



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting – February 01, 2011

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	Kathi Brown	Membership	Steve Bunyan
Historian	Frank Elvins	Benefits	Bill Turnbull
Media	John Davis	Newsletter	Kevin Weighill
Programs	Barbara Schneider	Welfare	Halle MacMullen
Telephone	Paddy O'Blenis	Director	Marjorie Arnold
Director	Laurie Hewitt	Director	Elizabeth Steeves
Director	Deborah Yelf		

Also attending: Tom Dandeno

Absent was:

Mary Kamann

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Tom gave two reports as he has not yet handed over to Kathi Brown. One was to the end of 2010 and the other for the month of January. As Bill Turnbull reminded us, the 2010 report will be subject to audit. Tom said that some dues had not yet been processed. It was moved by Tom and seconded by Ian that the reports be accepted. Motion Carried.

Membership and Web: Steve said that our membership now stands at 2177, including members, spouses, new members and 1 lifetime member. Three members who have been inactive are to be renewed.

The web site is up to date re minutes. He has sent some pictures from the December meeting and a counter has now been installed on our page.

Newsletter: Kevin said the Newsletter is ready to 'put to bed'. He will get it to the printer right away so it will be ready to send out. Kevin and Steve are both going to be away in June so Deborah will work with Steve this time to learn the procedure for sending them out in order to be prepared for June.

Benefits: Bill said the Sun Life had made some mistakes when issuing the new cards. The thirty-four day dose limit has been removed and replaced with 100 days. If a longer dose period is required, Sun Life can be contacted and it can be arranged. With regard to Pharmacare, all retirees must enrol and give their number to Sun Life. Pharmacare can be contacted at 1-800-663-7100.

Programs: Barb said she has favours for 161 guests prepared for the March meeting. When she talked to the Hotel, they told her they were not confirming bookings for 2012 now. Presently they stand at March 14, June 13, Sept. 19 and Dec. 12. She suggested that, as we missed the new member recognition the last time, that we have two draws in March and include all new members from that time. The menu for the general meeting is cook's choice – soups, salads, deli meats, roast pork loin with apple sauce and desserts.

Media: John and Kevin worked at revising the announcements for the general meetings which are sent to the media and posted in various places. John also gave Steve pictures which are to be sent to the National Office. All the pictures are in the album and posters will be out for the March meeting. The word "draw" is to be eliminated from any announcements. Cecile showed us samples of notepads and calendar

booklets which might be of interest to our members. There was discussion regarding name tags for the new executive members. John and Deborah will work on that.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent out two sympathy cards.

Telephone: Paddy and Steve have gone over the phone lists and they are all done. Members who have said they would come if they could get a ride have been marked with a star. Paddy is to be called if we get a request for a drive. There are 30 names per list. She has 28 phoners.

History: Frank had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by Ian Sibbald that the Bank be advised that the official Branch signing authorities will be Kathi Brown, Treasurer; Cecile Turnbull, President and Ian Sibbald, Vice President. All cheques will be signed by the Treasurer, Kathi Brown and co-signed by either the President or the Vice President. Two signatures will be required and will take effect when presented. Motion carried.

2. It was also moved by Ian and seconded by Paddy that all FSNA financial and membership documents be handed over to the Treasurer after the Financial Review is completed by February 23, 2011. Motion carried.

3. The election list has been revised so that Elizabeth Steeves has been elected for a two year term and Deborah Yelf has been elected for a one year term.

4. Newsletter closure dates are May 15th, August 21st and November 13th, 2011.

5. The guest speakers for the March General meeting are Bob Abrams and Martin Nicholls from the BC Securities Commission and they will speak on Investright – a BCSC public education and prevention initiative. For June, we have Miriam Bozman from The Home Medical Shop who will be speaking on staying in your home as long as possible. The September meeting speaker will be from the Courtenay Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There will a Stats Can Advertisement in the Newsletter regarding the census taking.
2. There will also be an item in the Newsletter regarding the need for a Regional Service Officer for the Island.
3. Victoria proposed a new web site. The initial cost would be about \$5000.00 which would be shared by the Branches. Our Branch decided against the proposal at this time.
4. The National President wants to meet with the Branch Presidents before the next Congress in Ottawa. The BC Presidents will meet and a room has been set aside for that purpose at a cost of \$100.00

The meeting adjourned.

Dorothy Lind: Secretary

Cecile Turnbull: President