

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

Executive Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022 – Comox Legion

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Welcome – by Norma Dean – Thanks for attending

Attendance – Bill, Cecile, Gordon, Steve, Cherie, Warren, Lena, Norma. Lorene absent.

**Approval of Agenda** – With additions of Serge's Luncheon, minutes, & June meeting date(s). Moved by Bill – 2nd by Warren that the agenda was approved by all.

**Approval of Last Minutes** – Bill moved that the minutes of the March 1, 2022 executive meeting be accepted as presented –  $2^{nd}$  by Lena – carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Bill Turnbull – *Financials sent to Executive* – Total in Bank account \$11,730.54, Cash account - \$475.00, with Assets totalling \$52,176.66 for an overall total of \$63,192.22 for the period to March 31, 2022. Received from NO - \$3,936.67 for the last quarter. Income & Expense - An apparent Deficit was noted of -\$1,678.25 but he expects another dues installment in a couple of weeks to bring things up to date. The financial statements were - moved by Bill as presented with Cherie seconding the motion. All in favor.

**Membership** – Steve Bunyan

• 602 Singles, 704 Doubles, 1306 Households for a total membership of 2010, 2006 in CRM.

### **Newsletter** – Cherie Kelley

• Must have articles into Cherie by May 1 for the June edition of the Newsletter. Last installment of passed members sent to NO.

**Health Benefits** – Gordon Richardson – No Report

**Programs** – Lorene Hill - away

See below

## **Communications** – Bill Turnbull

The Executive minutes of March have been posted and needs to add AGM minutes.
Once the revised branch by-laws are approved by NO they will be added to the website.
Bill would like to add a link for members to find the list of monthly CRA webinars instead of sending out an e-mail each time.

## **Advocacy** – Warren Kelley

- Warren and Leslie Gaudette keep in touch by e-mails. The AMM will have a huge Advocacy component this year.
- The Government is implementing a \$20.00 internet fee for Seniors and low-income families.

**Welfare** – Lena Jenkins – 7 members passed away in March.

## **New Business:**

**Bank Signing Authority** – with the new executive in place for 2022 the Branch has designated the following to have signing authority.

**Signing authority has been granted to** – President – Norma Dean, Vice President - Warren Kelley, Treasurer – Bill Turnbull and Membership Director – Steve Bunyan, with two signatures required on all cheques.

**Delegates to AMM** – Norma Dean as President will attend along with Warren Kelley as the Advocacy Director and Cherie Kelley as an observer. The branch will cover the expenses for the Kelley's as set out in the AMM registration packet. Motion by Gordon to approve expenses 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lena.

### Anniversary event -

- Cecile gave a report on Lorene's behalf. Several calls have been made to find a location and the cost for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- It was generally felt that this should be a classy affair as we have set aside \$10,000 for the event.
- The Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay has a large hall with a kitchen for the catered event. The rates are reasonable and custodial help is available for set-up and take-down. The present date available is Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- It was suggested to invite our national president, the two regional directors and the advocacy rep. We should also invite the two local MP's.
- Another option called was Crown Isle, but no return call at this time.
- Caterers will be contacted.
- Norma mentioned that the Filberg Lodge in Comox could be a possible outside event, but with COVID restrictions being lifted, an indoor event is also a good option.
- Discussion revolved around goodie bags for attendees from our business partners or NO. Call Jeff Wolfson to organize.
- The Comox Legion has been suggested for September and December meetings. Cecile will follow up.
- Once the date for the GM in June is determined, a date will be confirmed for the executive meeting as the Legion has an event on our scheduled day.

**Minutes** – Cherie would like to see the word **amend** added to the minutes if there is a change. **Luncheon for Serge** – Cherie is organizing a luncheon for Serge to thank him. It will be at the White Spot in May. Cherie to let everyone know the time and date.

**Other discussions** – involved setting a time to visit towns for meetings at Legions, getting a booth at various events in the Valley and how to make sure we use our reserves for the benefit of the branch.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2022 Next General Meeting - GM – To be determined