

## **FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

General Meeting - Vancouver Island North

June 13, 2007

Ian Sibbald called the meeting to order and Margaret Crites led us in the singing of "O Canada".

It was moved by Bill McSeveney and seconded by Barbara Schneider that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Dandeno reported a surplus to date for 2007 of \$2,064.70. He clarified some of the expenditures and then moved his report be approved, seconded by Halle MacMullen. Carried.

Membership Report: Steve Bunyan told us we have 193 members, 674 spouses/partners for a total of 1867. He said that the membership is always in flux and that he had received three more from national office today.

Programs: Barbara Schneider told us there were 180 present at the meeting which is the largest attendance we have had at a June meeting. She thanked everyone for coming and wished them all a great summer.

Media: John Davis had nothing to report.

History: Frank Elvins had no report.

Webmaster: Steve Bunyan said the Newsletter was not on the site yet but he would get it there soonest.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen said she had sent out 2 cards. She thanked the members of the phone committee for the help they give as a result of their calls. She wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Benefits: There was no report.

Telephone: Cecile Turnbull thanked the phone committee members for their great work and explained that these people play a big part in keeping our records straight. New phone numbers, addresses, illnesses and asking for names to replace initials is all part of what they do. She encouraged the members to report any changes to the callers so that our records are kept up to date and we don't lose anyone. They are the people who are in the most direct contact with a lot of our members and they are not being nosy.

She also announced the BBQ to get the phone callers together at her place on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The tickets for the Christmas meeting are on sale and 150 have been sold to date. If you buy a ticket and then find you can't come, your last chance to be reimbursed will be November 30, 2007.

She wished for all a happy summer.

Business:

Ian said he had gone over the announcement regarding the PSHCP and could find no significant changes with regard to premiums or benefits.

The Triennial Convention is being held in Ottawa in August. Ian Sibbald and John Finn will be our delegates.

Al Dawber, Regional Director for Vancouver Island, gave a report on the Regional meeting held in Duncan on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about the new governance procedures which will be presented at the Convention. The main purpose of the change is to have the National Board of Directors concentrate on National policies and leave the running of the National office to the Administrator. Presidents of the Branches would have more input as they would meet every year and replace the present Convention which is held every three years. The Board of Directors would be reduced to 10 members, one for each region, rather than the present 15 members.

Associate members are by definition members of the civil service, RCMP or Canadian Forces who are nearing retirement. They can get the insurance provided by Medoc but the coverage will only be provided to members of the family and not the Associate member who is already covered by their employer.

Guest Speaker:

Ian introduced Const Tammy Douglas of the RCMP. She opened by saying she didn't expect to be speaking to so many people; she thought maybe twenty or so. She spoke to us at length about frauds, cons and scams, telling us what to be aware of. One thing that she did stress was never to give personal information over the phone unless you yourself initiated the call. If someone calls you and asks for information, hang up. Home security was another feature of her talk as well as abuse in its many forms. This was followed by a question and answer session. She stressed that anything suspicious should be reported and gave us a web site - [www.phonebusters.com](http://www.phonebusters.com) - and a phone number - 1-888-495-8501. Swas thanked with a round of applause.

The 50/50 draw winners were Madeline Blythe and Rick Baker.

The Westerly gift certificate was won by Stan Bass.

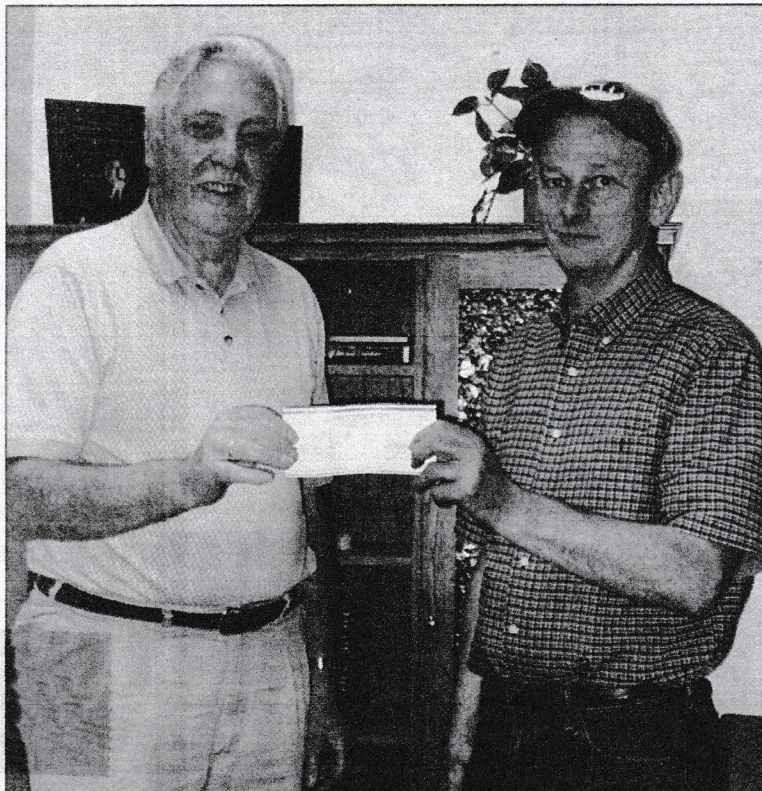
The meeting was adjourned.



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**Bruce Murdoch, Chair of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - North Vancouver Island Chapter, gratefully accepts a cheque in the amount of \$1000 from Bill McSeveney from the North Vancouver Island Branch of the Federal Superannuates National Association.**