

FSNA GENERAL MEETING NORTH ISLAND BRANCH
MARCH 12, 1997 WASHINGTON INN COURTENAY

1. The meeting was called to order by Al Dawber. There were 103 members in attendance.
2. As this was the first meeting to be held at the Washington Inn, Al requested a show of hands regarding the food served and the general presentation. The members voted against having further meetings there.
3. A beautiful British Columbia jade ring has been given to the FSNA by Ernest Gibson and it will be raffled at the next general meeting in June.
4. The acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was moved by Gary Kayes and seconded by Linda. Carried.
5. A meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional executive is to be held in Nanaimo at the Tally Ho Inn on May 14, 1997. Al asked the membership for input for discussion at that time.
6. Al told the membership that he had written a letter to the Echo to explain what "FSNA" meant and the purpose of the Association. This was a follow-up to the picture of the new executive and the article which had appeared in the paper.
7. There has been no increase in the Medoc Travel Insurance Plan rates. Also, limitations have been removed regarding pre-existing illnesses and a provision for pet return has been added.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. TREASURER: Copies of the Branch Audit report prepared by Ray Pearce were placed on the tables for the membership to see. Tom moved the acceptance of this report, seconded by Dennis Osborne. Carried.

A copy of the Financial report distributed to the membership showed a balance of \$5090.25. Accounts receivable from National Office is estimated to be \$1560.00. This will be paid in three quarterly payments of about \$520.00. Tom moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Robert Stevens. Carried.

b. MEMBERSHIP: Membership as at March 10, 1997 was reported as follows.

	Members	Partners	Total
Paid by source deduction	285	162	447
Paid to branch	176	99	275
Not yet renewed	119	53	172
Total Membership	580	314	894

c. MEDIA: John Davis told the group that there was always a need for copy for the On Guard Insert. He outlined the requirements and the dates the copy was required for inclusion in the insert.

d. PROGRAMMES: Mary reported that 130 members said they would be attending the lunch and only 104 came. There was general discussion about possible confusion because of the change of meeting place. There was also a request that only one telephone number be given as a contact for those who found that they could not attend. Mary said she had checked with the Filberg Center and they would provide sandwiches and dessert.

S9. Don Woodcock told us he had submitted a PSHCP claim for medical expenses - 60% of the claim was refused and receipts were not returned. A conference call was arranged through D.P.L.S. and the entire claim was settled. Others reported they had also had problems and told us not to give up without a good explanation. It seems the change from Mutual Life to Sun has caused some disruption.

10. The next general meeting will be held on June 11, 1997. The Emergency Social Services People have been asked to give a brief talk. On September 24, 1997, Inge Kruse from Medoc will be with us to talk about Travel and Home Insurance. The final meeting of the year will be on December 3, 1997 and an election of officers will be held.

11. Tom Edwards moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Gary Kayes

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