



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

### Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting – December 4, 2012

Ian called the meeting to order.

Those absent were:

Health Benefits  
Director

Bill Turnbull  
Mary Kamann

Telephone Paddy O'Brien

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Kathi presented her report. She said that she had been in touch with the Financial Review Committee, John Renaud and Dave Shewchuk, and that the report would be ready for the March general meeting. There being no questions, it was moved by Kevin and seconded by John that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Membership and Web:** Steve said that he has had problems because of a power outage. The Newsletter has been sent out and executive changes are to be sent to the web site. Cecile informed us that those changes have already been sent. Our membership presently stands at 2040. We have 1373 members, 667 spouses. He also said that the Post Office boxes can now be accessed only during business hours due to vandalism.

**Newsletter:** Kevin said that the newsletter has been sent out and apologized that amendments were made in one article but not in another regarding changes to the executive board.

**Benefits:** Bill was absent but Cecile said that things have been quiet.

**Programs:** Barb told us preparations for the general meeting are complete. She will phone Mary to see if she will do the Food Bank again this year. If not, Deb is on standby. For a door prize, an anonymous donation of a wall hanging has been given us and a draw will decide the winner. She has purchased three extra bottles of wine as gifts to three of the Hotel staff members in recognition of their diligent services. She also had a copy of a poem given her by Art Collins from which she read a couple of verses. It was suggested that Art be asked to read that poem at the general meeting prior to the entrance of Santa Clause.

**Media:** John has been asked to approach the Record to get permission to use the article they printed.

He will talk to them as see if they might also do the print job for us. He said the camera is loaded.

**Welfare:** Deb said that since September 20<sup>th</sup>, she has sent out 11 get-well cards, 2 to members who were having surgery and 12 bereavement cards. She also visits members in hospital so it is of prime importance that she be informed by the remainder of the membership. She also thanked those on the Board who have been lending a helping hand. Halle checks the patient list against the membership list but it is all in the strictest confidence.

**History:** Frank said all is well in history. He reminded us that we had discussed cards months ago and showed us samples we had been given quite some time ago. The secretary has been asked to contact National Office to see if they are prepared by NO or done by a Branch.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. To date, 194 tickets have been sold so there are only 6 remaining.

2. Getting insurance for our general meetings is no longer a problem. National Office has renewed the policy for Commercial and General Insurance so branches are now covered for events with up to 999 attendees at which food and/or alcohol are being served.

In 2013, we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of FSNA and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reforming of the North Vancouver Island Branch in 1993. To recognize the year, one draw will be made at the general meetings in June and September and two draws will be made December. This will be open to all paid up members and is being organized by Cecile. Each draw will be valued at \$250.00 and will be for a prearranged outing with overnight accommodations for two people.

3. The guest speaker for March will be Paul Hogan of the Watershed Conservancy. Cecile has also been talking to the Base Commander, Col. Jim Benninger.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We will check with the Financial Review Committee in Mid-February.
2. A Nomination Committee will be set up for the annual general meeting in March. Paddy will be contacted.

#### **Around the Table:**

Kevin reminded us that a Provincial Election is coming and he will be very busy so has asked us to keep it in mind. He probably will need help preparing the March Newsletter for publication.

Following discussion, it was decided that Steve would be the one responsible for checking the mail box. Ian and Kathy have keys as well.

Cecile told us that John Quinn would be at the Christmas meeting. He is our Provincial Advocacy Officer.

#### **The next Board meeting will be on January 8, 2013.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Ian Sibbald - President