

Federal Superannuates National Association
Executive Meeting - North Vancouver Island Branch
March 1, 2005

Call to Order and Attendance:

Ian Sibbald	President	Barb Schneider	Director, Programs
Tom Dandeno	Treasurer	Audrey Clark	Director
Halle MacMullen	Welfare	Ron Mitchell	Secretary
Steve Bunyan	Assistant Treasurer	Ron Richardson	Director News
Rick Paradie	Health Benefits Officer	Mary Kaaman	Director

The meeting came to order at 1:10 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Feb 1, 2005)

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as written on a motion by Halle MacMullen, seconded by Steve Bunyan.
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Business Arising from the previous minutes:

Rick Paradie mentioned that he had been in touch with National Office regarding the problem described in the previous minutes. Slow ambulance service billings from the provincial government result in claims for payment being questioned by Sun Life. National Office is looking into the matter.

Treasurer's Report: Adopted as presented on a motion by Rick Paradie, seconded by Steve Bunyan
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Membership Report: Presented as distributed to members present. Tom distributed amendments to the current membership list. All phone committee lists are prepared and ready to go. They will be distributed shortly. Tom reported that membership is down a little from last year. There are 18 members who pay by DDS who cannot be located. He added that we have a membership campaign underway being conducted by National Office. A preliminary report from Ottawa should be forthcoming shortly. In response to a question as to why current members are receiving the membership drive material, Tom stated that Public Works mails to everyone receiving a federal pension, and is not able to sort current members from non-members.

Committee Reports:

Media: No report.

Welfare: 2 get-well cards were sent out last month.

Programs: Everything is ready for the upcoming luncheon meeting. St. Patrick's favours are ready for an anticipated attendance of 150 members and guests.

Newsletter : Ron Richardson reported that Mr. Bernie Guyader has volunteered to take over as layout person for the newsletter. Ron also stated that the Comox Legion, the Comox Rec Centre, and the Courtenay Rec Centre have been invited to put ads in the newsletter if they so wish.

Health Benefits: Rick Paradie reported that he had given Ron Richardson now a stock of articles produced by National Office on various items of interest to FSNA. (to be used in the newsletter)

Telephone Committee: Awaiting telephone lists from Tom. Nothing else to report.

History: No report.

Web Site Steve Bunyan reported that he is still working on coming up to speed on the Website. He has not made the progress he expected to make, but he hopes to be able to take over site maintenance from Leif-Eric Wadelius soon.

New Business:

- 1) All Candidates Meeting: The Victoria Branch will sponsor an All Candidates meeting on April 23, 2005. The meeting will be preparatory to upcoming provincial election in May. Regional Director Al Dawber has stated that Regional funding will be available for anyone who wants to go. Members were asked to give this some thought.
- 2) Funding for the membership drive: Victoria Branch is looking for funding assistance to help with the cost of an ad to be placed in the Victoria Times Colonist regarding the membership drive. Moved by Halle MacMullen, seconded by Tom Dandeno that we approve the amount of \$50. for this purpose The ad will reflect contacts for local branches, including ours. CARRIED
- 3) Funding for March Guest Speaker: Mr. Julian West will attend the March luncheon as guest speaker, and will explain detail of the proposed "Single Transferable Vote" system proposed for adoption by the electorate in May. Mr. West is on staff at Malaspina College. Moved by Barb Schneider, seconded by Halle MacMullen that we give Mr. West an honourarium of \$100. CARRIED

Around the Table

- 1) Ron Richardson requested newsletter ideas.
- 2) Rick paradie advised members present that he would no longer be able to perform the duties of Health Benefit Officer because of priority work commitments. He advised he is willing to continue until a replacement is found. Ian advised he would seek volunteers at the forthcoming luncheon meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm