

**Federal Superannuates National Association  
General Meeting – North Vancouver Island Branch  
June 8, 2005**

Ian called the meeting to order at 12pm. Luncheon was served, and the business meeting came to order at 12:50 pm.

The meeting began with a few words from Mr. Al Dawber, Regional Director Coastal Islands, about the recent Board of Directors meeting in Ottawa. The following issues are of note:

- 1) The court case on our dispute with the federal government over pension funds is ongoing. We are not sure where the outcome will go. The government may decide to fight it.
- 2) Discussions are ongoing regarding the Public Service Health Care Plan. We will know in November what changes will be applicable.
- 3) National Office is studying the demographics of our members. "Baby Boomers" will enter the system in a pair of groups. National Office has hired a recruiting manager.
- 4) Branch Finances. Given court costs generated by the pension case, National Office is eyeing branches that seem to have a surplus of unused funds. Regional Directors made it very plain that Branches are autonomous and that their money is their own. There is a considerable variety of financial states amongst branches. National Office would prefer branches to spend their money on Branch issues rather than on charity.
- 5) If challenges to the government's actions on pensions become too costly, National Office may well be looking for financial support from the branches.

Mr. John Challenger then took the floor to inform the meeting of an upcoming campaign to be organized for ALS fundraising by the local Rotary Club. John spoke of the effects of this disease on families and circulated a brochure describing the pancake breakfast and subsequent "walk" to occur on Fathers Day.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting (March 16, 2005).** Moved by Bill McSeveney, seconded by John Challenger that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Was presented by Tom Dandeno, and circulated to members present. Following a question from the floor respecting the amount shown for catering, it was moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by John Davis that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented MOTION CARRIED

Membership Report: As circulated Tom Dandeno. There are now approximately 650 members in Comox, 650 members in Courtenay, 75 in Campbell River, and the remainder are located all over Vancouver Island. In total, we now have more than 1,500 members. Tom asked all members to refer membership issues to him directly rather than through National Office. They will be addressed more quickly.

Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by John Challenger that the membership report be adopted.

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**Committee Reports:**

Telephone Committee: Dorothy Lind asked that members of the Telephone Committee stand and be recognize. She expressed thanks to all who have stepped forward to be on the committee.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen. Thanks to phoners who let Halle know when people are ill. No cards were sent out this month.

Programs: Barb Schneider reported that 149 are present for today's luncheon. She stated that problems persists with those who say they will attend, but fail to come. A guaranteed number must be given to the Coast Westerly on the Monday preceeding the luncheon. Those who say they are coming but do not will be billed. Barb restated the need for those who cannot make it to the luncheon to advise her accordingly.

Ian Sibbald noted that much of the work on the executive committee was being done by the ladies, and that perhaps the men might want to do something about that.

Media: John Davis stated that he would have the photo-album of pictures from previous meetings available at the next meeting for members to look at.

Historian: Nil Report

Health Benefits: Steve Bunyan, reporting for Rick Paradie, advised there were no new issues. However there will now be a new person assuming these duties – to be introduced later in the meeting.

Website: Steve Bunyan reported that the website has now been updated to reflect coverage of all Vancouver Island Branches within the Coastal Islands Region. Input will be sought from all member branches. The website address remains: <http://fsna-nvi.com>

Newsletter: No report.

### **New Business:**

New Volunteers: Ian Sibbald introduced Mr. John Finn who has volunteered as our Health Benefits Officer. Ian added that Dorothy Lind has agreed to chair the Telephone Committee.

Donation to Glacierview Lodge. Moved by Bill McSeveney, seconded by Barb Schneider that the sum of \$1000.00 be donated to Glacierview Lodge.

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Barb Schneider stated that she has been in touch with Glacierview Lodge, and the money will be gratefully received.

Prize Awards: 50/50 draw – Jose Deburn, Nicole Candan. Gift Certificates, Anna, Mary Reed. Gift Basket from Global Travel, Ed Goski

Lapel Pins: Ian reported that some members had expressed interest in lapel name pins. He asked for a show of hands, and many members indicated they would be interested in having one. Cost would be \$2.00 each. Ian will look into this

### **Guest Speaker:**

Ian Sibbald introduced Ms. Suzanne Whyte and Ms. Julie Huff from Global Travel. These two representative gave a talk about various types of travel available in today's market, and related issues that seniors need to consider in arranging travel.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm