

Federal Superannuates National Association
Executive Meeting - North Vancouver Island Branch
Sept 6, 2005

Call to Order and Attendance:

Ian Sibbald	President	Tom Dandeno	Treasurer
Ron Mitchell	Secretary	Audrey Clark	Director
Barb Schneider	Programs	Dorothy Lind	Telephone Committee
Frank Elvins	Historian	Bernie Guyader	Editorial Assistant
John Davis	Director, Media	John Finn	Health Benefits Officer
Mary Kaaman	Director	Steve Bunyan	Webmaster
Ron Richardson	Director Newsletter		

The meeting came to order at 1:04 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 7, 2005)

Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Frank Elvins that the minutes be adopted with an amendment regarding the motion appearing under the Newsletter Director's report that the sum of \$100. be donated to the Qwest organization. The wording of the motion is to be clarified to show that this is meant to be a one time donation only.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: Adopted as presented on a motion by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Bernie Guyader..

CARRIED

Comments on the Treasurer's Report: In response to a question from John Finn, asking whether or not we set a target amount to be kept in reserve for contingencies, Tom Dandeno explained that National Office policy on dues leaves us with little choice but to collect dues at the current level. We cannot set our own level of dues. We have from time to time donated money to organization serving seniors.

Membership Report: Presented by Tom Dandeno and adopted as presented on a motion by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Dorothy Lind.

CARRIED.

Tom reported that there is a problem currently with a number of members where we have the wrong address on file. He added that he had made efforts to locate these people without success. In general discussion it was suggested that a list of these members go in the next newsletter in the hopes other members might know their correct address. A similar list could be distributed to tables at the upcoming luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Media: No posters were distributed this time. John stated that he had been tied up with family matters and unable to follow the usual routine.

Welfare: In Halle's absence, Barb reported that two sympathy cards had been sent out since the last meeting.

Programs: Barb reported a change of contact person at the Coast Westerly. Andrea Wannamaker is replacing Jennifer. Gift certificates provided by the hotel will continue. A card of thanks has been sent to Jennifer for all her work on our behalf.

Motion by Barb Schneider, seconded by Audrey Clark that \$600. be approved to cover the cost of Christmas favours and goodies. CARRIED

Noted that Barb has not claimed travel mileage expenses incurred in performing program coordinator duties. She said she would start doing to.

There is some concern over an anticipated overflow crowd at the Christmas meeting, given the increase in our membership. Barb will speak with Andrea at the Coast Westerly about the possibility of holding a second meeting room to accommodate the expected number of members.

Newsletter : Ron Richardson reported that as of the last issue, mailed last Friday, our distribution run has increased to 1100 copies. That increase will generate additional expense for postage. He added that he is still negotiating with the Post Office over postage amounts and related arrangements.

Agreed that the following items will be included in the next issue:

List of members whose seem to have disappeared on us (address correction required.). Mention will be made of this problem in the President's column.

A notice that our newsletter is available online

An article warning female seniors living alone care should be taken with their answering machines, so as not to encourage intruders who, hearing an elderly voice, might be tempted to invade. The article is to suggest that perhaps a male voice would be preferable on answering machine tapes.

An article by John Finn regarding veteran entitlements, and particularly spousal entitlements.

Ron read a letter from Qwest thanking us for our recent donation.

Health Benefits: John Finn reported that activity on Health Benefits was light over the summer. There was one telephone call and a couple of e-mails. John noted that he will be traveling out of country between September 26 and November 17.

Telephone Committee: Dorothy reported that she will be asking for additional telephoner volunteers at the upcoming luncheon meeting.

History: And older telephone list from the year 2000 was part of a group of documents set aside to be destroyed. Instead the list is to be preserved as an item of interest..

New Business:

- 1) The donation approved in the June 7th 2005 executive committee minutes was intended to be a one time donation. The minutes of that meeting should be amended accordingly.

Around the Table

Ron Mitchell reported that he will be away on holiday between September 7, and October 16. Dorothy Lind has agreed to do the minutes at the September luncheon meeting.

Frank Elvins and Bernie Guyader advised that they also would be away for the next executive meeting

There was discussion about the adjustment in pension amount to members claiming CPP, either at age 60 or age 65. Some members feel this is a clawback. In actual fact it is not; it is an adjustment generated by the integration of the Public Service and Canadian Forces pension plans with the CPP at the time the latter was first introduced. The amount members pay for the regular pension plan was adjusted at that time. Tom Dandeno advised that he had explained this to several members over the past few years.

Steve Bunyan asked members present for input on the new website, specifically with regard the development of an "Info Page". Suggestions from members are welcome as to what the content of such a page should be. Steve added that if any executive members have a problem with the publication of their address or telephone information on the website, they should let him know. The detail in such cases will be removed.

Tom Dandeno reported discussions with Vic Ashdown of Nanaimo Branch regarding the Web Based Management System (WBMS). A training course on the system has been proposed even though it is still not reliable. Vic has concerns over the usability of the data. The former membership system, using the Paradox data base program, is to be phased out, even though WBMS is not yet proven. Tom has made it clear to both Vic Ashdown and to national office that he is not about to waste time monitoring an unusable system.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

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Moved by Ron Richardson, seconded by Ron Mitchell that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.