

**Federal Superannuates National Association
General Meeting – North Vancouver Island Branch
December 8, 2004**

Ian called the meeting to order at 12pm. Luncheon was served, and the business meeting came to order at 1pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Sept 8, 2004). Moved by Bill MacSeveney, seconded by Tom Dandeno that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tom Dandeno tabled a financial statement showing a balance of \$25618.86. He noted that a DDS payment had just been received from Ottawa, and that we are doing well in terms of finances. He added that next year, we will pay about \$1.87 more per member to national office. This will amount to additional expenses of approximately \$2000. Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by John Challenger that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Membership Report: Was tabled by Tom Dandeno.. Tom reported that our members continue to be very mobile, and there are always address changes to be processed. There are 17 members who are paid by dues deducted at source, where we have no detail as to their location. Tom asked those who intend to move to please provide a change of address. Moved by Halle MacMullen, seconded by John Challenger that the membership report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

Telephone Committee: Dorothy Lind reported that she was currently verifying the current telephone list, which needs work. Amendments to the list will be made accordingly. Dorothy added that next year, hopefully, there will be fewer problems.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen reported sending 4 cards this past month to members suffering illness. Halle thanked all the phoners who reported detail of members suffering illness where a get well card was appropriate. Ian asked members present to advise Halle of such cases wherever possible.

Programs: Barb Schneider stated that it was good to see so many in attendance at our Christmas meeting. She added that our numbers are growing rapidly, and unfortunately, there are not too many places in the valley where we can meet that will accommodate a crowd of our size. She thanked Ann and Halle for helping with the gifts. Donations were received from Island Ink Jet, Coast Westerly Hotels, and Mike Garipey.

Media: Nil Report

Historian: Frank Elvins reported that all documents re the past year's meetings are up to date.

Health Benefits: Rick Paradie was not present, however Ian noted that there has been a change in the Dental Plan. The minimum amount paid has been increased.

Newsletter: Ron recognized Mike Garipey for his contribution to the newsletter. He added that anyone who has anything to contribute should get in touch with him. Rons phone number and e-mail are published in each newsletter. We may now have a volunteer to do newsletter layout.

New Business:

Next Year's Meetings: Dates were listed by Ian Sibbald

Election of Officers:

Tom Dandeno supervised the election of officers for the 2005 Executive. He noted that 5 Directors and the Vice President were to be elected.

The following members were nominated and elected by acclamation to the positions shown, for a period of 2 years.

Vice President: Bill MacSeveney
Directors: Barb Schneider, Frank Elvins, Mary Kaaman, Alfreda Walsh,
Ron Richardson

Al Dawber, Regional Director for FSNA Coastal Islands Region then conducted the swearing in of the 2005 executive.

Al then took a few moments to outline the role of the Regional Director, who is responsible for providing liaison between Branches and the National Office. He noted that all 85 Branches are independent, issues of common concern are channeled through the Regional Directors who form a National Board of Directors which meets regularly in Ottawa. There are 14 Regional Directors in all, 3 of whom are from British Columbia. The next National Board meeting is scheduled for May, 2005. A meeting of Vancouver Island Branches is scheduled for December 13.

Our membership is always shrinking. We need to find new members to compensate. It is expected that the January recruiting drive will bring in approximately 20,000 new members.

We now have Provincial Advocates in place to hold provincial governments accountable for their actions in respect to seniors.

The Public Service Health Care plan negotiations are ongoing. There are still issues to be settled. There is debate as to what is to be included in the plan and what is not. Costs of the plan have increased by 73%. It is quite likely that there will be a premium increase, but only in an amount that we can all handle. If agreement at negotiations cannot be reached, there is a process for mediating any disputes.

Al concluded his remarks by saying that National Office has representatives on 13 other senior's groups. FSNA has one of the best research departments of any seniors group in Canada. It plays an important role.

Prize Draws: Congratulations go to the following winners:

Sunday Brunch for 2 at the Coast Westerly – Chum Clark
\$50. gift certificate for the Greenhouse Restaurant: Dave Gray
Island Ink Jet prize: David Perersen
Basket donated by Mike Gariepy: Lorna Kirker
50/50 draws (4 prizes of \$50. each) were won by:

Bernie Woods, Kay Evans, Julie Howard, Patience Murdoch

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.