

MAY 2010 EXECUTIVE
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive meeting June 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Cecile. She presented our two guests – Russ Engelmyer, a Director with the Comox Valley Prostate Cancer Group, and Elizabeth Steeves, who will be helping Jean Sibbald with the tickets for the Christmas meeting.

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'Brien	Media	John Davis
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Welfare	Halle McMullen
Membership	Steve Bunyan	Director	Lauretta Hewitt
Director	Marjorie Arnold		

Absent were:

History	Frank Elvins	Director	Mary Kamaan
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill		

The presentation of a cheque for \$1,000.00 was made to Mr. Engelmyer as our donation for the year 2010 by Ian Sibbald. He expressed his appreciation and thanked the Association for the donation. He said it would go a long way toward helping them achieve their goals.

The tickets for the Christmas meeting have been printed and Cecile told us that we would be able to buy ours from Elizabeth following the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: As we all had copies of Tom's report and there being no questions, he moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Barb Schneider. Carried.

Membership: Steve said that at present our membership stands at 1567 who pay by DDS, 390 who pay by cheque and 87 members who have not yet renewed for this year for a total of 2046. Those outstanding members are being contacted where possible and unpaid members will be deleted for the list.

The Web is up to date and he will arrange to have the minutes from the general meetings on the site. Cecile said she had been forwarded information regarding a site in Saskatchewan and she will send that to Steve so he can see it.

Newsletter: 1071 copies of the Newsletter went out. He said that from the time they were printed until they were in the mail was one week, the best time yet.

Benefits: Bill said that things have been quiet. He told us that the contribution rates to the Pensioners Dental Service Plan will change from 60% - 40% to 50% - 50% cost sharing effective October 1, 2010. The cost will increase from \$12.50 to \$16.00 per month for a single subscriber, as an example.

Programs: There was a discussion regarding the necessity to change our June general meeting day from Wednesday to Tuesday because of an error made at the Westerly. Arrangements have been made to have a table available for the sale of the tickets for the Christmas dinner meeting. She will have to have the results from the phoners buy Thursday, June 10.

Media: John said the posters are all out and that he would look to the Senior's centers as possible sites at which to put posters as well as the Comox and Courtenay Malls.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent one Get Well card. Bill McSeveney told her of another member in hospital.

Telephone: Paddy suggested that we look into the ramifications of providing rides to the meetings for those who are unable to come due to lack of transportation. Handy Dart and other services were suggested but it might bear some looking into to see what we can do on our own.

History: Frank was absent.

Old Business:

The speaker for the General Meeting will be Beth Regehr. Cecile will be away and Ian will be chairing the meeting.

The tickets for the Christmas meeting have been printed and will be available for sale by Jean Sibbald and Elizabeth Steeves at the June general meeting.

John Finn will be our National Director at the end of June and Julie Spencer, the past National Director is running for 3rd Vice President. The Regional Service Officer position will be filled by Al Heinrich of the Nanaimo Branch for one year to give us time to find a new candidate. He is the Provincial Advocacy Officer.

New Business:

The SCAN program is not being done at the Base anymore. John Challender suggested that we invite the Base Commander to speak at one of our meetings to make him aware of the organization and what the aims are. Bill Turnbull will see about getting it going again in the fall.

Cecile spoke about the President's meeting. There was discussion about the upcoming Congress in Halifax and John Finn made some suggestions regarding resolutions to be presented at the Congress.

Bill Turnbull also gave us a brief account of the Health Benefits meeting.

Bill had given Elizabeth a float of \$100.00 for the ticket sales. He will be reimbursed.

The meeting adjourned

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President