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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
7 May 2019 – Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present: Bill Turnbull - President
Cecile Turnbull – Health Benefits
Steve Bunyan – Membership
Edith Kelly – Secretary
Kathi Brown – Director
Cherie Kelley – Director

Norma Dean – Vice President/Telephone Coordinator
Serge Gosselin – Treasurer
Deb Yelf – Welfare
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs
Warren Kelley – Director
John Renaud - Director

Absent: Kevin Weighill – Newsletter

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The agenda was accepted as amended. Cecile moved that the minutes of the 2 April 2019 meeting be approved; seconded by Cherie. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 30 April 2019, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$59,502.33. Income for the period 01 January to 03 April 2019 was \$4,081.09 and expenses were \$1,482.37, resulting in a surplus of \$2,598.72. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by John. Carried.

Serge noted that we have finally received our first quarter remittance from National Office. He will check with Paula at National Office as to why the Future Year Fee Liability of -\$1,698.74 has not been written off.

Membership: Steve reported his records and those of CRM finally agree. We have 728 double and 662 single members for a total of 2118 members which is down slightly, We have lost several primary members and Steve is reluctant to contact the surviving spouse. He will check to see if National Office contacts the survivor about retaining his/her membership.

Newsletter: Kevin was absent. The next newsletter deadline is 24 May 2019.

Health Benefits: Nothing to report.

Programs: Paddy has cancelled the June picnic luncheon at the Westerley. The luncheon will now be held at the Prime Steakhouse. It will be buffet style at the same cost and there will be waiters/waitresses to serve coffee and help where needed. You will be able to order a drink, but will have pay for it when it is delivered. There is a lot of parking in the parking lot or on the surrounding streets. Paddy will have the restaurant post the information on their sign.

Christmas luncheon tickets won’t be available until at the least the end of June. The executive will have decided by then which venue they plan to use for future luncheons. Tickets should be available at the September meeting.

Communications: Bill reported the website is almost up-to-date. He has received a bill for the annual maintenance. Notice was received from National Office about changing the National website from Sitecor to Drupal; however, nothing further was received. Bill has had to reset his password since then so thinks the change must have been made.

Welfare: Deb reported we have lost three active members. Kevin is doing very well. He has had his surgery and his prognosis is very good.

Telephone: Norma will pass the information about the venue change to the telephones. Cherie will look after Norma's call list as she will be away until early June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Search for New General Meeting Venue. Kathi obtained costs if the luncheons were to be held at the Officers Mess. The Mess rental is \$20.00/hour and the bartender \$15.00/hour. A suggested cost for a meal similar to one provided by the Westerley and based on 100 attendees, would be \$1,959.60 + \$97.96 tax = \$2057.58 or \$20.58/person, slightly higher than what we have been paying. They would also be prepared to provide a Christmas turkey dinner. Paddy will follow up.

As there is a time constraint, a survey will be taken at the June luncheon on the suitability of the Prime Steakhouse. The executive will decide on the venue for future luncheons.

NEW BUSINESS;

Resolutions for Consideration at 2019 AMM. Bill will forward the National Office e-mail link containing the rationale behind each of the proposed resolutions to the executive committee members. Further discussion will take place at the June executive meeting.

Draft Strategic Plan. Bill passed out copies of the proposed 2019-2024 Strategic Plan which he will be required to vote on at the AMM. This will also be discussed further at the June meeting.

AMM Travel Expenses. The amount allocated for travel expenses was increased in the 2019 budget. After considering expected future travel expenses, it was felt that both Norma's and Cecile's travel expenses to the AMM could be covered by the branch.

Hard Copies of Newsletter. Steve will print the addresses on 410 envelopes (today's number of mailed copies) prior to his leaving on holiday. Two weeks prior to the June luncheon, someone will have to pick up and pay for the newsletters from Speedy Printers, take them to Quest for stuffing and pay them \$100.00. They will also have to be taken to the Post Office and the postage paid. Bill said he would take care of all that.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1350 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 4 June 2019
