



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Minutes– Best Western Westerly  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

**12:00 p.m. - Welcome:** President - Norma Dean welcomed everyone.

**Luncheon**

**1:00 p.m. - Call to Order** – Norma Dean

**O Canada** – video was played and everyone sang O Canada

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Shirley Bergquist to approve as presented, 2nd by Rick Shaw.

**Approval of the Minutes of Wednesday, September 14, 2022** – moved by Gordon Richardson, 2nd by Aji Fliss

**Committee Reports:**

- **Financial Reports** – Scott Hodge – gave a financial summary including information about the Reserve accounts. \$10,000.00 was allocated and spent for our 40th Anniversary, we have \$29,000.00 in unreserved and \$15,000.00 has been sent to NO for the Defence of Benefits Fund. Minutes moved by Scott as presented, 2nd by Bill Turnbull
- **Membership** – Steve Bunyan – we have 573 Singles, 716 Doubles with 1289 Households for a total membership of 2005.
- **Newsletter** – Cherie Kelley – the newsletter went out a little late with 242 hard copies, with slightly under 100 going to various Legions.
- **Health Benefits** – Gordon Richardson – Report attached. Some info will be included in the next newsletter.
- **Communications** – Bill Turnbull – Asked members if they have changed e-mails to please let us know for easier communication of information. He mentioned that the CRA had free webinars on various topics and the link to these is on the Website.
- **Advocacy** – Warren Kelley – Not much to report. Our District Advocacy Officer has changed from Leslie Gaudet to Renata Sutherland.

- **Programs** – Lorene Hill – went over details of our next Luncheon meetings, in March, June and into the fall of next year.
  - The March Luncheon will be our AGM with a Spaghetti lunch.
  - Next fall we will be celebrating the National organizations 60th Anniversary.
  - Lorene thanked the staff at the Hotel for the lovely lunch and their hard work.
- **Welfare** – Lena Jenkins – 6 members have passed away since the last report.

#### **New Business:**

- **Elections** – Norma stressed that the board needs new volunteer members to keep us viable for the future of our branch. With no interest or new help our branch could possibly be closed or joined with another branch. Elections will be held at our AGM in March. Please call Norma, if you are interested in helping out your branch.
- **Financial responsibility** – could be taken on by National Office in Ottawa

Santa Claus arrived and with helper Lorene they gave away 50 Gifts. 2 Door Prizes went to Kathi Brown and one other member, Pot of Gold – was split in two and \$90.00 each went to Beverly Michaluk and Shauna Hodge.

**Adjournment** – Norma thanked everyone for coming and look forward to seeing everyone in March.

**Next meeting: AGM - March 15, 2023 – Spaghetti Luncheon**

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**Secretary** - Cecile Turnbull

**President** – Norma Dean

#### **HBO REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING 14. DECEMBER 2022**

There was confusion amongst some members concerning spousal/ partner coverage for Medoc travel insurance.

- NAFR National Office (NO) stated that membership in NAFR was required for spouse/partner coverage.
- Johnson Inc stated in their Medoc brochure that a Family Plan was available and spousal/partner membership in NAFR was not required.
- E-mails were sent to both parties asking them to confirm current requirements for spousal/partner coverage. **Both parties confirmed the following requirements:**
  - A spouse qualifies for the Medoc travel insurance only if the spouse is also a member with the National Association of Federal Retirees and is covered by the PSHCP.
  - There is no longer a 'Family Program' – this program was discontinued about 6 years ago.

- If you had been with the NAFR since before 2017 and both you and your spouse had been covered by the Medoc travel insurance since, then your spouse does not need to become a member with the association to qualify for Medoc as your policy is grandfathered.
- The requirement for a spouse to be a member to qualify for Medoc came into effect January 2017, so if there hasn't been an interruption in your service with Medoc and with the Association then you can keep the single membership with NAFR and your family policy coverage with Medoc.

**A member asked** about **Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI) Policies** issued by Johnson Inc. Johnson Inc. is no longer issues LTCI policies but those that were issued are still valid.

The telephone sequence to reach the Johnson office responsible for LTCI is as follows:

- 1-800-461-4155
- Press 1 for English
- Press 4 for Other
- Press 2 for System
- Press 1 for Health

**A member asked** for information regarding survivor benefits for Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) and Pensioners Dental Services Plan (PDSP). Survivor coverage for PSHCP and PDSP are not transferred automatically. For PSHCP and PDSP survivors must send survivors must send a death certificate to the Government of Canada Pension Centre. For PSHCP a Pensioner Application Form must be completed and for PDSP a PDSP Enrolment Form must be completed.

Gordon Richardson HBO North Island - John Finn Branch