost six members in September and she also learned of a wife who had predeceased her husband.

Telephone: Norma was pleased to see so many of the telephoners present. They can now take a break until March.

BUSINESS:

Remembrance Day Wreaths: Serge will purchase a wreath from the Legion in Courtenay, Edith in Cumberland, Bill in Comox and Terry Hluska in Campbell River. The bills should be given to Serge and he will reimburse the purchasers.

50/50 Donation: It was decided that the 2018 money raised from 50/50 sales would be donated to the Vancouver Island Compassion Dog Society. Their presentation at a meeting earlier this year was quite moving. The organization remains reliant on donations as efforts to obtain federal government support have fallen through.

Food and money donations for the Food Bank will continue to be collected at the December meeting and Serge will take it to the Food Bank.

It was suggested having an item in the November newsletter advising members about the Food Bank donations. Apparently there are many members who are unaware of this donation. Any money collected can be matched dollar for dollar by the Food Bank. If you put your donation in an envelope containing your name and address, a receipt for anything over \$20.00 will be sent to you by the Food Bank.

November Newsletter Publishing Date: It is proposed getting the newsletter out a week earlier than in the past to remind anyone who does not have a Christmas ticket to get one.

March and September General Meeting Dates. The March and September meeting dates in 2019 will return to the second Wednesday of the month.

Cash, Tickets, and 50/50 Collection. The December meeting will remain as is; however, in March 2019 Cherie and Warren Kelley will take over the cash, tickets and 50/50 collection at the door for each general meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1320 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 6 November 2018.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President