



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

NORTH ISLAND – JOHN FINN

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

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

**AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

The agenda was accepted as presented. Cecile moved that the revised minutes of the 6 November 2019 executive meeting be approved; seconded by Steve. Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Serge reported that as of 30 November 2019, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$57,847.56. Income for the period 01 January to 30 November 2019 was \$13,299.25 and expenses were \$10,504.43 resulting in a surplus of \$2,794.82. All the banking has now been moved to the TD bank and one \$50,000 GIC purchased. It is fully cashable after 30 days and will earn 1.7% interest if held to the termination date at which time it will be rolled over. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by Cecile. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve’s records show our membership is growing. We now have 742 double and 661 single memberships for a total of 2145 members. CRM records only show 2141 members. There are 14 memberships that have not been renewed and will probably be cancelled very soon. Ninety-six members renewed their memberships in December. The dues will be increasing by 2% next year.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for the next Sage issue is 20 December. Kevin has already sent in the ‘In Memoriam’ information, but needs more information for the next issue. Bill said the date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in March and John Goranson from Collette Vacations will be the guest speaker. Cecile will give Kevin the names of the speakers lined up for the June and September meetings.

**Health Benefits:** Cecile has nothing to report.

**Programs:** Paddy has hired four people who will be at the Mess at 9:30 a.m. to set up and drape 23 tables. Elana Gosselin, Carol Anderson, Alan Angst and other committee members will assist with the remaining set up tasks. Paddy reported that the Prime restaurant has agreed to provide the tea and coffee. She will let Prime know that only 126 meals will be required. Everything else that is needed has been rented from Party Rentals. Serge will pick it up Tuesday and store it at his place overnight. Paddy will check with Christine and Melissa to ensure the Mess will be cleaned and that there are enough chairs and tables.

Because Christmas festivity rentals are often booked a year in advance, Paddy has requested permission to telephone the executive for approval to rent a venue, should she find one that suits our needs.

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

**Welfare:** Deb reported that we have lost four more members, two that were still active.

**Telephone:** Norma will be contacting her telephoners in the new year to see how many are still interested. Steve should have new caller lists for her by mid-February. There are now less than 400 members who have to be called, so fewer callers may be needed.

**BUSINESS:**

**Where we go from here on General Meetings.** Paddy will investigate the various venues and what they have to offer:

- D'Estair House – has a nice set up, a great kitchen, is wheelchair accessible, has nice chairs and tables, can seat at least 130 in one room; however it doesn't work well if there is a guest speaker.
- Westerly – Paddy received an e-mail from Todd at the Westerly letting her know we are welcome back there any time; however, we would have to insist on having meetings in the ballroom.
- Filberg – they will do the set up and take down for a fee and have a great kitchen.

Paddy will check first with the Filberg on their costs, what they have to offer and any requirements they may have.

**Rebellion in Victoria Branch.** The President and 10 members have quit. National Office wanted the Branch to switch to National's ClickDimensions electronic messaging system. When they didn't, each Board member received a rather threatening letter stating that if they continued to use their own system, they could have their membership cancelled and the Branch put in administrative suspension. The National Office lawyer also wrote to Tim Davis, the man who developed the Victoria website, accusing him of keeping membership information, etc. which he didn't do. They have never received an apology and while National Office claims this is an Association policy, it is not written down anywhere.

**Succession Planning.** Norma has agreed to run for the position of President at the AGM in March 2020 which means we will also need to elect a new Vice President.

**Christmas Luncheon Assignments.**

- Steve has agreed to be our Santa again this year.
- Serge will pick up totes from the Food Bank and the dishes, etc. from Party Rentals on Tuesday.
- Cecile will provide a list of the attendees for the Commissionaire at the gate.
- Serge will sell the 50/50 tickets.
- Edith will give a ticket for a special prize to everyone that donates to the Food Bank.
- If required, Steve will be available to direct traffic.
- Cecile and Paulette will set out the presents on the stage.

**Check In Table.** This year the check-in table will be located at the front entrance.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1355 hours.

**Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 7 January 2020**

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*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Bill Turnbull, President*