



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Annual General Meeting  
Westerly Hotel – 13 March 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by the President, Bill Turnbull.

Bill welcomed everyone to the luncheon.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

The agenda was accepted as presented. As there were no errors or omissions noted in the 12 December 2018 General Meeting minutes. They were approved as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Serge Gosselin presented the financial statement for the period 01 January to 28 February 2019. The income was \$39.86 and expenses were \$162.34, resulting in a deficit of -\$122.48. The branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,781.13. Moved by Serge; seconded by Doug Plecas that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve Bunyan reported that we have 733 double and 668 single memberships for a total of 2,134 members in 1401 households. He will miss the June General meeting as he will be in Normandy for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

**Newsletter:** Kevin Weighill was absent. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is awaiting an appointment for surgery. Bill noted that 415 newsletters were mailed and he e-mailed 920 copies of which 58% were opened.

**Health Benefits:** Cecile Turnbull was away as her mother had been admitted to hospice. She asked Bill to remind the members that the PSHCP increase will be reflected on their March 2019 pension payment. Bill also had Estate Documents available.

It is income tax time and Bill reminded members that they can write MEDOC for a statement of claimable medical expenses. Some other legitimate health care expenses include your medical and dental plan premiums, any co-payment costs and, with a doctor's referral, costs incurred when out-of-town travel for treatment is required.

**Programs:** Paddy O'Blenis had checked and everyone said they had enjoyed their meal, even though we weren't in the usual location. That will be remedied one way or another. Everything is on track for our June luncheon.

**Communications:** The website is up-to-date. Bill had our consultant investigate a problem with sending bulk e-mails and hopefully it has been fixed.

**Welfare:** Deb Yelf reported that we have lost 14 members since December and we also have two members in serious condition. She has been sending sympathy cards to the families on behalf of the members.

**Telephone:** Norma Dean thanked the phoners for getting the word out. She noted that normally, when people leave messages, she does not make a confirmation return call; however, if members wish one, please let her know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes.** Moved by Dave Bell; seconded by Carol Anderson that the 28 March 2018 Annual General Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

**Financial Review.** Bill advised that Dave Shewchuk, one of our Internal Reviewers, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Bill wasn't sure about his present condition but said he looked fine a few weeks ago when he did the branch annual review.

**2018 Financial Results.** The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2018, showing earnings of \$2,091.64, were presented. Moved by Serge Gosselin; seconded by Gary Flath that the 2018 financial review be accepted. Carried.

John Renaud reported that he and Dave Shewchuck conducted the financial review on February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Branch finances were found to be in good order. He felt we are kept on the right track by the continued diligence of the treasurer and the other executive members.

**2018 Budget.** The proposed budget for 2019 was presented, with actual and forecast numbers. There were only two changes for 2019: one to increase the amount for General Meeting prizes, etc. and the other to increase the amount for National Travel expenses. Moved by Bill Turnbull; seconded by Paddy O'Blenis that the budget for 2019 be approved. Carried.

**Elections and Swearing in.** Bill turned the meeting over to Kathi Brown who requested nominations and/or volunteers for the following positions:

- President – no nominations or volunteers; Bill Turnbull will remain as President for one year.
- Vice President – Norma Dean appointed Vice President in 2018; elected Vice President.
- Secretary - no nominations or volunteers; Edith Kelly to remain as Secretary.
- Directors – no nominations or volunteers; Cecile Turnbull and Deborah Yelf to remain in their present positions.
- Director Warren Kelley appointed Director at Large in 2018; elected Director at Large.
- John Renaud volunteered to fill the one remaining Director at Large positions.
- There were no nominations or volunteers for the Communication Director or Advocacy positions.

Edith Kelly, Deborah Yelf, Norma Dean, Cecile Turnbull, Warren Kelley and new volunteer John Renaud were duly acclaimed and will continue as Executive Officers for the next two years. Bill Turnbull will continue as an Executive Officer for the next year. The formal installation, conducted by Kathi Brown, then followed. Cecile Turnbull was absent.

**Guest Speaker.** Bill introduced Tzena Russell, a representative from the Victoria office of Service Canada who spoke on matters of special interest to seniors. She passed out a paper containing information on the various types of scams, with examples, links and what you should do if you think or know you have become a victim.

Tzena then went on to discuss benefits for seniors and some of the possible problems you should be aware of. She spoke on involuntary separation, consent to communicate, downsizing your wallet contents, travel outside Canada, pension splitting, My Service Canada on-line services, adaptable housing, advanced care planning and elder abuse. She has put together a document about these items which she will e-mail to Bill and he will distribute it to the members.

Bill thanked Tzena Russell for her very informative presentation.

**Draws:**

The winner of the door prize was Rick Shaw.

The 50/50 draw winners were Ian Sibbald and Gord Diduck.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1350 hours.

*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*