



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting September 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President Cecile Turnbull.

In attendance were:

President	Cecile Turnbull	Vice President	Ian Sibbald
Secretary	Dorothy Lind	Treasurer	Tom Dandeno
Programs	Barbara Schneider	Telephone	Paddy OBlenis
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Welfare	Halle McMullen
Membership	Steve Bunyan	Newsletter	Kevin Weighill
Mary Kamaan	Director	Lauretta Hewitt	Director
Marjorie Arnold	Director		

Absent were:

Past President	Bill McSeveney	Media	John Davis
Historian	Frank Elvins		

It was moved by Barbara Schneider and seconded by Steve Bunyan that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Tom presented us each with a printout of his report to August 31, 2010 and, as there were no questions, he moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Halle McMullen. The motion carried.

Membership: Steve reported an active membership of 1966 and that we have lost contact with 96 members for a total membership of 2063. He also said that the Webpage would be updated soon.

Newsletter: Kevin said that 1068 copies of the Newsletter have been mailed and that 228 were sent by e-mail for a total of 1296. Cecile also told us that he is considering running for Regional Service Officer.

Benefits: Bill spoke of the changes to the Public Service Health Care Plan with regard to direct billing which will be in place shortly. He also said that a letter had been sent to John Duncan, MP, protesting the manner in which changes have been made to the Dental Services Plan without consultation or substantiation.

Programs: Barb had a meeting with the hotel staff and they will meet again in October when they will draw up five menus which can be used in rotation. She suggested the possibility of about 148 people for the September meeting but will confirm by September 10th. Plans for the Christmas meeting are well in hand. She thanked Cecile and Bill for inviting the Board to their home for an evening and she also thanked Paddy for all the work she went to for the BBQ. She said she would need money for the Christmas meeting. Dorothy moved that Barb be given a cheque for \$700.00 to cover the costs. Kevin amended the amount to \$800.00, seconded by Steve. The motion carried.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent out three get well cards during the summer.

Telephone: Paddy said the calls were starting to come in from the Telephone Committee members.

Old Business:

Cecile said that a letter had been received from Barry Hessop thanking the Association for the donation of \$1000.00 to the Comox Valley Cancer Prostate Group.

The speaker for the General meeting will be Tim Cowan, a pharmacist, and he will be speaking about seniors and their medications.

Bill Turnbull will man the table for the sale of tickets for the Christmas luncheon.

The Name the Newsletter Contest Committee chose the name STAYING IN TOUCH. The announcement will be made at the General meeting and the winner of the contest will be announced

Ian did some research regarding transportation to meetings and found some of the local groups were too costly. He checked with regard to individuals and found that as long as no payment was involved, insurance coverage was fine. We will look into trying to set up some system with volunteer drivers and co-ordinate pick-ups as required. This will be presented at the general meeting to see what the reception is and ask for drivers if found to be acceptable.

Bill will report on the Annual Meeting in Halifax as Cecile will be away. The meeting next year is scheduled to be in Ottawa rotating to Winnipeg the following year. She will make the suggestion. She will make the suggestion that all meetings be held in Ottawa to keep costs down.

New Business:

Cecile read us the letter which had been sent to John Duncan, MP, regarding the Dental Services Plan.

SCAN – Bill will contact Bill Challender and-or the Base Commander to get some information and see if we can get the SCAN program going again in the New Year. He will find out if the meetings are still being held for the retiring service personnel.

The Update Committee will look at Branch Administrative procedures and make sure they are approved.

Remembrance Day wreaths will be ordered for Comox, Courtenay and Campbell River.

A Nomination Committee will be set up. We will have to know who is up for election this year and if anyone plans to step down.

The British Columbia Presidents meeting is to be held in Duncan of November 24th. Five members are allowed to attend and two vehicles may be used.

Food bank donations will be welcomed at the Christmas General meeting as usual.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President