



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting November 2, 2010

Cecile called the meeting to order and all the members of the Board were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were amended with regard to the election slate. It was moved by Bill Turnbull, seconded by Halle, that the minutes be accepted as amended to read those standing for re-election are Vice President Ian Sibbald and Directors Frank Elvins, John Davis, Barbara Schneider, Paddy O'Blenis and Marjorie Arnold. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Tom presented his financial statement to October 31, 2010. The surplus for the period was \$921.11 but he said that one additional DDS payment estimated at \$2,850.00 is due in the last quarter. There being no questions, he moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Frank. The motion carried.

Membership: Steve has been checking the entire membership list. He has almost finished and will send out new membership lists when completed. Our total membership to date is 2058. There is a membership drive under way right now which could change that number. The membership cards are on the way. Also, the number who receive the newsletter by e-mail has gone up so the postal costs may be less when we get below 1000 who receive their copy by Canada Post.

The Web site has been quiet. The John Finn link has been removed and there is now one to Bill and Cecile Turnbull.

Newsletter: Kevin said that he had more input than usual for the current newsletter but it was such good information that he expanded to 10 pages. The maximum mailing weight per letter under our agreement is 100 grams so we were still fine. He discussed with us the new format for the new name and he will take the font size under advisement.

Benefits: The lobbying with regard to the Pensioners' Dental Service Plan appears to be effective. There has been a good response from the Treasury Board. One of the points of contention is that there had been no consultation prior to the announcement of the new rates. The changes may have been justified but the Treasury Board did not provide supporting documentation justifying the increase to the pensioners. The FSNA has requested that documentation. The new PSHCP cards are effective as of November 1, 2010.

Programs: Barb said the arrangements for the Christmas meeting are pretty well finalized. She was having a meeting with the Westerly representative today to go over menus for future meetings. Sale of tickets to date is 165 and 210 favours have been prepared.

Media: John said the camera is loaded and ready. He will send a picture of the new executive to the On Guard following elections at the Christmas meeting.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent out two get well cards since the general meeting. Cecile asked if she could provide names but Halle was reluctant because of the privacy rules at the hospital.

Telephone: Paddy said that all was quiet but that she would need more callers and spares in the New Year.

History: Frank said he had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The wreaths have all been ordered and the Comox one will be placed ahead of time. Frank said he would need a cheque to pay for them and Tom said to give him the bill.

The SCAN presentation will be on November 22nd at the Base. Between 50 to 100 are expected to attend. Bill Turnbull has a power point presentation and has 20 minutes to do it in.

Al Heinrich, Regional Service Officer, will be conducting the election at the general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting in Duncan on November 24th will be attended by Bill and Cecile Turnbull, Steve Bunyan, Kathi Brown and John Finn.

The executive meeting on Tuesday, November 30th will be a luncheon meeting. Barbara will organize it for the White Spot at 12:00 noon.

Cecile said she has been in touch with Anne Rutherglen who is the Communications Co-ordinator with the British Columbia Securities Commission. She has asked her to be our guest speaker at the general meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. She would be speaking about investments and pitfalls.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President