



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

### Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Cecile following lunch at the Monte Cristo Restaurant, our annual luncheon meeting. She welcomed the members and our guests.

#### In attendance were:

Past President	Bill McSeveney	President	Cecile Turnbull
Vice President	Ian Sibbald	Secretary	Dorothy Lind
Treasurer	Tom Dandeno	Programs	Barbara Schneider
Telephone	Paddy O Blenis	Media	John Davis
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Welfare	Halle McMullen
History	Frank Elvins	Director	Lauretta Hewitt
Director	Marjorie Arnold		

#### Absent were:

Membership	Steve Bunyan	Director	Mary Kamaan
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill		

It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by John Davis that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Tom reported that we had a surplus to March 31, 2010 of \$1,037.00 and that we would be receiving about \$2,500.00 from National Office as our share of dues paid by assignment. He moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Bill. Carried.

Membership: Steve was away but Tom said that membership renewals by members who pay by cash has been slower but they are coming in.

Newsletter: Kevin was absent but the deadline for the June publication is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will let the membership know that we are still open for suggestions for the name the Newsletter Contest.

Benefits: Bill T. said that things were quiet right now but that he had heard from one of the members who was planning to travel but had a medical condition. He called Johnson Insurance and was told Medoc would not cover him. Bill made some inquiries and the found the information was incorrect and that he would be covered by both PSHCP and Medoc as long as he had a doctor's clearance to travel. It pays to double check.

Programs: Barb said she had nothing to report. Cecile thanked her for making the arrangements for our lunch meeting, which we all enjoyed.

Media: John said that everything would be ready for the June general meeting. There were requests for five prints to be made from the last meeting.

Welfare: Halle has not sent out any cards since the last meeting.

Telephone: Paddy said she had sent the list of no shows for the last meeting to Tom but he said he had not received it. He has been having computer trouble so she will send it to him again.

History: Frank had nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- Cecile said that she had mailed the Financial Review Statement to the National Office.
- John Finn has won the election for the National Director representing British Columbia and will take over the job in June. A search is now on for a Regional Service Officer to replace him.
- Cecile phoned Barry Hessop to tell him that the membership had approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Comox Valley Prostate Cancer Group. We hope to make the presentation at the next executive meeting in May. Two letters have been received regarding donations. The first letter concerned the Prostate donation and the other was an application for a donation. They were read and discussed. Replies have been sent.
- Cecile gave us a summary of the meeting with the new Executive Director, Sylvia Ceacero, in Duncan on March 8<sup>th</sup>. She is studying the frame work of the organization. She feels there should be more advocacy work and there is a need to get back to basics. The Government is presently looking at the pension situation. She also feels the Treasury Board plays too large a role. The PSHCP is better than presented by some. She also thinks there is not enough communication between the Branches and the NBOD. More trust has to be established and we have to be more strategic and less operational.

**New Business:**

- Tom mentioned the travel costs have been higher than usual recently. Cecile agreed and mentioned several trips to Duncan in the past few months regarding the new by-laws. She also said that there was to be a meeting of the Branch Presidents in Richmond shortly. At the same time, the Health Benefits Officers will be attending a meeting of their own.
- The Committee for the Christmas meeting has been formed. Barb Schneider, Cecile and Bill Turnbull will be looking after the printing and sale of the tickets.
- Paddy will be preparing for the annual Picnic for the volunteers. She hopes to be able to book Kin Beach for the event in early July, possible Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Best Practices Report which Cecile prepared has been forwarded to John Finn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind, Secretary

Cecile Turnbull, President