



**National Association of Federal Retirees
Vancouver Island North Branch**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
7 April 2009**

1. Bill McSeveney called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. In attendance were:

President	Bill McSeveney	Vice-President	Cecile Turnbull
Past President	Ian Sibbald	Treasurer	Tom Dandeno
Programs	Barb Schneider	Membership	Steve Bunyan
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Telephone	Paddy O'Brien
History	Frank Elvins	Director	Mary Kamann
Director	Marjorie Arnold		

Absent were:

Secretary	Karen Finn	Welfare	Halle MacMullen
Media	John Davis	Director	Lauretta Hewit
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill	Assistant Benefits	Doug Dunsmore

3. Adoption of previous minutes:

Under new business, the first paragraph should read "Ian reported that Tom McLean of Collette Vacations was willing to make a presentation at the 11 March luncheon." Subject to the foregoing correction, as moved by Mary Kamann and seconded by Paddy O'Brien, the minutes of the 3 March 2009 Executive Meeting were adopted.

4. Committee reports:

- a. Treasurer – Tom Dandeno presented the statement of revenue for the period 1 January to 31 March 2009 (copy attached) and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Barb Schneider. Carried.
- b. Media – John Davis arrived at the end of the meeting to deliver the FSNA pens he had ordered at the behest of the Executive.
- c. Welfare – Halle MacMullen was unable to attend but did submit a report via Barb Schneider that three cards had been sent out over the past month.
- d. Programs – Barb Schneider asked for suggestions regarding the next luncheon menu. While someone asked for roast beef, the general consensus was that Barb exercise her own best judgement in collaboration with the Westerly Hotel staff. Cecile Turnbull reported that tickets for the Christmas meeting were at the printers and would be picked up mid-April.

- e. Membership – Steve Bunyan reported the following membership counts:

	DDS	Pending DDS	Cash	Totals
Members	1065	8	273	1346
Associates	556	3	125	684
Totals	1621	11	398	2030

Marjorie Arnold posed a question on a behalf of an acquaintance about survivor membership renewal. Tom Dandeno said that she had only to complete a membership application form and gave one to Marjorie. Bill Turnbull pointed out the section on the form authorizing dues deduction at source. He reminded everyone that all dues at source deductions cease when a pensioner dies. The surviving spouse must then contact the relevant pension office to continue PSHCP and PDSP coverage and to request payment of provincial medical insurance.

Tom suggested returning the membership application to him as he could process it immediately. He did observe that issuing a membership card takes a bit longer than it once did as the new style membership cards are only compatible with certain kinds of laser printers and he does not have one.

- f. Newsletter – Kevin Weighill was unable to attend because of his duties with *Elections BC*.
- g. Benefits – Bill Turnbull reported the case of a member experiencing mobility problems who wished to modify her bathroom to eliminate a falling hazard. He noted that her income disqualified her for CMHC assistance and that provincial assistance excludes home renovations. Paddy O'Blenis suggested contacting Chris Partiak regarding the Legion Poppy Fund which has been known to provide help with renovations.
- h. Telephone – Paddy O'Blenis reported that two additional telephoners have been added to the volunteer roster. Bill McSeveney requested that a list be generated for Powell River which, according to National Office, has 19 members. Until now, members on the *Long Distance List* (i.e. those outside the Comox Valley and Campbell River areas) have not routinely been called by the telephone committee. Local member Linda Wallace raised the Powell River issue with National Office. It was agreed that she be asked to take on the Powell River calling list once it is created.
- i. History – Frank Elvins had a nil report.

5. Old business:

- a. The matter of donations up to a total of \$2000 in aid of seniors was discussed. A consensus emerged that the Branch donate \$1000 to each of the two local hospital foundations (St-Joseph's and Campbell River) with the proviso that the money be directed to facilities for those suffering some form of dementia. Paddy O'Blenis moved that a resolution to this effect be put to the membership at the June General Meeting. Mary Kamann seconded. Carried.
- b. Bill McSeveney reviewed the dispute with National Office concerning an airline ticket purchased on his behalf so that he could attend last year's Congress in Ottawa. Owing to a medical issue, he was unable to attend. The Air Canada ticket was non-refundable.

National Office wants the Branch to reimburse them for its \$470 cost. The Executive was generally opposed in principle since the ticketing arrangements were a National Office responsibility. Tom Dandeno pointed out that National Office might simply elect to withhold funds. Bill said he would have a face-to-face discussion with National Office while attending this year's Congress but warned that we might have to acquiesce.

- c. Tom Dandeno tabled the financial reporting package for 2008 required by National Office. The Acting Secretary was asked to forward the information.

6. New business:

- a. Possible guest speakers for the June General Meeting were discussed. It was agreed that Ian Sibbald should attempt to obtain Iona Campanella or, failing that, someone from the RCMP to talk about security issues.
- b. Bill McSeveney stated his wish that there be three directors from the Comox Valley having signing authority. Currently, the Treasurer, Tom Dandeno, and the Past President, Ian Sibbald, hold such authority. Bill said that the third person should be the Vice-President, Cecile Turnbull. Tom Dandeno moved that this slate be presented to the membership at the June General Meeting. Frank Elvins seconded. Carried.

7. Adjournment:

Ian Sibbald moved that the meeting be adjourned. Frank Elvins seconded. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

William Turnbull
Acting Secretary

William McSeveney
President

Enclosures: 1

Next Executive Meeting: 1:00 pm on Tuesday, 5 May 2009 at the Comox Legion.

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND BRANCH
 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
 JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2009

OPENING BALANCE			34975.81
CASH ON HAND		100.00	
IMPREST FUNDS		300.00	
TERM DEPOSITS		24331.40	
CASH IN BANK		10244.41	
REVENUE			
DDS DUES	2562.41		
CASH DUES	2737.50		
DUES REFUND	66.27		
CATERING	45.00		
50/50	130.00		
		5541.18	
EXPENDITURE			
ASSESSMENTS	3283.29		
CATERING	511.16		
OFFICE	277.22		
MEETINGS	132.23		
NEWSLETTER	1380.37		
TOTAL		5584.27	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR PERIOD			-43.09
CLOSING BALANCE			34932.72
CASH ON HAND		100.00	
IMPREST FUNDS		300.00	
TERM DEPOSITS		24331.40	
CASH IN BANK		10201.32	