

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting - September 6, 2011

Cecile 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 Benefits Bill Turnbull Historian Frank Elvins Telephone Paddy O'Blenis **Asst Benefits** Elizabeth Steeves Newsletter Kevin Weighill Director Mary Kamann Director Marjorie Arnold

Absent were:

Membership Steve Bunyan Programs Barbara Schneider

Welfare Halle MacMullen Media John Davis
Director Lauretta Hewitt Director Deborah Yelf

When the minutes of the June meeting were presented, Frank made a motion that the name of business of the guest speaker be amended to read "Home Medical Shop". A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Bill McSeveney and seconded by Bill Turner. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

<u>Treasurer:</u> Kathi said that total income to date this year was \$20,334.94, which includes membership dues and luncheon ticket sales. Our total expenses are \$17,101.30, leaving a balance of \$3,233.64.

<u>Membership</u>: Steve was away but Cecile said that the web site was up-to-date and the newsletter went out. She said she would encourage Steve to get help from one of the directors with the newsletter distribution.

Newsletter: Kevin said the letter went out and there were no problems.

<u>Benefits:</u> Bill said things have been quiet. The introduction of the new health cards has gone well. National Office is trying to find people to take over the Health Benefits and Pension desks.

Programs: Barb was away but Cecile said all was ready for the general meeting next Wednesday.

Media: John was away but all the notices for the general meeting were sent out.

Welfare: Halle was away.

<u>Telephone</u>: Paddy said that the telephoners would be getting to work for the September general meeting. There was a discussion about members showing up with no reservations. They will be asked to wait to see if they can be accommodated by the absence of some who said they would be coming and don't arrive. If there is no room, it will be suggested that they might like to wait to attend the business meeting at 1:00 pm.

<u>History</u>: Frank had nothing new to report. He asked about another donation being made and suggested a nursing student studying senior care. We will follow up on that suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-law Committee: Elizabeth is planning to move to New Brunswick so a new member is needed for the By-law Committee. Paddy will join Bill, Cecile, and Ian to form the new committee. Elizabeth will be at the table with Bill Turnbull to sell the luncheon tickets for the Christmas meeting.

<u>Donation</u>: The presentation of a cheque to the Free Mason Cancer Car Project will be made at the general meeting on Wednesday, September 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Financial Change</u>: Kathi made a motion to close all present bank accounts at the Coastal Community Credit Union in Comox and move the accounts to the Bank of Montreal in Courtenay. The Credit Union is not on-line and we can get higher interest rates through the BMO. She and Cecile have been in consultation with the bank. The co-signers for the account will be the Treasurer – Kathi Brown, the President – Cecile Turnbull and the Vice President – Ian Sibbald. The motion was seconded by Ian and carried.

<u>Insurance Coverage</u>: FSNA insurance will cover groups up to fifty members. The hotel can cover us if they add us to their insurance for the meeting days. Some arrangement will have to be made but we will have to gather much more information to be sure we reach the right answer. One way or another, we need coverage.

Nomination Committee: Paddy will chair the Nomination Committee. She will canvass those members who are due for election in the odd year.

Remembrance Day Wreaths: It was moved by Bill and seconded by Ian that the wreaths be ordered. Bill McSeveney will order the one for Campbell River, Frank will order the wreath for Comox and Cecile will order the one for Courtenay. Motion carried.

Because so many of the executive will be away for the October meeting, the next executive meeting will be on November 1, 2011.

There will be a Tri-Regional Meeting in Victoria on September 12th and 13th. Cecile, Bill and Kathy will be attending. The National Board of Directors is also holding meetings at that time so they will be attending both.

John Davis has been investigating the Daytimers which were discussed earlier in the year. It was moved by Ian and seconded by Kathi that we order 250 at a cost not to exceed \$3.00 each for distribution at the December general meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind - Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President