



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
AGM Minutes  
Via ZOOM - 17 March 2021

**Call to Order** - 1:00 pm – by Norma Dean, President

Brad Bridgeman briefed the members on a few points about ZOOM and the election procedure.

Attendees: 32 members – acceptable quorum under Covid guidelines

**Welcome:** President Norma Dean

- Welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the new way to meet. Very different year because of Covid.
- The executive has been having regular monthly meetings via ZOOM.
- Possibly be able to meet in person before the end of the year.
- Changes to the Board: Edie and Patti retired during the past year.
- Thanks to Cecile for picking up duties.
- Other members are resigning as their term ends, so elections are part of this agenda.
- Thanks to all Board members for their hard work and dedication.
- Coming year may see some change so keep on reading the Newsletter.
- Everyone to mute their mikes unless speaking.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Norma asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there were none. Moved by Norma that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Bill. All agreed.

**Approval of Minutes:** of 11 March 2020 – Asked if there were any errors or omissions – there were none. Moved by Norma that the Minutes of March 11, 2020 be approved as presented, seconded by Bill. All agreed.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Financial Reports** – Serge Gosselin - Account Balances as of the end of February: Bank - \$13,554.93; Cash Account - \$637.69. Total Assets amount to 50,498.28. Income and expense show a total surplus of \$135.05.
- **Motion by Serge:** to accept the 2021 financial reports to date as presented, 2nd by Cecile. All approved.
- **Membership** – Steve Bunyan: 708 Double Memberships, 621 Single Memberships, 1329 Households for a total of 2037 Members - down 80 from last year.
- **Newsletter** – Kevin Weighill: The newsletter went out on time. This will be Kevin's last time as Editor as he is retiring after 15 years.
- **Health Benefits** – Gordon Richardson: *Report attached at end.*
- **Communications** – Bill Turnbull: Website is up to date. He will place a link to the *You & Your Survivors* workbook on the website – it has a great contact list. All available minutes going back to 1993 are now on the site for archival purposes.
- **Advocacy** – Warren Kelley: We continue to work on our four major areas of concern. – Long Term Care, National Pharmacare Plan, Seniors Strategy, and Veterans. Has had contact with

our two Local MP's. Leslie Gaudette is our BC Advocacy Rep and keeps everyone up to date. Reach 338 is an excellent program keeping us up to date on Federal and provincial affairs and elections.

- **Programs** – Cecile Turnbull: Welcomed everyone. Nothing to report about upcoming luncheons at this time, but looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future as social interchange is important for seniors.
- **Welfare** – Deb Yelf: 20 members, 19 which were active, have passed away in the last year but only one since December. Deb said good-bye and thanks as she is retiring this year.
- **Telephone** – Cherie Kelley: Away – No report.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Finance:**

- **Financial Review** – Serge showed the completed Financial Review Report for 2020 and all was in good order. The report was signed as acceptable by Katrine Brown and A.M. Anderson.
- **2020 Financial Results** - Serge sent out the end of the year reports from the Quicken file and from the National CRM - different formats but same bottom line.
- **Account Balances** as of end of 2020: Bank - \$9,559.91; Cash Account - \$4,497.66. Total Assets amounted to \$50,498.28. The income statement showed a surplus of \$6,929.73 after expenses.
- **Motion by Serge** - That the Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2020 showing Earnings of \$6,929.73 be accepted as presented. 2nd by Steve Bunyan. All approved.
- **2021 Budget** - The budget for 2021 was presented by Bill Turnbull. He explained each category. He pointed out that, in the original document, Web Services expenses contained a calculation error and needed to be increased by \$212. He moved that the proposed budget be accepted as amended. 2nd Cecile. All agreed.

##### **Elections:**

- **Elections & Voting** – Cecile Turnbull: (*Screen Share*) Cecile showed a PowerPoint presentation for the election, outlining the present executive, those retiring and those willing to stay on.
- The following were **acclaimed**: Warren Kelley – VP/Advocacy, Steve Bunyan – Membership, Gordon Richardson – HBO, and Cherie Kelley – Telephone/Newspaper Editor.
- Two new members had their bios presented and were **elected** to the board – Lorene Hill – Member at Large and Lena Jenkins – Welfare.
- The new Executive slate was presented.

##### **Other Business:**

- **Retirement Recognition** – Norma Dean – Wished Kevin Weighill, Deb Yelf and John Renaud all the best for the future and thanked them for their time and dedication serving the Branch.
- **Feedback on ZOOM Meeting** – When asked what the attendees thought of the meeting via ZOOM – they thought it would be an excellent way to meet again in June, possibly with a guest speaker. Suggestions included a guest speaker on Advocacy.

**Adjournment:** Norma thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.

**Next meeting:** Possibly in June.

## **Attachment – HBO Report**

### **HBO Report for AGM 17. March 2021**

1. Member had problems with Johnson MEDOC Insurance taking supplemental premiums for previous year's travel and were slow to respond to requests for cancellation. Myself & Bill Turnbull gave member numbers to phone, but during our contacts with member, Johnson Insurance called & adjusted premiums.
2. Member requested information on who the spouse of a passing retired military member needs to contact. Bill Turnbull sent a digital copy of You and Your Survivors with contact directory. Member was also the Welfare Officer for the RCAF Association Wing and asked if this information could be given to RCAF Association members. NAFR National Office informed us that information was not restricted to NAFR & could be released.
3. Member had travel arrangements cancelled due to COVID-19 & was given a travel voucher in place of a cash refund. MEDOC considered the voucher a refund & refused to pay for lost expenses. This case was referred to National Office, who were unable to help, as the Federal Government condoned issuing vouchers instead of cash refunds. *Will follow up.*
4. Member has been on disability retirement since November 2017 & in August 2020 asked for help to solve outstanding retroactive pay issues. This case was referred to National Office, but the issues could not be solved because the Phoenix pay system was not operating correctly. The member's problems still remain unsolved. *Will follow up.*
5. Member asked if directive could be made on travel insurance & COVID-19. Member was informed that no directives had been issued, only advisories, but MEDOC was not covering international travel or COVID-19 (July 2020). No other insurance company could be found that would give COVID-19 coverage.
6. Member asked for information on Personal Response Systems & was given phone numbers & websites to visit to determine which system was most suitable.
7. Member asked for assistance to complete PSHCP claim form. Member claimed for new eye glasses, eye test & foot nurse services. Foot nurse service was denied as it was not prescribed by a doctor & member did not submit proof that foot nurse was a Registered Nurse.

### **COVID19 Vaccination Information**

#### **New Registration Dates:**

- Born during 1939 Call 17. March 12:00pm
- Born during 1940 Call 18. March 12:00pm
- Born during 1941 Call 19. March 12:00pm
- Anyone born before 1939 can call to register at any time.

Phone Number for Island Health is 1-833-348-4787 lines are open 7:00am - 7:00 pm

When you call you will be asked:

- Your legal first & last name.
- Your date of birth.
- Your Postal Code.
- Your Personal Health Number.
- an Email address or a phone number to which a text message can be sent.

The vaccination centre is at Comox Valley Hospital Ambulance Bay.

Gordon Richardson

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