



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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

Bill called the meeting to order at 1335 hours.

**Present:**

Bill Turnbull - President	Norma Dean – Vice President/Telephone Coordinator
Cecile Turnbull – Health Benefits	Serge Gosselin – Treasurer
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs	Edith Kelly – Secretary
Kevin Weighill – Newsletter	Steve Bunyan – Membership
Deb Yelf - Welfare	Kathi Brown – Director
John Renaud – Director	

**Absent:** Cherie Kelley – Director Warren Kelley – Director

**AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

The agenda was accepted as presented. Paddy moved that the minutes of the 1 October 2019 executive meeting be accepted; seconded by Deb. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 04 November 2019, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$59,704.93. Income for the period 01 January to 04 November 2019 was \$13,299.25 and expenses totaled \$10,497.93 for an overall surplus of \$2,801.32. The balance sheet shows we currently have two chequing accounts; \$329.53 remaining at the BMO bank and \$59,000.00 that was transferred to the TD bank. As explained later under Business, Bill and Serge will arrange to purchase two \$25,000 GICs at the TD bank. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Membership:** Once again Steve and CRM are at odds over membership numbers. Steve’s records now show we have 2129 members in 1393 households while CRM records indicate we have 2131 members. Steve has managed to bring the original 15 member difference down to just a couple. There are six members that will probably be deleted in December unless they renew. Steve and Bill will put together a welcome letter for new members that can be sent as a hard copy or an e-mail.

**Newsletter:** Paddy gave Kevin the dates for the 2020 luncheons. Kevin reported that the next newsletter is almost ready to be published. Steve will give Kevin the number of hard copies that are required.

**Health Benefits:** Cecile has written a report, mainly on anger management, for the next newsletter.

**Programs:** Paddy learned four days ago that the Officers Mess will be involved with a large military function the same day as our luncheon. This will leave us with no kitchen access or staff. Paddy has already hired four people to serve the meal and do the clean up afterwards. They will be paid \$20/hr on a personal contract basis. There followed much discussion on what our options are and the Executive decided we should rent all we require from either Relay Rentals or Party Rentals. Cecile and Paddy will check further with the two rental companies and get the best deal they can and Paddy will find out if the Prime restaurant would be willing to provide the tea and coffee. Paddy has added up the costs, including the gifts, and it should be approximately the same amount as last year.

Our members were told at the meeting in September that there would be a bar at Xmas; however, this will not happen unless the Base can provide a bartender. It was suggested that we could possibly purchase red and white wine from the Officers’ Mess and set up a table in front of the bar at which to sell it. In the final analysis, a majority felt that we do not want to get into the business of selling wine.

This year, to comply with Mess rules, anyone winning a bottle of wine will have to wait until they depart to pick it up. The winner's name will be put on their bottle and left for pick up on a table at the entrance.

**Communications:** The website is up to date.

**Welfare:** Deb reported that, since the October executive meeting, we have lost six more members, three that were still active. In the last 12 months we have lost 54 members. Deb will not give a report at the Christmas luncheon.

**Telephone:** Norma reported no committee activity since attendance at the Xmas meeting is via advance ticket sales only. Cecile reported 101 tickets sold to date.

## **BUSINESS:**

**Remembrance Day Wreaths.** Have been purchased and will be laid as per last year.

**BCCI Meeting in Duncan.** The meeting provided a chance to meet Randy Wilson, the new District Director. Randy was a senior RCMP officer prior to his retirement. The BCCI meetings take place once or twice a year to go over current issues. The Branch Services Coordinator spoke on some information he had received from National Office about possible future changes to the AMM. He wanted to know our perspective on it so it could be taken back to National Office because they have two important meetings planned in December. One is a retreat in Nova Scotia and later there will be a Board meeting in New Brunswick.

The travel policy for members attending the AMM will remain the same; however, there were a few issues this year with people over-expensing on their car costs. There is a 500 Km limit on personal car use. Last year membership at the National level saw 8,010 members lost and 6,366 members gained, for an overall loss of 1,644 members. Other discussions included the election, succession planning and local Preferred Partner arrangements, something we should look at. This meeting gives executive members from each branch a chance to meet their counterparts and plan for the meeting in Chilliwack in the Spring.

**Passing of Long Serving Volunteers.** Recently we lost Mary Kamann, a Board member for at least 15 years and Al Dawber who was President until 2001. His name first appeared as the telephone coordinator in some 1993 minutes when the Branch was reconstituted. He served for a very long time as he was also Regional Director after being Branch President.

**Future Luncheon Venues.** It is felt we should look at other local venues for our luncheons as military functions get priority when it comes to using the Officers' Mess. This could become a big problem since the number of units located at CFB Comox will increase to seven by next summer. Paddy has already checked with the Filberg Centre and other locations should be checked for size, keeping luncheon numbers in mind.

**Downstream Financial Outlook.** Serge and Bill did not reinvest our two GICs at the BMO when we changed banks. The TD bank offers a 100 day revolving GIC, cashable after 30 days. Serge and Bill will split the \$50,000 into two \$25,000 GICs and separate them by 30 days so we will always have \$25,000 available should we need it.

Bill is starting to work on the 2020 budget. Executive members should get their financial requirements to Bill or Serge. A suggestion from the BCCI meeting was to have a fund for recruitment advertising. This would allow us to have ads placed in publications such as Coffee News and the Totem Times.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

**Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 3 December 2019**

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*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*