

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North - BC Branch 06

Executive Meeting - May 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Bill.

Those in attendance were:

Bill Turnbull President Karen Finn A/Secretary Steve Bunyan Membership Serge Gosselin Treasurer Paddy O'Blenis Telephone Deborah Yelf Welfare John Challender Kevin Weighill Newsletter A/Communications Cecile Turnbull Past President Mary Kamann Director Marjorie Arnold Director Kathi Brown A/Vice President

Clint Halfkenny A/Benefits

The Programs and History positions are currently vacant.

Bill introduced new members to the Board then presented a working agenda for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Under Membership and referring to the renewal of non-paid up members, the minutes are amended to read "will be dropped from the membership list at the end of the month if payment has NOT been received". It was then moved by Paddy and seconded by Steve that the minutes be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

<u>Treasurer</u>: To May 2, 2013, Serge reported total income as \$10,356.78, total expenses as \$8,508.37 with a balance of \$1,848.41.

<u>Membership</u>: Steve told us we have 1413 members and 748 spouses for a total of 2161. He also said that 27 members have not renewed for 2013 and they will be dropped from the membership list at the end of the month if payment is not received.

<u>Newsletter</u>: Kevin reminded everyone that Fri, 10 May is deadline for articles to be included in the Newsletter.

Benefits: Bill reported things to be quiet.

<u>Programs</u>: Looking for a replacement for Barb. All arrangements have been taken care of for June AGM. Cecile raised the issue of reserved seating for the meeting.

Media: John Davis passed along various paraphernalia pertaining to media.

Welfare: Deborah said that she had sent out 7 sympathy cards. The idea of recognizing lost members at meetings was brought up.

Telephone: Paddy had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Tri-Regional Meeting/Training Session, Chilliwack, 16-17 May. Five delegates (Bill, Steve, Clint, Karen and Kathi) from the Branch will attend. Travel and accommodation for Karen are covered by PAO (John Finn). Good opportunity to meet members from other parts of BC.

Jason Gordon, an Audiologist, has volunteered to speak about hearing loss at our September meeting. In March 2014, Len Paisley will give a presentation on changes to BC laws affecting wills and estates. BC Securities Commission will talk about investment scams in June 2014.

New Badges were shown to the Executive. A motion was made by Deborah to order these badges. Seconded by Paddy. Carried

Seven letters were sent to MLA candidates with a follow-up letter to be sent to the winners.

A motion was made by Kevin to have cheque signing authority given to Kathi, Serge, Karen and Bill. Seconded by Paddy. Carried.

RSO will install new executives at the AGM in June.

New Business:

Kevin moved to install new board members as acting pending an election at the June General Meeting. Seconded by Serge. Carried.

Kevin moved that we apply for a 50/50 Class D Gaming Licence. Seconded by Deborah. Will require 3 people to handle the running and reporting of funds. Carried.

Paddy suggested a change of menu for the 50th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Paddy will cost out steaks/ribs. She will need to have exact numbers of people attending.

Archive Requirements were put aside to another meeting.

Bill showed a Certificate of Appreciation to the executive and proposed presenting these to recently retired Board members. He was given approval to purchase frames for these certificates.

AGM 2013 will require more information on the proposed FSNA budget and budget-based branch funding. The use it or lose it mentality is the wrong way to handle budgeting. Board members were encouraged to review the AGM resolutions online and to make their views known.

Bill mentioned that 50th Anniversary pins are available at the FSNA store. Paddy moved that Bill order said pins for Volunteers at the BBQ. Seconded by Kevin. Carried.

Deborah requested help in printing new logo on cards.

John asked for clarification of his duties and suggested close communication between himself, Kevin and the webmaster.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.