

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

Call to Order and Attendance:

Ian Sibbald	President	Bill McSeveney	Vice-President
Ron Mitchell	Secretary	Tom Dandeno	Treasurer/Membership
Halle MacMullen	Welfare	Steve Bunyan	Webmaster
Frank Elvins	Historian	John Davis	Director, Media
Ron Richardson	Director Newsletter		

The meeting came to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Oct 4, 2005)

Moved by Bill McSeveney seconded by John Davis, that the minutes be adopted with an amendment to show that John Davis was present at the meeting. (His name had been omitted).

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: Adopted as presented on a motion by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Halle MacMullen..
CARRIED.

Membership Report: Presented by Tom Dandeno . There are problems currently being experienced by the staff at National Office in the processing of membership updates. They are seriously understaffed.

Committee Reports:

Media: John reported that all the posters are out for the meeting. He will be delivering them by hand rather than by fax. He noted that we are limited to 250 attendees maximum for the Christmas meeting, members and spouses only.

Welfare: Halle reported that 2 cards were sent out since the last meeting.

Programs: Halle reported on Barb Schneider's behalf. All is ready for the upcoming Christmas luncheon. Gifts are being bought.

Newsletter : Ron Richardson advised that he will be stepping down as Newsletter Editor effective after the December issue. There are other possible volunteers, and Ron is currently endeavoring to find a replacement. Ian asked to be kept advised of progress in this regard.

Health Benefits: No report

Telephone Committee: No report

History: No report.

New Business:

1. **Election of Officers.** There was a review of current executive willing to stand again for office next year. Tom, Halle, Bill and John will run again. Ron Mitchell indicated that he would not be running again. Ian advised he would stay on as President for another year to enable Bill to finish his term as Vice President. It was noted that Mary Kaaman's position is not up for re-election this year.

Agreed that a letter be prepared by the President to the general membership to state the need for volunteers for various positions, and to ask members to consider running for an executive position. It was agreed that this letter would appear in the next newsletter, and that the December issue appear early in order to give members time to consider running for office. The page containing the letter is to carry appropriate emphasis so as to draw the attention of readers.

2. **Bill McSeveney reminded the group of the bylaw provisions** that require removal of a director or executive member who misses 3 meetings without contacting the group. It was the general consensus that this provision be enforced.
3. **Laying of wreaths for Remembrance Day.** Agreed that it would be desirable that an FSNA member be present at each of the Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place in the valley, and a wreath be laid at each on behalf of FSNA.
Motion: Moved by Bill McSeveney, seconded by Halle MacMullen that the branch purchase #14 Legion wreaths for laying at cenotaphs in Comox, Courtenay, and Campbell River on Remembrance Day.
CARRIED

Around the Table

Defence Fund. Al Dawber had apparently wanted us to discuss the National Office idea of a Defence fund. It was the consensus of the group that such a fund is not required.

It was noted that Revenue Canada is looking at non-profit groups who are carrying excess cash on their books. It has been proposed by other branches that we look at the possibility of granting a life membership to any member over 85 years of age. This item should be raised at a general meeting, and a means of identifying such members should be established.

Ron Mitchell agreed to investigate the availability and cost of FSNA lapel pins for members.

Steve Bunyan reported that he is gradually getting the web site set up, and now has contacts (in some cases) with other Branches who are providing input for the other branch sections of the web site. We are still awaiting a billing from Uniserve, our ISP, for website hosting services.

Adjournment: Moved by Bill McSeveney, seconded by Halle MacMullen that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

CARRIED