



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Executive Meeting
2 June 2020 – via Zoom

Norma called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Present:

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

Absent: Deb Yelf – Welfare

Agenda - The agenda was accepted as presented – with additions – B.B.Q, Executive Zoom Meetings, Branch Advertising. Moved by Bill, seconded by Steve. Carried.

Minutes - Brad moved that the executive minutes of May 5, 2020 be approved as presented; seconded by Paddy. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge presented the financial reports.

As of 2020-01-01 to 2020-05-29 the Income and Expense report is as follows:

- Income total of \$5,654.41 – no new income in May.
- Expense total of \$2,371.26 (included costs for zoom, website maintenance and web hosting) for an overall surplus of \$3,283.15.

Account Balances as of 2020-05-29 show:

- Bank Account - \$8,952.56; Cash Accounts - \$475.00; Asset Accounts - \$50,232.88 for an overall total of \$59,660.44
- Serge moved that the financial reports for the period 2020-01-01 to 2020-05-29 be accepted as presented; seconded by Warren. Carried.

Membership: Steve reported the following membership statistics: Double – 230, Single – 644, households – 1374, total members 2104 vs 2101 in CRM.

Newsletter: Kevin sent the June newsletter to the printers, Steve mailed 372 + 1 US hard copies to members. Steve did the envelope stuffing as Quest was not available at this time. Bill forwarded the Newsletter link to NO to send to the general membership via Click Dimensions. Kevin had a challenge filling the newsletter for June and he appreciates the help from those that proofread for any errors prior to sending it out.

Health Benefits: Gordon attended the zoom meeting with NO and the Federal Seniors Minister – Deb Schulte.

He gave a brief rundown of the meeting where she talked about:

- Ageism – youth & seniors and how to dispel the feelings and ideas about getting older,
- Financial security and Health issues.
- Long term care and how some adult children are removing their parents from care facilities.
- Federal financial help to provinces and how they might like to track funding.
- Home Care
- Rebate for Seniors
- CPP over all in good shape for at least the next 70 years
- There seems to be no consideration of reducing superannuation
- Internet to rural areas for seniors

Programs: Paddy has been trying to contact the hotel to confirm our cancellation for June's General meeting. She will put tentative confirmations on both September and December. If the meetings should go ahead, all the meals are planned. Paddy would still have to purchase gifts for December.

Communications: Bill – The Newsletter link was sent to NO and uploaded to our Website. Bill will forward our newsletter to BC branch presidents. He will get a blocked e-mail list from NO and Brad and he will work on that.

Advocacy: An e-mail from Leslie Gaudette to Advocacy officers looks for branches to help with the Public Service Week Ad Campaign. A national ad campaign is being set up through National office, who confirmed this morning they will place ads in the Vancouver Sun and Victoria Times-Colonist. In addition, each Branch is encouraged to place ads in local papers. Warren will review what local contact information we would like to include for our Branch along with some pricing for this endeavour. He will liaise with Norma, Leslie and the executive with his findings.

Welfare: Deb was absent, report sent to Norma – no members passed away last month.

Telephone: Cherie reported there is nothing new since there are no meetings at this time. Steve will send her an updated membership list.

New Business:

AMM - Norma reported that the AMM will take place via a Zoom type meeting at the end of November. To date there is no agenda.

September/December Luncheons 2020 – 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 rental fees involved. The purchase of Xmas Tickets for December is cancelled. In September, if Covid rules are changing the telephone committee will call members to see if they are interested in attending in December or not. If a meeting is to happen, we will have sales at the door.

Guest Speaker – Bill followed up with the guest speaker and he is willing to attend in September if that meeting should happen.

Volunteer Appreciation – Paddy will call the White Spot to see if they are taking reservations in October and how many their room can hold following the Covid rules on social distancing. We may only be able to accommodate the telephoners and the executive minus the spouses.

Links for Newsletter - Bill mentioned authors of articles should check embedded links for suitability. Also, we should credit sources of information that we use.

Zoom Account –

- At our last meeting we agreed to spend \$200.00 per year for a Zoom account for our branch to hold Executive meetings during the Covid pandemic.
- Brad – took some training for zoom meetings and it was mentioned that Branches should open accounts through National Office.
- Upon inquiry with Joane Miron, NO is encouraging us to fall under the NO umbrella account with Zoom.
- She felt that we might be able to get a better price and NO could reset the account if something went wrong.
- NO has a Business account – which costs more per host than our account.
- At this time NO does not have policies or procedures for Zoom

Executive Discussion -

- Bill is waiting to get final costing figures from NO before we commit to taking their offer.
- The executive did not seem too anxious to go with NO.
- Do we want to be under their umbrella account?
- Do we need procedures for our account?
- Our present account is for up to 100 people and is probably less expensive.
- Do we want NO controlling account or possibly opting into our meetings?
- After discussion we agreed to hold our executive meetings via Zoom with the following motion.

Motion: That we continue to have Executive Meetings via Zoom with at least one face to face meeting once per year. Moved by Paddy, Seconded by Gordon, all approved.

Legion - Since we have held executive meeting at the Comox Legion for many years, it was felt that a letter of appreciation for the use of their facility be sent on behalf of the executive by the President. Included will be a contribution to the Poppy Fund for \$500.00.

Motion: That a contribution to the Comox Legion Poppy Fund in the amount of \$500.00 as a token of appreciation, be sent along with a letter to their President. Moved by Cherie, Seconded by Kevin, all approved.

Summer BBQ – Cherie’s Summer get-together will be at their house on Tuesday, August 18th. Please let Cherie know if you are attending and if spouse/partner is coming. Arrive 11 am with lunch at noon and games/chit chat to follow.

Other:

Norma sent a bouquet of flowers to Edith for her dedication as secretary.
Serge and Cecile went to the bank for signing authority on cheques.

See everyone in August.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 1 September 2020

Cecile Turnbull, Secretary

Norma Dean, President