



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES**  
**Vancouver Island North Branch 06**  
**Executive Meeting September 4, 2012**

Cecile called the meeting to order.

Those absent were:

Director

Laurie Hewitt

Director

Deborah Yelf

It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by John that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted.  
Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Kathy gave her report and there were no questions. It was moved by Ian and seconded by Bill Turnbull that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Membership:** Steve said that everything is up to date. He passed out a list of those members with whom we have lost contact. The list will be updated if necessary and brought before the general membership meeting next Wednesday. He will also print out a copy of the membership list for Halle containing the postal codes so she won't have to go to the Post Office to get them. The Newsletter has been mailed out – 1023 by mail and 275 were e-mailed. The Web site is up-to-date. Our active membership at the present time stands at 2009 and the "lost" members number 87, for a total of 2096.

**Newsletter:** Kevin told us that the cut-off date for the next issue of the Newsletter is November 7<sup>th</sup>. We want it out well before Christmas. Cecile told us she apologised to a member for not telling Kevin of an Ad that was to have been inserted in the September Newsletter. She has asked Kathi to make up a cheque for \$100.00 to refund the advance payment. Requests for ads should be directed to the editor in future.

**Benefits:** Bill Turnbull said that things have been quiet. John Finn is going to appeal to Sun Life with regard to the special bed he requires. He is going to become our Provincial Advocacy Officer.

**Programs:** Barb told us she has had meetings with the Westerly regarding the poor meal and lack of enough food for the last general meeting. She has discussed the table, coffee, etc. as well. She has also asked the cook for some suggestions. In future, the tables will be better presented and coffee urns will be on each table for the benefit of the members. The choice for next Wednesday is Baron of Beef. Meal prices will be going up by \$1.00 for the March AGM and it was decided that the Branch funding will cover the increase.

**Media:** John said the posters are up, the media has been notified and the camera is loaded.

**Telephone:** Cecile thanked Paddy for all the work she did for the BBQ. Paddy said next year it will be held at Simms Park and she has booked us for July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. She says she has all the dry goods needed – plastic bags, paper plates, etc. – so next year will be shopping for food only. Somewhere along the line Paddy lost a piece of their barbecue so will be compensated for the \$75.00 replacement value.

**History:** Frank said there is no history to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The speaker for the general meeting will be Betty Donaldson from Elder College.
- There will be a Tri-Regional conference in Chilliwack – Round 2 – September 28/29<sup>th</sup>.
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- Donations must be made to a recognized charity and we must have a receipt or if we donate an item, our Branch name must be engraved on it. A By-law Review Committee has been hard at work bringing FSNA By-laws into compliance with the rules and regulations of the Not-for Profit Act.
- The donation to the Masonic Cancer Car Fleet has been presented and the donation to the Handicap Veterans V.I. Society of Adaptive Snow Sports will be awarded shortly.
- Tickets for the Christmas luncheon will be on sale at the September meeting.
- Barb made a motion that Paddy be compensated \$75.00 to cover the cost of the replacement part required for the barbecue. It was seconded by Frank. Motion carried.



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jean-Guy Souliere is now Second National Vice-President.

We are looking for a Regional Service Officer for the Vancouver Island area. The former RSO has been relieved of her duties for health reasons. The RSO duty requirements will be announced at the general meeting.

It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by Barb that the Branch recognizes the Board of Directors for their leadership and efforts in conducting the Branch affairs by authorizing one annual lunch/meeting at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

## **DUES COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Funding for Branches:** The Dues Committee concluded that the per capita formula is the only one that makes sense with regard to Branch funding. Small branches are challenged to maintain sustainability and it is being considered that, for Branches of 300 members or less, the \$400.00 National AGM charge be waived.

**Branch Surpluses:** This very contentious issue was discussed at length. A consensus was achieved that FSNA should seek to cap Branch reserves/surpluses initially at a level equal to the average of the previous three years' operating expenses. Funds in excess of the cap would then be returned to the National Office. Branches that want to support activities that are non-core, would finance them through fund-raising activities.

**Branch Financial Statements and Budgets:** Given the impending requirements of Bill C4, and the evident benefits of standardized budgeting as well as financial reporting, the Dues Committee agreed with the merit of augmenting Branch reporting through Year-end financial statements with the upcoming years' budget. The Dues Committee suggests that the budget preparation promotes accountability and is simply good financial management. This amended process will help prepare Branches for the more stringent accounting requirements under C4.

It was agreed that our Branch Treasurer prepare and present an updated budget at the next Annual General Meeting in March 2013, consisting of all expenditures required for each committee and the running of the branch and its executive.

**Tax on Membership fees:** FSNA has been informed by the Canadian Revenue Agency that the Association is required by law to collect and remit the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) on all membership dues. The federal government department that manages the Deduction of Dues at Source (DDS) has informed FSNA that its current system can only accommodate two separate rates. FSNA must therefore continue to charge the same rates across the country for its single and double membership dues. Beginning in 2013, the nationwide rates will be \$38.04 per year for a single membership and \$50.04 per year for a double membership and all will be inclusive of taxes. Although the DDS is not a method of payment available to associate members, their membership rate is also being adjusted to \$17.04 per year to include the GST/HST. All taxes collected will be remitted to the Receiver General of Canada. FSNA does however plan on appealing this decision by the Canada Revenue Agency.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary – Dorothy Lind

President – Cecile Turnbull