



FSNA ANRF

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North - BC Branch 06

Executive Meeting – March 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Ian.

Those in attendance were:

Cecile Turnbull	Past President	Ian Sibbald	President
Al Dawber	Vice President	Dorothy Lind	Secretary
Kathi Brown	Treasurer	Steve Bunyan	Membership
Frank Elvins	Historian	Bill Turnbull	Benefits
John Davis	Media	Kevin Weighill	Newsletter
Halle MacMullen	Director	Marjorie Arnold	Director
Deborah Yelf	Welfare		

Absent were:

Barbara Schneider	Programs	Paddy O'Blenis	Telephone
Mary Kamann	Director	Laurie Hewitt	Director

Following an explanation as to why Marjorie Arnold was listed as Marjorie Stokes, it was moved by Halle and seconded by Al that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

Ian introduced a visitor, Clint Halfkenny, who has joined us as an observer and possible future Board member.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: As this is our first budget under National's direction, there was considerable discussion regarding the budget to be presented at the general meeting next week. Some amendments will be made and it will be ready for presentation. Kathi then presented the monthly accounting report. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Deb that the report be approved. Motion carried.

Membership & Web: Steve told us that our membership now stands at 1392 members and 730 spouses for a total of 2122. The National campaign is working. He also said that he believed the Web was up to date. With regard to the Newsletter, he said that 1030 hard copies had been mailed and 285 had been sent via e-mail. He will check to see where the postage break is since the increase in postage rates took effect.

Newsletter: There was some discussion with regard to continuing the newsletter because of the costs but the general consensus was that it was our best way of keeping in touch with our widespread membership. There was also the reminder that up to four pages could be sent to the National office to be included with the On Guard but the printing time is not beneficial. Our Newsletter is sent out so as to be a reminder to the members of the next general meeting and to update them on the latest information.

Benefits: A thank you from one of our readers was relayed to Bill from Kevin with regard to the article he wrote for the last Newsletter which contained so much information of value to everyone. He said that things have been quiet. Bill also told us of a Tri-regional meeting and training session was taking place in Chilliwack on May 16 – 17. Each branch in British Columbia can send 4 executive members. There will be more information later.

Programs: Barb was absent but she told Ian that everything was ready for the general meeting next Wednesday.

Media: John said that the posters were up and that the Radio and TV stations had been informed.

Welfare: Deborah said that she had sent out 6 sympathy cards and one get well card to a member in hospital.

Telephone: Paddy was absent but she told Ian by Telephone that the elections were in hand.

History: Frank said that history was fine but he would soon need some new folders.

Old Business:

Luncheon subsidies were discussed again and in the light of some new information regarding the phasing out of the HST and the implementation of the GST, it was decided that the motion passed at the last meeting would stand.

The advertisement in the Keeping in Touch resulted from an arrangement that had been made by Cecile some time ago. Payment has been received.

For the 50th Anniversary, we had set aside \$1,000.00 for a special give-away to the members but Cecile has asked if it would be wiser to return that funding to the treasury and possibly use it, in the name of the Association, for more beneficial awards to some of the outlying areas. After some discussion, it was moved that this should happen. Motion carried.

New Business:

The audit has been completed and all went well. The report will be ready for the general meeting.

There was very little new discussion required for the budget as it had been brought up by the Treasurer.

Paddy told Ian that all was ready for the elections.

The meeting adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Ian Sibbald - President