



**National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Minutes of AGM – Best Western Westerly
Wednesday, March 15th, 2023**

12:00 p.m. - Luncheon Buffet

1:00 p.m. - Welcome: President - Norma Dean – Welcomed everyone to the Luncheon and then called the Meeting to Order.

Approval of the Agenda: the agenda was approved by Warren Kelley and 2nd by Penny Hayworth

Approval of the AGM Minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – One error in the financial report from the minutes of last year has been amended as noted. Moved by Bill Turnbull to accept minutes and correction, 2nd by Deb Yelf, all approved.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report – Scott Hodge – the chequing account has a balance of \$32,696.10. For Net Assets of \$34,751.17.

- **In the reserves** we have a total of \$24,159.33
- **Unreserved** - Equity \$10,656.77
Earnings (Loss) of \$-64.93 for a **balance** of \$10,591.84
Total Equity - \$34,751.17
- In our **Earnings and Loss Statement** we have a (Loss) \$-64.93

Membership – Steve Bunyan – Membership of 1287 households and 2007 individuals.

Newsletter – Norma Dean reported having problems with MS Publisher and so Warren prepared the newsletter with 325 mailed out and about 900 electronic copies sent to members.

Health Benefits – Gordon Richardson – Asked any members with issues to leave a detailed message and he would look into it. He mentioned the changes coming to PSHCP.

Communications – Bill Turnbull – Springtime is CRA scam time. He mentioned that our website, nijf.ca, has links to CRA webinars on the subject and to the Anti-Fraud Centre.

Advocacy – Warren Kelley – Warren mentioned that he includes advocacy information in our quarterly newsletter and also through e-mail blasts. Rachel Blaney, a local MP, is the NDP Seniors Critic. Warren showed a local booklet that contains lots of great information for seniors.

Programs – Cecile Turnbull – Thanked members that attended and mentioned that our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 14th and consist of an indoor summer BBQ style luncheon.

Welfare – Lena Jenkins – the branch has lost 7 members since December.

New Business:

Financial Review for 2022 – Scott Hodge – Scott went over details of the Reserves Template as follows:

- **Information Technology** – we spent \$1900 in 2022. The reserve for 2023 has been increased from \$1900 to \$2500.
 - **Special Events** – Special Events - we spent \$8333.17 on our 40th Anniversary. The balance of \$1,666.83 is to be returned to Unreserved Equity.
 - The **upcoming 60th Anniversary** of the organization we plan to spend up to \$5,000.00. We will be putting aside \$1,250.00 per year to a total of \$5,000.00 to be used for our **45th Anniversary**.
 - **The Reserves Template, attached, totalling:** \$17,250.00 was presented to the members.
 - **The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2022**, showing a loss of - \$30,054.37 were presented to the membership.
 - **The year 2023 Budget** showing a projected loss of - \$19,638.49 was presented. Moved by Gary Liddiard to accept as presented, 2nd by Deb Yelf. All approved.
 - **Reviewer for the year 2023** will be Serge Gosselin – all approved.
 - **Budget** – Scott mentioned that our membership fees will possibly be going up.
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- **60th Anniversary of NAFR** – Norma Dean – We will be celebrating the organizations 60th Anniversary in September. It will include prizes, guest speakers and a lovely meal.
 - **Elections** – Norma mentioned that we need new Directors on the Executive Board or our branch could be amalgamated into another branch or taken over by National Office.

- **A brief election** of the present Board was conducted by Cecile Turnbull, Secretary. All have agreed to stay on for one more year. All acclaimed.
- **Guest Speaker** – Phil Adams of North Island Medical Mobility – gave a great presentation with some mobility vehicles. He has offered our branch members a 12.5 % discount. He services and repairs all mobility items.
- **Draws** – Door Prize and 50/50 - Gerry Perry won the 50/50, Bob O’Blenis won the door prize, and Jeanette Marchand won tickets to ImageFest 2023.

Adjournment

Next General meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 – Best Western

Secretary – Cecile Turnbull

Norma Dean - President