



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Via Zoom - Executive Meeting Minutes
October 06, 2020

Attendees:

Norma Dean – President,	Cherie Kelley - Telephone
Warren Kelley – Vice President,	Serge Gosselin - Treasurer
Steve Bunyan – Membership	Kevin Weighill – Newsletter
Bill Turnbull - Communications	John Renaud - Director
Gord Richardson – Health Benefits	Deb Yelf - exempt
Cecile Turnbull - Secretary	

Absent: Brad Bridgeman, Paddy O’Blenis (sent resignation prior to meeting)

Meeting called to order 1:00 pm by Norma Dean. The president welcomed everyone.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented with the following additions – Paddy O’Benis, resignation and who would take on Programs, and Notes from Secretary. All approved.

Minutes: The August executive minutes were accepted as read. Moved by Steve, seconded by Warren.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge went over the Financial reports (forwarded earlier).

- Income - \$9,348.80, Expenses - \$6,145.84 for a Surplus of \$3,202.96. Total Assets amount to \$59,580.25.
- He briefly mentioned that we had received two quarterly payments from NO with a third coming in mid-October.
- Motion by Serge to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Kevin. All approved.

Membership: Steve - Total 1360 households, 723 doubles, 637 singles for 2,083 members.

- No new members recently, with transfer ins being the norm.
- Bill mentioned a new member that wondered about our branch name – John Finn and said he new John in the Logistics field.

Newsletter: Kevin no report but will use an article sent in by a former RCMP member – “Looking for a Retirement Home”. Deadline for next newsletter is **November 10, 2020**.

Health Benefits: Gordon reported all quiet.

Communications: Bill stated that nothing was new. The Domain name was renewed and the Website is up to date.

Welfare: Deb – was absent – no report, but Steve did mention that Deb has called him with some recent deaths of members.

Telephone: Cherie – Nothing to report.

Advocacy – Warren – has had 3 to 4 Zoom meeting with Leslie Gaudette. Reach 338 is still underway from NO. All of our objectives need to be addressed both at the National level and some at the Provincial level especially with an election this month.

- Long Term Care
 - National Pharmacare Plan
 - National Seniors Strategy – Long term care, home care
 - Veterans
- Meetings in our area with Rachel Blaney, Gord Johns are in the works.
 - At the previous meeting a Budget item of \$5,000 was approved by the executive for Advocacy but Cecile mentioned that this new budget item should probably be approved by the membership.
 - It was noted that Serge will make sure all expenses for Advocacy will be captured in our financial records.
 - Warren will keep the executive informed as to his meetings.

Old/New Business: Norma

- AMM - Will be a Zoom meeting with reduced attendance at the end of November. Norma wondered if the issue of Defence of Benefits reserve will come up.

Mega Recruitment drive: Norma

- There is a major drive on to recruit new members with incentives for those who participate.
- We talked about how we can entice new members to our branch.
- SCAN (Second Career Assistance Network) sessions, both Military and Civilian are possibilities.
- Ads in the local newspapers and other local publications were mentioned.
- Gordon mentioned that the Legion contacted DND and asked if the Legion could add a brochure, to the DND's Retirement package. The Legion brochure would explain what their services provide for potential members. He wondered if we could do something similar.
- Norma and Warren will look into this.

Programs: Paddy O'Blenis – Has resigned due to health reasons.

- Norma will send flowers and a card thanking her for her service.
- Cecile offered to take over as Program Director for the time being.
- Possible venues will be contacted for our AGM in March keeping in mind Covid and Provincial regulations.
- A Zoom meeting may also be a possibility. We may need the telephone committee to call members.

Notes from Secretary: Received a thank you card from the former Secretary and a letter from the Legion regarding the Poppy Fund.

Zoom account host:

- Bill will follow up with NO to make this change.

Next Executive Meeting - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Adjourned – 2:15 PM

Minutes by – Cecile Turnbull

President – Norma Dean