

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting – March 6, 2012

Cecile called the meeting to order.

Those 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
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill	Programs	Barbara Schneider
Welfare	Halle MacMullen	Telephone	Paddy O'Blenis
Director	Laurie Hewitt	Director	Deborah Yelf
Director	Marjorie Arnold		
Absent were:			
Media	John Davis	Director	Mary Kamann

It was moved by Halle and seconded by Barb that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathy gave her report and it was moved by Paddy, seconded by Bill that the report be accepted. Motion carried. She said that the report from the auditors is ready for the general meeting next week.

Membership: Steve told us we have 1325 members and 709 spouses for a total of 2034. We have lost contact with 67 members and 26 spouses for a grand total of 2127. He also said that the web site is up to date and some pictures have been entered as well as meeting dates and scheduled speakers for the rest of the year. He gave us updates to the membership list as well.

Newsletter: Kevin said that 1041 Newsletters had been mailed and that 291 had been sent by e-mail but 8 were rejected. There were some suggestions for future notices to be placed in the newsletter.

Health Benefits: Bill told us that Medoc premiums are tax deductible to 70% only. There was a question regarding survivor benefits which was discussed and the suggestion was made that a short write-up on this subject be put in the newsletter for clarification for all.

Programs: Barb said that she had prepared for 150 but doubted we would have that many out to the meeting. All is ready for the meeting and she is seeing the hotel representative this week again. The gift certificate is from Smittys.

Welfare: Halle has sent out 3 Get Well cards, 2 Thinking of You cards and 1 Sympathy card. She gave a list of the names to Cecile.

Telephone: Paddy said that the callers are doing their thing and so far have reported a low turnout. She will also start planning for the BBQ but has not set a date yet.

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

Old Business:

Charitable donations – the suggestion was made that The Branch share of the Pot-of-Gold and the interest earned on our account be added to the charitable donation account annually.

Because of Bill C-4, the National Board is looking into branches making charitable donations. We have 2 years to comply to the new bill as a non-profit organization. Halle made a motion that the amount of our donations stay at \$2,000.00 and that we include the yearly bank interest and overage from the Pot-of-Gold to the fund. Kathi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SCAN Presentation: Bill Turnbull did a presentation at the base for new civilian retirees. He will be doing another one at the base for Military retirees next week.

Cecile said that On Guard, the national newsletter, will include up to 4 pages from each branch in their mailings and that those pages would only go to the submitting branch. Cecile said that the meeting dates and guest speakers had already been sent in but was wondering what else we could include. She asked us to think about it and bring in some suggestions. Kevin said he had looked at the newsletters sent to him by Cecile.

Guest speakers for the remainder of the year are:

Wednesday, March 14 – Tom MacLean from Collette Travel

Wednesday, June 13 – Nick Neslind from Access BC speaking on Senior Drivers Licensing

Wednesday, September 12 – Betty Donaldson from Elder College speaking on Educational Opportunities for seniors at their local college.

New Business:

Cecile will order the tickets for the Christmas meeting.

Al Heinrich is now the National Director for BC on the National Board of Directors.

It was moved by Paddy and seconded by Halle that the next executive meeting be on May 1, 2012.

Around the Table:

Frank asked that a notice regarding the criteria used in compiling the new telephone lists be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Steve said that 54 have not yet paid their dues for 2012 but that cheques are still coming in. Dues must be paid by April 30th to stay on the membership list according to the FSNA by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President