



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
7 January 2020 – Comox Legion

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

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

Absent: Kathi Brown – Director Warren Kelley – Director

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The agenda was accepted as presented. Cecile moved that the minutes of the 3 December 2019 executive meeting be approved as presented; seconded by Cherie. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Serge reported that as of 31 December 2019, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$53,958.65. Income for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 was \$13,079.09 and expenses were \$16,024.05 resulting in a deficit of -\$2,944.96. Serge noted that our last remittance for the year of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 should be received from National Office around 15 January 2020. When it is received, we should show a slight surplus. Serge moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented; seconded by John. Carried.

Bill noted that the \$50,000 GIC, purchased at the TD bank, is now shown on our bank statements. It has already earned \$83.84 and should generate approximately \$850.00 over the year. For audit purposes, Dave Shewchuk had previously requested that our bank records include copies of any cancelled cheques and those images do appear on our e-statements.

Membership: Steve reported we have 741 double and 660 single memberships in 1401 households for a total of 2142 members. CRM records show 2134 members, probably due to some recent in/out transfers. There are 22 memberships that were not renewed by the end of December. Member #301, our longest member, has cancelled her membership, leaving Ed Goski as our senior member. The dues for 2020 are: Single membership - \$51.36; Double membership - \$66.60.

Newsletter: Paddy will keep Kevin informed of all future luncheon information for the next issue of Sage and for our newsletter. Kevin will e-mail the Sage deadline dates to the executive members.

Health Benefits: Cecile reported selling several more Estate Documents at the Christmas luncheon.

Kevin advised that the Memorial Society of BC has a great website where you can purchase divider tabs to organize everything in a binder. Cherie noted that there is an ElderCollege course “Be Kind to Those You Leave Behind” at NIC. (Secretary’s Note: According to NIC Winter 2020 guide, the course costs \$30 and runs for 6 weeks.)

Programs: Paddy reported that the four girls she hired did an excellent job doing the setup/take down at the Christmas luncheon. People thought the decor was good and the food great. Paddy also felt the executive members who stepped in also did an excellent job. The only complaint was from someone wanting to move the luncheons to Crown Isle.

Communications: The website will be up to date in a few days, after Bill uploads both the December executive and general meeting minutes.

Welfare: Deb reported that we only lost one active member in December.

Telephone: Norma will be contacting the telephoners in February to find out who are still available. With only about 400 newsletters now being mailed, we probably will only need about 15 telephoners. Cherie offered to take over the Telephone Coordinator position from Norma.

BUSINESS:

2020 Election Nominations. The positions to be filled are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Programs and two Directors. Kathi is stepping down; Bill is not running for President but would be willing to continue handling the Communications position. Norma has agreed to let her name stand for President (which leaves the Vice President position open) and Cecile, Serge, Steve, Kevin, Paddy and Cherie have all said they are available to run again.

Cecile asked members to let her know if they hear or know of someone who might be interested in getting more involved. They could come on board as telephoners or sit in on some executive meetings to learn more about the organization, before committing themselves further. Kevin will include an article on the elections in the next issue of the newsletter.

2019 Financials. Since John Renaud is now an executive member, Serge will check with Andy Anderson to find out if he is still interested in joining Dave Shewchuk on the audit committee.

2020 Budget. Bill noted that we will have a small surplus once our remittance is received from National Office. He passed out copies of a proposed budget for 2020. There were some small adjustments for National and Regional travel and a slight increase for our luncheon supplies/gifts. Bill will revise the budget breakdown and e-mail a copy to the executive for their further review. The budget requires approval at the general meeting in March.

As part of the 2020 budget, the executive will be asking permission to give \$500.00 to the Comox Legion as a grant in lieu of rent. The executive has held their meetings at the branch without charge for as long as anyone can remember and our last grant was in 2017.

2019 50/50 Donation. At the December general meeting, the members voted to distribute the 50/50 proceeds between the Compassion Dog Society and the Food Bank. Since then, it has been learned that the Compassion Dog Society no longer exists, so Bill and Serge decided to donate the entire \$502.00 to the Food Bank. Bill will check with BC Lottery about a suggestion to change the 50/50 ticket cost to \$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00.

Meeting Venues. Paddy checked with many other venues and all needed to have the meal catered; there were set up/take down costs and many had limited parking. While investigating other venue requirements, the Westerly approached Paddy about returning there. It is felt that, if the Westerly would guarantee to use only their Ball Room, it would make everything much easier to arrange and less expensive. The Probus Club has changed their meeting dates so they will no longer be a problem for our March, June and September luncheons dates; however, the Westerly staff will contact Probus about their December date. Food costs were discussed and it was felt that ticket prices should be increased to \$20.00 for March, June and September luncheons and \$25.00 for the Christmas luncheon. Paddy will give Kevin an article for the next newsletter, explaining why we are moving the luncheon back to the Westerly.

Volunteer Luncheon. It was decided to hold the volunteer appreciation luncheon at the White Spot restaurant on Tuesday, 6 October 2020, followed by our October executive meeting. Paddy will follow up and Cherie will let the telephoners know.

Announcements: Cecile will include an article on SISIP in the next newsletter. Some retiring military members seemingly ignored a letter outlining their option of converting their term insurance into a \$5,000 paid up-life policy. If the letter was ignored, the option lapsed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1425 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 4 February 2020
