



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
Vancouver Island North Branch BC06**

Executive Meeting – February 2, 2010

The President called the meeting to order.

In attendance were:

Past President	Bill McSeveney	President	Cecile Turnbull
Vice President	Ian Sibbald	Secretary	Dorothy Lind
Treasurer	Tom Dandeno	Membership	Steve Bunyan
Programs	Barb Schneider	Welfare	Halle MacMullen
Telephone	Paddy O Blenis	Media	John Davis
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Director	Mary Kamaan
Director	Lauretta Hewitt	Director	Marjorie Arnold

Absent were:

History	Frank Elvins	Newsletter	Kevin Weighill
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December minutes – moved by Halle and seconded by John that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

January minutes – moved by Halle and seconded by Bill that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer:

Tom reported a bank balance of \$10,479.49 but he still has to forward approximately \$3,500.00 to Ottawa for their share of the dues received to date. Tom moved that his report be accepted, seconded by Barb. Carried.

Membership:

Steve told us our present membership stands at 1962. There are 62 regular members with whom we have lost contact but, including spouses/partners, the number rises to 84. We had good results with the lists distributed at the general meeting in December. It is planned to have the list printed in the Newsletter to see if we can find more of them.

Newsletter:

Cecile said she had been talking to Kevin and the deadline dates for the Newsletter are:

February 15 for March      May 15 for June      August 15 for September      November 3 for December

They discussed the possibility of a contest to name the Newsletter. Kevin had no problem with it but suggested that a short name be selected. It is planned to have it finalized by September. Entries can be phoned, mailed or e-mailed to any member of the executive or submitted at the general meeting in June. All the information will be printed in the Newsletter. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Ian that a \$100.00 prize be awarded to the winning entrant. Carried.

Benefits:

Bill said that the latest PSHCP bulleting should arrive in the mail very shortly.

Media:

John asked about a guest speaker for the March meeting.

Programs:

There was a discussion with regard to the costs for the Christmas general meeting and it was decided that we carry on as we have. So many of the members get a lot of enjoyment from it.

Welfare:

Halle said she has sent our three cards and was given two more names at this meeting.

Telephone:

Paddy said they had gone over the phone lists and found that over 100 of those people have never come to a general meeting in the past two years. Due to a shortage of phoners, the lists have been getting too long for some to handle. It

was decided that a plea be made through the Newsletter and the meetings to try to recruit more people to man the telephones.

History:

Frank was away.

Old Business:

1. A time will be set up for the Financial Review Committee to meet with Tom.
2. A date has not yet been set for the National Director Election and there is some discussion about the rules of procedure.
3. As a result of the By-Law Review meeting, three resolutions will be put forward:
  1. Dues payments by DDS is preferred.
  2. Under the present by-Laws, the National Board of Directors does not need approval for their budget. It is thought this should be changed.
  3. Weighted voting is still a sore point.

The Committee is to present ideas regarding:

- National Board of Directors having free rein in decision making between meetings
- Regional Resolutions as opposed to Branch Resolutions.

Cecile told us that the by-laws have been greatly improved and much progress has been made bringing them up to today's standards'

The Regional and National Service Officers budgets have been approved.

4. Suggestions for donation recipients has been tabled until the March meeting.

New Business:

The guest speaker for June will be a lawyer who will speak about Seniors and the law.

The suggested speaker for March could be Rick James who wrote a book about the Royston Wrecks and would present a slide show. Rick wanted a \$100 honorarium but it was suggested that he bring some of his books which he could offer to autograph and sell at the meeting. Cecile was to call him with this proposal to see if he will go with this idea.

A meeting of the Telephone Committee will follow this meeting.

Local awareness events would include the picnic as well as insertions in the local and base papers. A question was raised about the SCAN program. Cecile said she would contact John Challender to find out what that status is at present.

Cecile told us that both Doug Dunsmore and Karen Finn have resigned from the Board for personal reasons.

She also asked us to make note of the fact that the Executive meeting for December would be on November 30, 2010.

There has been an inquiry from a Travel Agency about putting information in the Newsletter about the Great Canadian War Memorial Tour. Ian said that we had done that with Realtors and they had been charged \$200.00 for a full page and \$100.00 for half-page.

Barb has prepared favours for 130 people so far.

Halle said she would love to have a Cash Box for the 50-50 Draw and Bill told us that name has to be changed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind, Secretary

Cecile Turnbull, President