



National Association
of Federal Retirees

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**National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)**

Executive Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021 – Comox Legion

Welcome – Norma welcomed everyone.

Attendance – Norma, Warren, Cecile, Serge, Steve, Bill, Gordon, Cherie, Lorene, Lena, Brad

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with one item removed. Moved by Steve, 2nd Serge. All agreed.

Approval of Last Minutes – Moved by Lorene, 2nd Bill. All agreed.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Serge Gosselin – Account Balances as of October 1 from CRM. Chequing - \$12,383.32, Cash Account - \$475.00. **Overall total** of \$64,389.73. Revenue - \$7,242.90, Total Expenses - \$6,160.19, for a Net Earnings of \$1,082.71

- **Motion by Serge:** to accept the CRM report to the end of September as presented, 2nd by Brad. All approved.

Membership – Steve Bunyan – 693 Doubles, 608 Singles with 1301 Households, Total – 1994 members. A few more members have renewed.

Newsletter – Cherie Kelley:

- Deadline for Newsletter is November 1.
- Wreaths were arranged for Powell River, Bowser and Campbell River
- Small pads were ordered and samples shown to executive. All agreed they were perfect for distribution.

Health Benefits – Gordon Richardson:

- No report

Programs – Lorene Hill:

- No report

Communications – Bill Turnbull:

- Web up to date
- 57% open rate for e-mail, considered quite good.
- We have e-mail addresses for about 900 members

Welfare – Lena Jenkins – Seven more members have passed.

Advocacy – Warren Kelley:

- 2021 Fall Election for the Federal Government took place with little change in government. Rachel Blaney and Gord Johns were re-elected and are on the same page with our issues that are still the same.
- Leslie Gaudette sent out an e-mail blast to advocacy officers thanking those involved in various ways. The new cabinet will be announced. Templates to congratulate the MP's will be forthcoming.
- The theme for the UN in 2021 is – Digital Equity for All Ages

Old/New Business

Future Board – Norma

- Norma addressed the executive as to their status for staying or leaving the board. She requested that each of us send her a note as to our wishes as soon as possible so she can start preparing for the election in March.
- Norma would like to get back to in-person meetings as there is no connectivity with members and that is possibly why we haven't had volunteers coming forward to help out on the Board.

Treasurer's Role – Norma

- With Serge stepping down in March, the question was is there someone with qualification to take on the role of Treasurer who is not already on the Board. Within our new reserves we do have the option to hire an outsider to take on this job if warranted.
- We could possibly link with another branch or NO could take on all financial issues.
- Serge is willing to guide the new treasurer.
- A detailed job description should be made available

Election results - Norma

- An e-mail bulletin from NO was sent with upcoming changes and promises but not for the 44th Parliament.
- **Big Promises** – 6 million to help eliminate Health system waitlists.
- 3.2 billion to hire 7,500 new family doctors, nurses etc.
- Additional funds to develop virtual care
- New funding stream for the Canada Mental Health Transfer.
- 9 billion over five years is promised for initiative to be negotiated with the provinces and territories.
- Tax cuts for home renovation to increase accessibility
- And a 1-800 number to help older adults navigate government programs.
- 10 % boost to OAS next year for seniors 75 and up and all seniors will see an increase in the GIS of \$500 for single seniors and \$750 for couples starting at age 65.
- Increases are promised to the CPP Survivor Benefit.
- Canada Caregiver credit will also be shifted to a refundable tax-free benefit, a specific demand by Federal Retirees.
- The Federal Retirees will be watching for a senior's minister with the new cabinet.
- As Covid 19 rages on there are still other unresolved issues one being long-term care.

November Executive - meeting on **Tuesday, November 2nd at the Legion** –

- Will be our last meeting for the executive this year. Bring budget items to the meeting.

December Meetings -

- **Motion:** Cecile moved that the December executive meeting and the general members meeting be combined this year for one meeting only. Secorder – Cherie
- After some discussion it was agreed that Lorene would provide 4 incentive gifts draws for members that attend the December general meeting via Zoom. Draws to be announced in the Newsletter.
- **December General Meeting** – will be held on **Wednesday, December 8th at 1:00 pm** -
- Bill will prepare an e-blast with the ZOOM meeting entry info.

Next Executive – Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Comox Legion upstairs

Adjournment by Warren Kelley

Secretary – Cecile Turnbull

President – Norma Dean