

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING - NORTH ISLAND BRANCH

March 19, 2003

Bernie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the luncheon and meeting. He said he was pleased to see such a large turn out.

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by John Challender that the minutes of the last General meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: Tom reported a financial balance of \$23,315.56 to March 18, 2003. He said that Dues Deducted at Source (DDS) payment for the first quarter had been received. Newsletter billings of \$700.00 are outstanding and a payment to National Office of \$411.50 is due on March 31. DDS payments for the remaining three quarters of 2003 are estimated at \$2000.00 per quarter. John Challender questioned the abundance of cash. Tom advised him that National Office sets the amount paid for dues and we are obliged to follow. Tom moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Stewart Barnes. Carried.

Membership: Our present membership consists of 938 members and 500 spouses/partners. These totals include 108 members and 64 spouses/partners who were added from the 2002 membership campaign. There are 21 members who pay by cheque who have been reminded that their dues payment has not been received for 2003.

Telephone: Audrey thanked her callers for doing such a great job in contacting everyone. She said there were sheets on every table asking for volunteers for the Telephone Committee as the present lists were very long. She asked anyone who would like to help to put their name and telephone number on the sheet and they would be collected at the end of the meeting. More callers make for shorter lists.

Media: John said that all was well and he was happy.

Historian: Frank had nothing to report.

Health Benefits: Steve reported all was well and he was happy, also.

Newsletter: Ron had nothing to report.

Business:

A notice of motion was made that at the next General meeting on June 11, 2003, Bill McSeveney will move or cause to be moved "That the North Island Branch of the Federal Superannuates National Association adopt the amended Branch By-laws approved and recommended by the Executive".

Bill also made a motion that the North Vancouver Island Branch of the F.S.N.A. donate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Campbell River Hospital and Yucalta Lodge Foundation, to be used for the benefits of the seniors in the Yucalta Lodge. John Challender seconded the motion. Carried.

Bill presented another motion that the North Vancouver Island Branch of the F.S.N.A. donate the sum of \$500.00 to the community of Zeballos "Jaws of Life Trust Fund" for the purpose of purchasing the same. The motion was seconded by John and carried.

Another motion was presented by Steve that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to promote or facilitate the continuation of flying training following the successful completion of the Gliding School Flight Training Program (Glider or Power) for a deserving FSNA North Island Branch area' Air Cadet". This motion was seconded by Mary Kaaman and carried.

Joan Benner made the suggestion that next year we ask for suggestions from the General membership as to where they might like their donations to go. This could probably be done at the December meeting by way of suggestion sheets on the tables.

A call has been received from a member asking for help in doing income tax forms. Bernie asked if anyone would like to volunteer. There was no response.

Tim Cowan, our guest speaker from the Medicine Shoppe in Comox, said that they were purveyors of information. They had available in the shop such things as CDs, pamphlets, etc. for use of the general public. He went on to explain how some of the changes made to Pharmacare would affect the seniors. He also talked about Pharmanet and Health Care.

Bernie thanked Tim for spending this time with us.

The basket provided by Marj. and Mike Gariepy was won by Mary MacDonald.

Five draws were made to Share the Wealth.

The meeting was then adjourned.