



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting – February 7, 2012

Cecile called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance were:

President	Cecile Turnbull	Vice President	Ian Sibbald
Secretary	Dorothy Lind	Treasurer	Kathi Brown
Membership	Steve Bunyan	Programs	Barbara Schneider
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Telephone	Paddy OBlenis
Welfare	Halle MacMullen	History	Frank Elvins
Director	Marjorie Arnold	Director	Deborah Yelf

Absent were:

Past President	Bill McSeveney	Newsletter	Kevin Weighill
Media	John Davis	Director	Mary Kamann
Director	Lauretta Hewitt		

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathi gave her report and Halle moved, seconded by Ian, that it be accepted as presented. Following some discussion about a cheque that had been received but refused by the bank, the motion carried.

Membership: Steve said that some nice changes had been made to the website and that it was up-to-date. He told us that we have 1332 members and 714 spouses for a total of 2046. Seventy-five members have not yet paid and he will be sending out reminders.

Newsletter: In Kevin's absence, Cecile reminded us that the cut-off date for items for the newsletter is February 22nd.

Benefits: Bill mentioned the long term benefits of the OAS being discussed following a speech by Mr. Harper in Europe. Pharmacare deductible is calculated according to income based on the income tax returns so they are about two years behind but one can ask for an income review. This was followed by a short discussion.

Programs: Barb has prepared for 150 members for the general meeting. She hasn't picked up a \$50.00 draw yet and it was suggested she try Bisque. Menu is ham and roasted potatoes.

Telephone: Paddy and Steve have gone through the telephone lists and pared them back to those who regularly attend.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent out 9 cards, all sympathy cards. One member was in extended care but they are not allowed to release information re next of kin so was unable to send a card in that instance.

History: Frank said all was well in the history department.

Old Business:

Cecile received the list of deceased members from Halle.

All is ready for the general meeting on March 14.

February 22nd is the last date for the Newsletter.

New Business:

Cecile said the National Office website will take 4 typewritten pages from each of the Branches but we have our Newsletter to get information to the members.

There was discussion about trying to reduce our mailing costs. Steve will check with the Post Office to find out the bulk costs for quantity mailings and where the breaks are.

With regard to the annual donations, after some discussion it was agreed that the following motion will be brought to the Board at the next executive meeting on March 6th. Moved that the Executive be authorized to consider one or more annual charitable donations, not to exceed a total of \$4,000.00, if and when considered financially prudent by the Executive, and subject to the approval by a vote of the membership present at the general meeting. Ian will chair the committee on donation suggestions along with 2 other executive members.

John Finn is running for the position of 2nd Vice President on the National Board of Directors and he is presently Chairman of the By-Laws Committee which was set up to bring our by-laws into line with Bill C-34.

Cecile read a 'thank you' card we received from the Comox Legion.

Around the table:

Halle suggested that one of our donations might be to the program for disabled Veterans Learn to Ski- Snowboard Festival on Mount Washington.

Steve said that the telephone lists will be distributed and there will be monthly updates.

Kathi made some remarks regarding the suggestion Halle made.

Bill said he will be conducting a seminar at the base for retiring Civilian and Fisheries Department Personnel. They expect 40 to 50 to attend and there will be a power point presentation as well.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President