

Federal Superannuates National Association
Executive Meeting - North Vancouver Island Branch
June 1 2004

Call to Order and Attendance:

Ian Sibbald	President	Ron Mitchell	Secretary
Tom Dandeno	Treasurer	Ron Richardson	Newsletter
Halle MacMullen	Welfare	Mary Kaaman	Director
Steve Bunyan	Assistant Treasurer	Audrey Clark	Director
Bernie Poole	Past President	Barb Schneider	Programs
		ELVINS	HISTORY

The meeting came to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (March 2, 2004)

Moved by Halle MacMullen, seconded by Barb Schneider that the minutes be adopted as read. **(Carried)**

Treasurer's Report:

As distributed to the membership. Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Audrey Clark that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. **(Carried)**.

Membership Report: As distributed by Tom Dandeno. Moved by Tom, seconded by Barb Schneider that the membership report be adopted.

Committee Reports:

Media: Nil Report

Welfare: Nil Report

Programs: Nil Report

Programs: Barb reported that all is ready for the upcoming General Meeting.

Newsletter: Ron Richardson reported that the newsletter was being printed today, and should be in the mail in the next few days. A short biography of each of the new committee members is included. Ron posed a question to members present about the suitability of an article dealing with a recent letter written by one of our members to an MP with regard to the Armed Forces Pension Plan. The consensus of the meeting was that this is a political topic, and therefore not appropriate for our newsletter. Ron also reported that Audrey Clark has prepared an article on earthquakes, which has also been included in the upcoming issue.

Health Benefits: Nil report.

Telephone Committee: Audrey reported that Barb and Halle had helped in phoning the members of the telephone committee to ensure all were aware of the need to contact everyone on their respective list. If any

particular phoner is unable cover his or her list, then the Telephone Committee Chair should be advised. A volunteer request list is to be distributed at the upcoming general meeting in an attempt to sign up some backup volunteers for the telephone committee. Audrey reported that things are now better organized than they were.

History: No report

New Business:

1) New Members Package: There was discussion on the need for a package of information for new members. Currently the Branch does not have a specific package of items, but each new member joining or being transferred in receives from the Membership Chair a letter of welcome. There is also material provided by National Office to each new member. It was therefore concluded that there is no need for a new member package at this time.

2) Membership e-mail addresses: Cost savings might be achieved by e-mailing the newsletter to members who prefer to receive it in that way. It was agreed that a request be circulated at the next general meeting to obtain as many members' e-mail addresses as possible. Further research is needed to determine what this method of newsletter distribution might save, if anything. Ron Richardson will look into this issue. Agreed that the membership be advised of our intentions in this regard at the upcoming general meeting.

3) Duncan Regional Meeting: Ian and Ron will attend the Regional meeting in Duncan, tomorrow June 2nd.

Around the Table

There was follow-up discussion on an earlier item raised by Ron Richardson with respect to the home-owner insurance provided by Johnson Inc. It was noted that some around the table are already members of the plan. Ron Richardson asked if it would be ok to provide members at the general meeting with a promotional card from Johnson. That was supported.

Audrey Clark asked for permission to purchase a cork board to allow display to the general meeting of photos taken to support the upcoming newsletter article about earthquakes. That was agreed to.

Transfer of dues between branches. Tom reported on an exchange of correspondence with Sidney branch previously reported at the last executive meeting. Tom said he had written to Sidney Branch saying that the dues for such members should be paid to National Office by the branch who received them, and that the payment should be made in timely fashion.

Tom reported that a reply had been received from Sidney branch stating that the Paradox program, used on a test basis by some branches, did not handle such payments of dues in a very efficient manner. Tom reiterated his view that that Paradox appears to be causing more member tracking problems than it is solving at the moment, which is why we did not support its use.

Ian proposed that the executive get together for dinner sometime soon. All agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.