



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

**National Association of Federal Retirees**  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Via Zoom - Executive Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2020

**Attendees:**

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

**Absent:**

Meeting called to order 1:05 pm by Norma Dean. The president welcomed everyone.

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented with the following additions – Remembrance Day Wreath recap, Medoc info, Member Fees, December Executive meeting. Moved by Serge – 2nd by Warren, all approved.

**Minutes:** The October executive minutes were accepted as read. Moved by Bill, 2nd by Gord.

**Committee Reports:**

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

- Income - \$12,778.89 - included quarterly payment, Expenses - \$6,823.61 for a Surplus of \$5,955.28. Total Assets amount to \$62,332.57.
- Motion by Serge to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Warren. All approved.

**Membership:** Steve - Total 1356 households, 725 doubles, 631 singles for 2,081 members.

- No new members recently, with transfer-ins being the norm.

**Newsletter:** Kevin - getting the newsletter ready to go.

- Deadline for next newsletter is **November 10, 2020**.

**Health Benefits:** Gordon - reported all quiet.

**Communications:** Bill - The Website is up to date.

- Brad has been set up to organize the Zoom meetings using a web-site e-mail address.
- Bill watched a presentation by Isabel McKenzie on the impact of Covid in Care Homes for the Elderly. This was in response to a survey completed by 15,000 people.

**Programs:** Cecile – *tabled until January Executive meeting*

- Possible venues will be contacted for our AGM in March keeping in mind Provincial Covid regulations regarding numbers.
- A Zoom meeting may also be a possibility.
- We may need the telephone committee to call members or a newsletter flash sent out to members for attendance purposes.

**Welfare:** Deb – No report, but Norma thought 4 had passed recently.

**Telephone:** Cherie – Nothing to report.

**Advocacy:** Warren – Advocacy is still our biggest issue locally and nationally.

- Letters sent to MLA's - no responses
- Warren and Norma had a Zoom meeting with one of our Federal reps – Gordon Johns
- Johns is very receptive to our goals – specifically:
  - Long Term Care
  - National Pharmacare Plan
  - National Seniors Strategy – Long term care, home care
  - Veterans
- Reach 338 is still underway.
- An insert regarding the direction NAFR is going will go into our local newsletter.

**Old/New Business:** Norma

- AMM – No agenda as yet for AMM.
- November 16 – Norma is to meet online with Candidates for the National Board. She will have to register for that.

**Budget:** Bill circulated the budget with actuals to date.

- The pot of gold balance of \$101 is to be donated to the Campbell River Food Bank.
- Discussion ensued over Surpluses at Nation and Branch levels in regards to CRA and the Not for Profit Act.
- Cecile suggested that a line item in the budget might be added for guest speakers, so that we can get better speakers or cover costs of travel, lodging.
- A committee consisting of Serge, Norma, Warren, and Bill will get together to discuss the Budget on November 17th at Serge's house. The budget will be discussed at the next Executive meeting in January.
- Possibly look at changing the name – Defence of Benefits.

**Motion by Cherie** – To donate the Pot of Gold to the Campbell River Food Bank. **2nd by Steve.** All approved.

**Guest speakers:** Suggestions included –

- Kevin Holte – pre arranging affairs
- Leslie Gaudette – Advocacy
- Local MP – Gordon Johns or Rachel Blaney
- Provincial Rep for Seniors – Long Term Care Homes

**Other Additions:**

**Remembrance Day Wreaths:** Will be pre-laid in Campbell River, Cumberland, Comox and Courtenay.

**Medoc:**

- An independent market analysis compared MEDOC to other programs in terms of depth of benefits offered as well as rates charged.
- Side by side comparisons showed that MEDOC is superior.

- Based on overall weighted averages of age and duration of travel, MEDOC is 48% less expensive and includes trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage.
- For the new year, 2021, we will see a premium increase of 7.5% across the board while still maintaining emergency travel insurance coverage for COVID related incidents.
- Trip cancellation and Trip interruption insurance will continue to be included.

**NAFR Membership Fees** – Membership fees will remain exactly the same in 2021 – no increase.

**December Executive Meeting - Motion by Cherie** – That the December Executive meeting be cancelled to resume in January, 2021. **2nd by John.** All approved. The date was moved one week later.

**Next Executive Meeting - Tuesday, January 12th, 2021**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay well.**

**Adjourned** – 2:30 PM

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**Minutes by** – Cecile Turnbull

**President** – Norma Dean