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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)

Executive Meeting

5 May 2020 – via Zoom

Norma called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

Norma Dean - President	Warren Kelley – Vice President
Cecile Turnbull – Secretary	Serge Gosselin – Treasurer
Paddy O’Blenis – Programs	Kevin Weighill – Newsletter
Cecile Turnbull – Health Benefits	Cherie Kelley – Telephone Coordinator
John Renaud – Director	Bill Turnbull – Communications
Brad Bridgeman – Director	Gordon Richardson - Director

Absent: Deb Yelf – Welfare, Steve Bunyan - Membership

Agenda - The agenda was accepted as presented – no additions. Moved by Kevin, seconded by Cherie.

Minutes - Paddy moved that the executive minutes of the March 3, 2020 be approved as presented; seconded by John. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge presented the financial reports.

As of 2020-01-01 to 2020-04-30 the Income and Expense report is as follows:

- Income total of \$5,654.41 includes a DDS payment \$5,368.97 from NO.
- Expense total of \$1920.26 for an overall surplus of \$3,734.15.

Account Balances as of 2020-04-30 include:

- Bank Account - \$9,403.56; Cash Accounts - \$475.00; Asset Accounts - \$50,232.88 for an overall total of \$60,111.44
- Serge moved that the financial reports for the period 2020-01-01 to 2020-04-30 be accepted as presented; seconded by Brad. Carried.

Membership: Steve - absent

Newsletter: Kevin would like reports for the newsletter be sent to him by May 22, to get the newsletter out in time to inform members of the status of the June 10th General Meeting.

Health Benefits: Cecile recounted an issue from one member, who was upset over prescription drug restraints and dispensing fees as a result of the Covid – 19 Pandemic. A follow-up investigation report was sent to the member.

Programs: Paddy has the menus planned and signed contracts with the Westerly for the whole year. She has been in contact with the hotel to have the contract room fee waived if we should have to cancel the June meeting.

Communications: Bill – The website is up to-date and the minutes from this meeting will be uploaded there.

Welfare: Deb was absent, report sent to Norma – 4 members have recently passed away, with 1 being inactive.

Telephone: Cherie reported that she will be eliminating the Campbell River list and she can make a call to the one remaining member. One telephoner is retiring due to unforeseen circumstances and Cherie has agreed to work the list of one of the other phoners. Cherie does not need any more Telephoners at this time, but Paddy has a returning volunteer willing to help when needed. The number of members requiring a telephone call is declining,

New Business:

Welcome: Norma welcomed new members Brad Bridgeman and Gordon Richardson to the Executive.

New Director Assignments: Edith has resigned from the position of Secretary. Zoom was the deciding factor for her. It was agreed that a floral bouquet be sent as a thanks for all of her hard work over the years.

- **Secretary** – Cecile has agreed to take on the role of Interim Secretary until the next Election in 2021. This is in line with her work experience over the years.
- **Health Benefits Officer** – Gordon Richardson has volunteered to take on the job of Health Benefits. He may have to get a Vulnerable Sector Check from the RCMP. Once that is obtained it will be forwarded to NO (National Office) for their records. He can coordinate with Cecile and Bill Turnbull for help as required.
- **Advocacy** – Warren Kelley has volunteered to take on this task along with being Vice President. He can follow up with Leslie Gaudette – lgaudette@gmail.com, our provincial Advocacy Officer.
- **Membership** – Norma will follow-up with Steve to see if he would like an assistant.

Bank Signing Authority – with two to sign, will be granted to the following executive – Norma Dean, President; Warren Kelley, Vice President; Serge Gosselin, Treasurer; & Cecile Turnbull, Secretary.

Luncheons 2020 – Paddy requested that the June Luncheon for Wednesday June 10th, be cancelled due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic and Quarantine rules at this time. Discussion followed and all agreed. It will be a wait and see for September and December, but Paddy will follow up with the hotel for the right to cancel with no room fees involved. Discussion included the purchase of Xmas Tickets for December with sales to start in September. We will wait and see how the Pandemic and rules around it affect the September meeting. Paddy will write a note for the newsletter for the cancellation of the June meeting.

- **Defer discussion re:** Christmas ticket purchase/sales for December's meeting.

Guest Speaker – Bill will follow up with the guest speaker for June's meeting to see if he can come in September if we have that meeting.

AMM – the AMM in Ottawa is on hold at the present time. Other time frames are being looked at and a request to the government has been submitted to allow the meeting to move to either the fall or next year.

Volunteer Appreciation – Will be held in October at the White Spot but a date and reservation has not been determined as yet.

Zoom Account – It was agreed by all that \$200.00 would be paid for a one-year account with Zoom.

Motion: That we pay \$200.00 for a 12 month Zoom account. Motion made by John Renaud, seconded by Serge Gosselin. Carried

All members agreed that the Zoom meeting worked well and would save travel for some. The Legion will be doing renovations so that takes care of finding a place to have meetings for now.

Other:

- Warren asked about compensation for printing reports and printer cartridges. Serge suggested claims can be filed for reasonable expenses.
- Bill will contact NO to have them grant Norma access to the CRM.
- Cherie has offered to have a Summer get-together at their house on August 18th. Details to follow.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 2 June 2020

Cecile Turnbull, Secretary

Norma Dean, President