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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
5 March 2019 – Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present: Bill Turnbull - President
Cecile Turnbull – Health Benefits
Steve Bunyan – Membership
Deb Yelf – Welfare
Edith Kelly – Secretary
Cherie Kelley – Director

Norma Dean – A/Vice President/Telephone Coord
Serge Gosselin – Treasurer
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs
Kevin Weighill - Newsletter
Kathi Brown – Director
Warren Kelley - Director

Absent: Nancy Bennett – Director

Agenda and Minutes:

The meeting agenda was accepted as sent out. Cecile moved that the minutes of the 5 February 2019 meeting be approved; seconded by Cherie. Carried.

Committee Reports:

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

Serge noted that GIC2, the smaller Defense of Benefits reserve, was increased to \$15,000.00 in February. The increase was voted on and approved at the 12 December 2018 General meeting.

Membership: Steve reported that his records show we have 2146 members in 1408 households. He is trying to determine why his records show 16 more members than the CRM records. Last month we had nine members that had not renewed and Steve suspects they will soon be deemed inactive by National Office. Of the 90 memberships requiring renewal in December, only four have not been renewed.

Newsletter: Steve reported that 415 local newsletters and one to the USA were mailed last month. Currently 29.5% hard copy newsletters are mailed and 70% are sent electronically by e-mail. Warren will contact Kevin about helping with the newsletter.

Kevin will send in our input for the June Sage magazine prior to the 25 March deadline.

Health Benefits: Cecile had nothing to report.

Programs: Paddy reported everything was set to go for our March luncheon in the conference room; however, due to a booking problem, there is a possibility it might be held in the Green Room restaurant. The room is not really large enough and the seating arrangements not popular with the members. Paddy will point out that we have been paying \$325 for the use of the conference room.

Paddy has been approached by the Prime Restaurant about holding our luncheons there. They can provide the meal for the same price; however, it would require moving to another room(s) for the meeting/guest speaker.

Paddy will check to see if there are any other local venues large enough to hold our meetings and, if required, a caterer to provide the meal. At our luncheon next week she will let the Westeryly know we are looking for another venue and that they will get a one month notice if we do. Kathi will check to see if the Officers Mess could be used.

Communications: Bill reported the website is up-to-date. He e-mailed 921 copies of the newsletter which included 14 to other branches. Once again he had a few problems sending these e-mails and he thinks a few might not have been delivered. Asked about the opening rate, he believes it is between 55% and 60%.

Bill learned that the site maintainer replaced a background component and somehow it defaulted to a 30 second time out and was only sending 80 newsletters at a time instead of 250. Hopefully, it has now been fixed.

Welfare: Deb reported we have lost four more members since last month and we have one member with medical problems.

Telephone: Norma reported members have started calling her about the luncheon. The phoners now have their new, much shorter 14-name lists.

BUSINESS:

AMM – Gatineau, Quebec 18-20 June 2019. Bill, as President, will attend and most of his expenses will be paid by National Office. We are also allowed to send up to three Observers; however, their expenses will have to be paid by the branch. As Norma is running for Vice President at the AGM next week, it was felt she should attend as an Observer. Cecile also wishes to attend. Cherie might also wish to attend if she elects to handle the advocacy portfolio.

After considering the probable costs for the President and three Observers to attend the Conference, it was felt that the amount budgeted for National travel will have to be increased in the 2019 budget. (Subsequent analysis suggested that, even with an increase, the amount available would not cover three observers.)

Tri-Reginal Conference in Chilliwack 23-25 May 2019. Serge, Cecile and Bill will represent the Branch. Cecile has forwarded all the required information to the people setting up the conference.

AGM Assignments:

Norma – Sign In

Cherie – Lunch Cost

Cherie & Warren – 50/50

2019 Budget. Bill distributed a proposed budget for 2019 which was discussed. It was felt there is a need to increase the amount budgeted for the Favours, Decorations, Prizes and Supplies for General meetings category and for the National travel category. Bill will adjust the proposed budget and take it to the AGM next week for approval.

Moved by Paddy; seconded by Cecile to increase the budget for Favours, Decorations, Prizes and Supplies to \$1,400 from \$1,100. Carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1403 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 2 April 2019.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President