

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting - Vancouver Island North

March 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order with the singing of 'O Canada' led by Margaret Crites.

Al Dawber, our Regional Director, reported that the last membership drive has brought our National total to over 150,000 with the addition of 12,000 new members. He also told us that the federal government has established a National Seniors Council and appointed Jean-Guy Souliere to be its first Chairman. He is stepping down as Executive Director of FSNA and being replaced by Francis Bowkett, former First Vice-President. However, he will be staying on long enough to help with the Convention this year.

Ian also told us that the annual dues were being increased for the first time in nine years. They will increase by 7.5% for double membership, 10% for single membership and double for Associate membership.

The minutes for the September and December general meetings were presented. It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by John Davis that they be adopted as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom brought forward the closing statement for 2006 which reported a deficit for the period of \$2597.85 and a closing balance of \$26,203.78. He moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Halle MacMullen. Carried.

For the period from January 1 to February 28, 2007, he reported a surplus of \$1151.93 as a result of the receipt of the last quarterly payment for 2006 from National for DDS deductions and as well as dues renewals for 2007. He moved the acceptance of this report, seconded by Milt Bingham. Carried.

Membership Report: We now have a total of 1797 on our membership roll comprised of 1196 members and 601 spouses/partners. These numbers include 58 new DDS members reported to January 16, 2007 and there are still some cash paying members who have not renewed. Reminders will be going out shortly. Tom moved the acceptance of this report, seconded by John. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Barb said that all was well in her department.

Media: John said that the photo album had been placed on the table in the foyer. If anyone wants reprints, they will be .50 cents each.

History: All is well in the History department.

Webmaster: Steve said the web site is up and running. There is now input from other branches on the Island.

Welfare: Halle said she has sent out two cards and will be sending more as a result of the Phone committee reports, which she appreciates.

Benefits: Both Directors were absent. The report on the Income Tax study will not be completed until June. There was a good report in the Newsletter of the study to date.

Telephone: Cecile said she was elated by the great turnout. She said this is a reflection of the efforts of media publicity and the work of the phone committee. Tickets for the Christmas meeting will go on sale at the June and September general meetings. Due to the capacity of the hall, 300 tickets will be printed. She thanked everyone for coming.

Discussion from the floor around the cost of the general meetings brought a response from Barb. She has looked into every available place in the valley over the last few years and there is nothing that can compare to what we have now. Also, because of the number of people present, we pay no rent for the facility. The

base was mentioned but it is too small for our group and , since we meet on Wednesday, there would be no parking available as it is a working day. We would also have to pay rent.

It has been decided to leave the decision as to our regular donations until later in the year. Ian asked those present to bring forward any suggestions they may learn of, primarily those which benefit seniors.

Newcomers were asked to stand and tell us their names and where they have come from. They were welcomed by all.

Our guest speaker, Tom MacLean, was introduced. He is a representative of Collette Travel Vacations which is an affiliate of FSNA. He presented a slide show on one of their tours, Copper Canyon Adventure. Collette is represented in the local area by Associated Travel in Courtenay. He was thanked for a most interesting presentation.

The 50/50 draw was won by John Davis and Barb Levine. The \$50.00 draw from Stavros was won by John Renault.

The meeting adjourned.