

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING - NORTH ISLAND BRANCH
September 15, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the President. He announced that our guest speaker would not be present as he was on his way to Victoria to help with the latest crisis dealing with the last boatload of Chinese illegal immigrants. He said that we will reschedule him for a later time. He said that the minutes of the last general meeting were on the tables. If there are no errors or omissions, the chair would accept a motion to adopt the minutes. It was moved by Ron Mitchell and seconded by Bryan Lind that they be accepted. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Treasurer: Financial statement to September 10, 1999.

Balance as at January 1, 1999		9981.60
Revenue	\$5789.48	
Expenditures	3980.82	
Surplus for period		<u>1808.66</u>
Balance as at September 10, 1999		\$11790.26

Some "On Guard" expenses are still awaiting correction. DDS dues outstanding estimated \$1100.00. It was moved by Tom and seconded by Don that the report be accepted. Carried.

b. Membership: Report to September 10, 1999:

Members	649	Spouses/partners	330	Total	979
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Of 330 double memberships, 205 pay by DDS and of 319 single memberships, 196 pay by DDS. Everyone in arrears as of June 30, 1999 was deleted from membership. Status of two members transferred in to the Branch remains to be clarified. He said we have 13 members less than we had at the end of June and we have 3 members on the list who are 'unknown'.

Tom reminded us of the Early Bird special we had on membership last year and told us how successful it was. He moved that anyone paying cash before December 31, 1999 be given single memberships at \$28.00 and doubles at \$35.00. It was seconded by Hallie McMullett. Carried.

Tom said he would be available after the meeting for dues payments.

c. Welfare: Ian reported he had sent out several cards.

d. Programs: Mary said that she had a good meal with which the membership agreed - they applauded.

e. PSHCP: Don had nothing to report.

f. Telephone Committee: Ann thanked the phone committee and asked that they stand so everyone could see who they are. She again asked for volunteers for spares.

g. Newsletter: The next issue of the Newsletter will be out by the middle to end of October. We had thought having 4 issues per year but three will be it for this year. He asked for contributions. Tom also asked that when we received our copy, please check the address. If there are errors, use the form in the paper and send it to him with the corrections.

President's remarks:

He announced that the Senate had passed Bill C-78 yesterday and it has received Royal Assent. He said FSNA has pledged to join the Public Service Alliance of Canada in the fight and are providing \$10,000 towards any court costs.

He said the Dental Plan should be available by mid summer of 2000. Costs are not calculated yet but will be split 60% government and 40% pensioner. He issued a note of caution - retiree's enrolment will be limited to a specific period of time following plan commencement and it is unlikely that enrollers will be able to opt in/out at will.

Don Middleton, our PSHCP Director, will be attending an information session being held at the Victoria FSNA Branch on October 20, 1999. A specialist from the Plan, Roger Heath, will present proposals to get the Plan back on it's feet again. Hopefully this will not mean large increases in costs to us. He hopes to have a report for the next meeting

National Office is convening a conference of the Branch Presidents in Cornwall, Ontario from October 30th to November 2nd.. They will pay for the travel costs and ask the branches to pay for lodgings and meals.. The cost to the branch will be approximately \$500.00. Tom moved that \$500.00 be given to Al to cover his expenses, seconded by Ron. Carried.

He then went on to explain COSSE. It is a Coalition of Seniors for Social Equality and was founded in 1994 with the FSNA as an active founding member and providing much of the research and administration for the Coalition. It's membership is made of organizations of seniors and retirees and represent about 350,000 to 400,000 Canadian seniors.. He then went on to explain the aims and objectives.

The lease on the National office is up at the end of December and they are looking at the feasibility of buying or leasing new office space. They have a budget of \$65,000 for building and furniture.

Elections will be held at the Christmas General meeting on December 8, 1999. All positions are open for nominations.

The 50/50 draw was held and there were 6 winners.

The meeting was adjourned.