



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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

Bill called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Bill Turnbull - President	Norma Dean – Vice President
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 – Telephone Coordinator
John Renaud – Director	Warren Kelley – Director

Absent: Kathi Brown – Director

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The agenda was accepted as amended. Cecile moved that the minutes of the 7 January 2010 executive meeting be approved as presented; seconded by John. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Serge presented two financial reports. One was the final financial report for 2019 after the last remittance was received from National Office and the other was the financial report for January 2020.

As of 31 December 2019, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,377.29. Income for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 was \$15,497.73 and expenses were \$16,024.05 resulting in a deficit of -\$526.05. Serge moved that the financial statement for the period 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 be accepted as presented; seconded by Cherie. Carried.

As of 31 January 2020, the branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,316.84. There was no income for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 January 2020 and expenses were \$60.45 resulting in a deficit of -\$60.45. Serge moved that the financial statement for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 January 2020 be accepted as presented; seconded by Deb. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported we have 745 double and 656 single memberships in 1401 households for a total of 2146 members. CRM records for some unknown reason show only 2139 members. There are 25 memberships that were not renewed by the end of January and 11 so far in February for a total of 36. Steve will check with National Office re a suspected shortfall on fees. Currently 246 members pay by cash or cheque, 1124 by DDS and there are 31 in the process of trying to get DDS which takes at least four months. Steve will do a follow up on why five applications failed and why it takes so long for applications to go through.

Newsletter: Paddy has produced a letter on the venue change for the next newsletter. Kevin, after 15 years of producing the newsletter, has agreed to stay on as editor for one more term.

Health Benefits: Nil report.

Programs: Paddy has nailed down all the menus and signed contracts with the Westerly for the next year.

Communications: The website will be up to date once a minor typo is corrected.

Welfare: Deb reported that we lost ten members in January, two that were still active. Cecile reported that Barb Schneider, a long-time member who had served on the executive, will be missed.

Telephone: Norma will contact the telephoners next week to see how many are still available. Once the number of telephoners is known, Steve will print off the caller lists. As the number of members requiring a telephone call is declining, having enough callers shouldn't be a problem. Norma and Steve will keep the new coordinator, Cherie Kelley, informed.

BUSINESS:

B.C. Gaming License. Bill reported that the license for the 50/50 tickets has been renewed and the tickets price will now be \$1.00 for one or six for \$5.00.

Luncheons 2020. Paddy has the signed meal contracts for the year. The cost for the March, June and September meals will be \$17.95 and December's will be \$28.00. The room rental has increased to \$350.00 and it will now cost another \$85.00 if we require a projector and \$25.00 for a microphone. Kevin has offered the use of his projector.

The luncheon set up will be the same as before with the buffet table ready prior to the noon serving time. The meals that Paddy has arranged for the year will be: roast beef and Yorkshire pudding in March, the annual picnic luncheon in June, roast pork and applesauce in September, and the Christmas luncheon will now include a cheese tray, a vegetable tray, salads, cranberry sauce, yams and Christmas desserts.

Cost for the March, June and September meals will be \$1,723.20 plus GST based on 96 attendees. The total Christmas luncheon cost will be just over \$5,100.00 plus GST based on 140 attendees.

This year it is very important that the telephoners make their calls early enough so that Paddy can notify the Westery on the number of attendees no later than the Saturday prior to the luncheon. The callers will also be asked to find out if anyone requires a veggie burger at the June luncheon.

2020 Budget. Bill noted that we will have a deficit of -\$526.00 for 2019. After further review of the proposed 2020 budget, Bill will print off a revised budget breakdown and e-mail copies to the executive. The 2020 budget requires approval at the executive and general meetings in March.

Collette Organized Group Trip. John Goranson, guest speaker at our March luncheon, is from Collette Vacations which is offering several special deals to branches. Bill will get more information from John, have Kevin include it in the next newsletter, and also have John explain more at the luncheon.

Advocacy. Leslie Gaudet, our Advocacy Program Officer, set up a webinar on starting now with regards to coming elections, especially now that we have a minority government and the call could go out at any time. There are 338 ridings and over the next couple of years the Advocacy Committee plans to start small with about 30 branches, probably some of the bigger ones with more ridings in them, to get them more active now. Then six months later they will add a further 30 branches until within three or four years various branches will have covered all of the 338 ridings. They want the branches to start having larger events, town hall meetings, keynote speakers, 'meet the candidate' nights and community events. The secondary tasks are to get families and friends involved, have more contact with your local MPs, send letters to newspaper editors and the media, in setting up social media and talking about what kind of changes you will be looking at with the incumbents coming up. They are looking for a team within each branch which doesn't have to be the executive. If you know of anyone in our branch who is interested in politics, they could form an advocacy committee to work on this.

Announcements: In late April or early May, the Comox Legion will be undergoing major renovations in their downstairs lounge, so it may be necessary to hold our May executive meeting somewhere else.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1355 hours.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President