

**National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island John Finn Branch
Quarterly Luncheon Minutes
held June 14th, 2023
Best Western Westerly Hotel – Courtenay**

- **The Meet and Greet** was from 11:00 am -12:00 noon - The board members circulated among our guests; fifty-eight (58) members were present
- The Luncheon was a buffet BBQ, self serve and the members were called by table number.
- **Meeting Called to Order** at 1:10pm - The President welcomed everyone and hoped everyone enjoyed their meal.
- **O Canada** was sung by the membership accompanied by a short video
- **Executive Present** – President - Norma Dean, Vice President/Advocacy - Warren Kelley, Treasurer - Scott Hodge, Membership - Steve Bunyan. Health Benefits - Gordon Richardson, Welfare - Lena Jenkins, Newsletter - Cherie Kelley
- **Absent** – Communications - Bill Turnbull, Programs/Secretary - Cecile Turnbull
- There were no additions to the agenda; moved by Karen and Seconded by John Renaud

Minutes from March 2023 - Errors or omissions from the March General meeting Minutes - ****Note: approval will be requested at our next meeting September 14th, 2023 because there were no copies available for the members to review at this time.**

Committee Reports:

Treasure's Report - Scott Hodge - Our branch will receive a quarterly remittance from National Office (NO), which is due the end of June 2023.

- Expenses - Total Income \$3,888.02, - Net Earnings 1,013.30. Money in the budget was reallocated but there were no additions or subtractions; therefore the approved totals are retained.
- **The Financial Report:** Moved by Scott Hodge to accept as reported, seconded by Cherie Kelley. Norma thanked Scott for doing a great job working and learning the finances for our Branch and NO's system.

Membership - Steve Bunyan - NIJF Branch - BC06 has:

- 560 single memberships, 720 double memberships, 1290 households, for a total of 2010 members.
- It was noted that our membership numbers across Canada are climbing as Covid is non-restrictive and with people eager and willing to travel, they are renewing and joining the National Association.

Health benefits - Gordon Richardson -

- Gordon asked the membership - that if they have any questions or concerns that he could help with to please call him. Allow his phone to ring six times and leave your name and number and a brief message and he will return your call.

Communications - Bill Turnbull - No Report

Advocacy - Warren Kelley - Our Association is still working on our four (4) major priorities. We here in BC are fortunate to have our members of Parliament fighting for our seniors.

- PHARMACARE (which is suppose to be in place by year's end - that was a federal promise because the NDP supported the Liberals.)

- Senior Booklets have been ordered which will be available for our members at the September Luncheon. A great publication by the BC government that answers a lot of questions and gives phone numbers and offices to contact.
- The BC Government is creating a Disability Access Act for disabled persons to be able to enter public buildings but, it is not a guarantee that it will happen.
- If you have any items you are concerned about, email Warren at vicepresident@niif.ca

Programs - Cecile Turnbull - The President spoke on Cecile's behalf.

- The September 13th, 2023, (Wednesday) Luncheon will celebrate the Association's 60th Anniversary.
- The planned meal will be a Roast Beef Luncheon. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. There will be sixty (60) prizes. a 50/50 draw, and a Door Prize.
- **Please confirm your attendance.** The telephone co-ordinator will not be available and Cecile Turnbull will be the contact person.
- **The Annual Christmas Luncheon** - Turkey Dinner, with tickets available in early October. The cost for the Luncheon will be \$25.00 per person, with the usual 50/50 draw, a door prize and Santa is expected to make an appearance.

Welfare - Lena Jenkins

- Steve reported on Lena's behalf that our Branch has lost seven (7) members.

New business:

- PSHCP comes into effect July 1st, 2023 with Canada Life as the new Administrator. If you have not registered, please do so ASAP. If you registered on-line, you must print your new Canada Life card. If you registered by mail, you will receive a printed card that you can laminate for protection.
- Some new benefits - Massage \$500, Vision \$400. (Every two (2) years. The contract is for four (4) years but some things will be reviewed.
- **60th Anniversary** - *See remarks under programs* - Hoping to see a lot of our membership at the September Luncheon/Meeting to celebrate our Association's birthday - 60 years young!
- Amendments presented to amend our By-Laws.
- No Executive board meetings will be held in – January, April, July; August and October. It has been noticed that there is little change from month to month and if needed a meeting can and will be called either in person or by Zoom.
- Interesting fact, The Association was started here on Vancouver Island in Victoria.
- A thank you goes out to Shawna Hodge for helping at the entrance desk selling 50/50 tickets. It is very much appreciated.
- The 50/50 draw - \$108.00 won by Barb Boyko - Congratulations Barb
- Door Prize for \$50.00 at the Crown Isle Restaurant - Aji Fliss