

**National Association of Federal Retirees**  
**North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)**  
**Via Zoom - Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**February 02, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Norma Dean – President,  
Warren Kelley – Vice President,  
Steve Bunyan – Membership  
Bill Turnbull - Communications  
Gord Richardson – Health Benefits  
Cecile Turnbull – Secretary, Programs

Brad Bridgeman - Director  
Cherie Kelley - Telephone  
Serge Gosselin - Treasurer  
Kevin Weighill – Newsletter  
John Renaud - Director  
Deb Yelf - Welfare

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted with the addition of GIC and Gifts. Moved by Cherie, 2nd by John. All approved.

**Minutes:** The January executive minutes accepted as sent out. Moved by Bill, 2nd by Warren.

**Committee Reports:**

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

- Account Balances - Bank - \$13,414.93 – Cash Account - \$637.69. Total Assets amount to \$63,302.07.
- Motion by Serge to accept the reports as presented, 2nd by John. All approved.

**Membership:** Steve –

- Total 1338 households, 713 doubles, 625 singles for 2051 members.
- Amounts agree with CRM.
- Copies of non renewals sent to Cherie.
- Norma will set up a focus group meeting, in March, to brainstorm how to attract members. Group will include – Norma, Bill, Cherie, and Steve.

**Newsletter:** Kevin –

- Date for newsletter insertions is Feb 28 with an agreement for the Zoom AGM to be held on Wednesday, March 17.

**Health Benefits:** Gordon –

- 2 requests that were handled.

**Communications:** Bill –

- The Website is up to date.
- All historical minutes back to 1963 are now on our website.

Brad –

- There seemed to be a password issue for Zoom
- Brad will work on voting for the AGM – polls/elections will be anonymous.

- A second member will not have a vote unless using a different device.
- 1-800 will be available for dial-in members and they will not be able to vote
- There will be no presenter this year

**Programs:** Cecile –

- NO Board of Directors has cancelled all in-person meeting and events until the end of June.
- Next possible meetings would be in September and December

**Welfare:** Deb –

- One member deceased in January

**Telephone:** Cherie –

- Thanked Steve for the reports
- Cherie will call lists herself in regards to rejoining NAFR
- Possible calls to members for the AGM, but it was pointed out that those by telephone may not have access to computers for Zoom AGM

**Advocacy:** Warren –

1. Norma and Warren met via Zoom with Gord Johns.
2. Rachel Blaney did respond that she would like a meeting and a time was set-up but due to the House being in session she had to cancel.
3. Nothing further to report at this time.

**Old/New Business:**

**Budget:** 2021 Budget

- A long discussion was held on the Budget including allocation of Surplus Branch Funds.
- Discussion included 4 to 5 new categories – as outlined by National proposal.
- NO usually handles the organizations Defense of Benefits (DOB) and that fund is now depleted due to lawsuits.
- Bill gave a brief rundown of the history of our DOB reserve.
- Brad asked for the addition of Zoom in expenditures.
- PSHCP will be up for review this year so funding will probably be needed.
- Some suggestions were made to move more funds into different parts of our budget and Bill and Serge were to work on that. The idea is to spend some of that money held in reserve.
- **The budget is still to be approved by the executive before the AGM for membership approval.**

**Audit:** Norma, Kathi Brown, Andy Anderson and Serge will attend the 2020 Audit, Bill T. will observe.

**Zoom AGM March:**

- Bill sent out a Monkey Survey and received 90 responses with 65% saying yes to attend.
- That would meet our Quorum requirements.
- Brad will be writing up info for those interested in attending the AGM by telephone Zoom, but they will not be able to vote.

**Elections:**

- Kevin retiring from Editor position and executive.

- Deb retiring from Executive.
- John will be retiring due to family care.
- New recruits include Lorene Hill and Lena Jenkins
- Cecile will forward election info to Kevin for Newsletter

**Correspondence:** Cecile mentioned two items received by mail – donation request and thank you note from Campbell River Food Bank.

**Gifts:** Cherie and Norma will discuss gift ideas for outgoing members.

**Announcements:** Our branch – In Memorium will be in the next issue of Sage.

**Next Executive Meeting - Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021**

**Adjourned – 3:00 PM**

***Minutes – Cecile Turnbull***

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***President – Norma Dean***