



**National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
General Meeting Minutes
Via ZOOM – June 9, 2021**

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

Attendees: 22 members attended

Welcome: President Norma Dean – Thanked everyone who attended.

Approval of the Agenda: Norma asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there were none.

Committee Reports:

Financial Reports – Serge Gosselin –

- Account Balances as of the end of May I – Bank - \$13,817.27 – Cash Account - \$475.00. Total Assets amount to \$52,738.70. Overall total of \$65,782.14.
- **Motion by Serge:** to accept the 2021 financial reports to date as presented, 2nd by Lorene. All approved.

Membership – Steve Bunyan –

- 698 Double Memberships, 605 Single Memberships, 1303 Households for a total of 2001 Members.

Newsletter – Cherie Kelley –

- The first newsletter by Cherie went out on time. New articles to be added as time goes on.
- Cherie has sent 245 copies to Legions, Service Canada and the RCMP for information purposes.
- New suggestion to send to 888 Wing for members.

Health Benefits – Gordon Richardson –

- Report regarding Dental Services for a member, and another regarding vouchers for Air Transat in lieu of money.

Communications – Bill Turnbull -

- Website is up to date.
- Bill sent out approximately 800 copies of the Newsletter via National Office.

Advocacy – Warren Kelley –

- Warren mentioned that the last copy of Sage Magazine contained important information on Advocacy.
- Ads have been added to local papers for Public Service Week.

Programs – Cecile Turnbull –

- Welcomed everyone.

- Lorene Hill will be the Programs Director when we get back to in-person meetings.
- We will look into a possible meeting place for December, but more than likely March before we meet again.
- National Office and Directors feel it is too soon to start meetings and we have to follow Provincial guide lines.

Welfare – Lena Jenkins –

- Lena sent a card to Stocky Edwards – 100th Birthday from the Branch. Three new deaths in May and Six from April.

Telephone – Cherie Kelley –

- Steve will send new updated phone lists to Cherie.

New Business:

Membership - Norma Dean – Norma gave a brief run down on the work the 5-person Membership Recruitment team has been up to:

- With dwindling numbers across Canada at every branch, concerted efforts have been made to get our name out there for more recognition.
- Worked on – post Covid initiatives and how to interact with members and other people.
- Budgeting for recruitment – ads, meetings, recruitment materials
- Sending out our newsletters to different venues
- Business cards with branch and National Office information
- Possible trade show events in the future
- Joan Sykes calling members with lapsed memberships to encourage rejoining

Funding for Cadets – Bud Wilds & Ted Gibbon –

- Bud spoke about the need to help young Cadets that are in 386 Squadron who were selected for pilot training only to have it cancelled. They are seeking to become pilots in the Air Force or Commercial Air. Cost runs about \$17,000 per student and leaves families with limited means to help these young men. A fund with \$10,000 at present has been established, but more is needed.
- We have suggested that perhaps we can help by asking members to contribute personally to this very good cause.

Executive Recruitment – Norma Dean –

- Norma explained along with initiatives to get more members in our branch, we require more members to join our executive. Some retirements from key positions are coming.

Guest Speaker – Leslie Gaudet – Advocacy

- Leslie brought us up to-date about Advocacy from the national, the regional and local perspective in regards to the organization's important issues:
- Health care & Long-term care
- National Pharmacare
- Retirement Income Security
- Veterans
- The Federal Budget

- We are the largest Advocacy organization representing Public Service, RCMP and Canadian Forces and partners
- She spoke on income discrepancies for seniors and how 80,000 BC Seniors rent with income under 30,000 a year.
- She spoke briefly about Elections and campaigns – with 338 MP's across Canada and how we are prepared to contact them and get our priorities out to them.
- Branches and National Office work together to get the same information out across Canada with follow-up.
- Some discussion followed.

Next Meeting –

- After discussion with the attendees all agreed that another meeting would be great.
- ***Date of next General Meeting – Wednesday, September 15th, 2021***

Adjournment: Norma thanked everyone for their time and moved for adjournment. Seconded by Cecile Turnbull

Cecile Turnbull, Secretary

Norma Dean, President