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

Executive Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021 – Comox Legion

Welcome – Norma welcomed everyone.

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

Away - Gordon

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved. Moved by Cherie, 2nd Bill. All agreed.

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

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Serge Gosselin – Account Balances as of October 31 from CRM. Chequing- \$13,582.62, Cash Account - \$475.00. **Overall Asset total** of \$66,865.85. **Revenue** - \$10,694.78, Total Expenses - \$8,384.78, for a **Net Earnings** of \$2,310.00. **Total Equity** – 65,617.02

- **Motion by Serge:** to accept the CRM report to the end of October as presented, 2nd by Brad. All approved. Joan Sykes made calls to members to renew. A thank you was sent.

Membership – Steve Bunyan – 698 Doubles, 609 Singles with 1307 Households, Total – 2005 members. A few more members have renewed.

Newsletter – Cherie Kelley:

- Deadline for Newsletter is November 1. The Newsletter is ready to go and will be in colour for each December.

Wreaths:

- Wreaths for all Legion branches from Bowser north and across to Powell River have been arranged.
- **Motion:** Moved by Cherie – That Port Hardy and Port McNeil to be approved to get wreaths. 2nd by Brad. All approved.

Sure Print:

- The pads that were printed are perfect for distribution to members, and for events.
- Gave prices for a colour insert that could be included in either our newsletter or other mailout.

Totem Times:

- Cherie had a discussion with the editor at the Totem Times for pricing on ½ page and full-page ads.
- National Office has to be included for a common look and feel across the organization. Andrew McGillvary at NO has been very helpful along with Jeff Wolfson.
- NO sent a sample article to Norma that can be used as is or modified. Cecile and Bill to work on this project.

Health Benefits – Gordon Richardson:

- Gordon assisted Barbara Simonson giving her some options to get help with the passing of her husband. Steve was helpful.

Programs – Lorene Hill:

- Lorene submitted her Luncheon news report to Cherie for insertion in the Newsletter.
- It was decided that 6 door prizes are to be given away at the Christmas ZOOM meeting in December as an incentive for more attendees.
- This could possibly be continued in the spring with ZOOM meetings.

Communications – Bill Turnbull:

- Website up to date with the insertion of September and October minutes
- Bill has started to write a summary of the branch history and it has been added to the Website.

Welfare – Lena Jenkins:

- 9 members passed in October.
- Shirley Robb sent a thank you for the card.

Advocacy – Warren Kelley:

- Norma, Warren and Cherie had a meeting with the some executive of the Powell River Legion Branch.
- They were unaware of the Association
- The elections are over and waiting to see who fills cabinet posts.
- Congratulation letters will be sent to our two local MP's.
- Leslie has sent a few e-mails to advocacy officers.

Old/New Business**Budget Reserves - Norma Dean:**

- Norma, Serge and Warren met last week for go over the new budget reserves issue.
- Norma called Paula at NO for information and clarification.
- A Reserves template was sent that needs to be filled in and approved by the Executive.
- An amendment to our branch By-Laws may be needed.
- All Reserve allocations will have new names.
- A long discussion ensued.

Meeting Meal Costs:

- After some discussion in regards to meal costs for members at our meetings it was decided to lower the price per meal from \$18.00 to \$15.00 per person.
- **Motion:** Moved by Bill T. – That the meals costs per person at General Meetings be reduced to \$15.00 starting at the next in-person meeting. The branch would cover the difference. 7 agree, 1 dissenter, 3 away.

Motion: Moved by Cherie – That the previous agreed amount of \$50.00 be raised to \$100.00 for a gift for volunteers leaving the executive. 2nd by Bill. All approved.

Club Photos – What to do with the old photo albums. **Deferred to next meeting.**

New Printer – Steve has requested a new printer. It was agreed that he would wait until the new year for this. Steve to get some prices on printers for approval.

The **Pension index** for 2022 will be 2.4%.

Next Executive - meeting on **Tuesday, January 4 at the Comox Legion**

- Bring budget items to the meeting.

December Meeting:

- **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.

Secretary – Cecile Turnbull

President – Norma Dean