

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING - NORTH ISLAND BRANCH
March 2 2004

Call to Order and Attendance:

Ian Sibbald	President	William McSeveney	Vice President
Tom Dandeno	Treasurer	Ron Mitchell	Secretary
Mary Kamann	Director	Audrey Clark	Telephone
Rick Paradie	Health Benefits	John Davis	Media
Steve Bunyan	Ass't Treasurer	Alfreda Walsh	Director
Barb Schneider	Programs	Bernie Poole	Past President

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (February 3 2004)

It was moved by Bill McSeveney, seconded by Rick Paradie that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer:

Tom presented a Treasurer's Report for the period January 1 to March 1 2004. A closing balance of \$27076.67 was reported. There is an outstanding newspaper billing of \$100.00. DDS payment for the first quarter has been received. Payments for the next three quarters are estimated at \$2,000.00 per quarter.

It was moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by John Davis that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Membership: Membership stands at 1434; 937 members, 497 spouses/ partners. There are 17 members who pay by DDS for whom we have no current address on file. There are 90 members who normally pay by cash who have not yet renewed. Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Barb Schneider that the membership report be adopted as presented: Carried.

Media: Posters have been placed regarding the upcoming luncheon. Everything is organized

Welfare: No report..

Programs: Everything is set to go for the upcoming general meeting.

Health Benefits: Rick reported that he has been in touch with the National Office. He expects to have some items for the newsletter soon. The Questionnaire asking for suggested names of guest speakers will be produced in time for the upcoming luncheon meeting. Executive members were reminded that premiums for the PSHCP are deductible. Tom advised that DVA in Ottawa has a new phone number. He agreed to provide Rick with this number.

Telephone Committee: There are still problems with some phone lists, particularly those listing Campbell River members. Work is being done on those. Some of the lists for the latest round of phoning were sent out late. Noted that it's easier to send all phoners their new list each quarter than to attempt to sort out those that have changed from those that have not.

Historian: Nil Report

Newsletter: Ron reported that the newsletter had been mailed Monday March 8th. Barb Page, our layout editor, has notified us that this will be her last issue. It's therefore important to find a newsletter crew before the next issue. Ron Richardson has indicated he's willing to help, but not right away due to other commitments. An article has been placed in the current issue of the newsletter outlining the process by which it is produced, and asking for volunteers.

New Business:

- a) **Orientation Session:** Al Dawber (incoming Regional Director) will be doing the session here in the Valley. He would like to broaden the list of those invited. The session will be held on April 6, and Al would like to see as many come as possible. It will be held after our Executive meeting and will run about 90 minutes.
- b) **National Office assessment on dues:** Tom distributed a position paper discussing the impact of the dues increase proposed by National Office. A budget has been produced by National Office in support of the

request for assessment increase. Our representative on the committee struck to review the matter was from Duncan Branch. Minutes of a meeting recently held in Ottawa should be available shortly. The total increase in cost to the Branch will be about \$1.92 per member per year. If standard inflation rates had been applied, the increase would have been more like \$7. per year. Increases in National Office costs have occurred. Mailing costs for On Guard, for example, were absorbed by National Office. Tom stated his view that there will be a significant revenue impact on the North Island Branch, but we can handle such an impact. Tom added that opposition to the proposal will more than likely come from the larger branches rather than the smaller ones. Branches that have offices to run will no doubt feel the increased assessment more than Branches like ours. Tom advised that this issues was being tabled for information only. No action is required now.

- c) **Convention 04 Delegates:** Moved by Bill MacSeveney, seconded by Mary Kaaman that a recommendation be made to the general meeting that reasonable delegate expenses not covered by National Office be covered by the Branch. Carried.
- d) **March General Meeting:** guest speaker will be Alice Pasaluko from the volunteer Driver Program (for cancer patients).
- e) **Donations:** Bill MacSeveney stated his view that given the level of funds on hand, we should be considering making donations. We appear to have a lot of money doing nothing at the moment. Tom Dandeno related some history to the meeting to explain how the money was accumulated. He recommended that we need to retain approximately \$7,000.00 to cover Branch normal Branch requirements, and a further \$5,000.00 for the Defence Fund. Following further discussion to identify our ongoing annual expenses, the group concluded that we need to continue donations as we had resolved to do previously.
- f) **Around the Table:** No further issues brought forward.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.57 pm.