

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting – Vancouver Island North
19 September 2007

Ian Sibbald called the meeting to order at 12:57 pm. As Margaret Crites was not in attendance the singing of "O Canada" was omitted

It was moved by Halle MacMullen and seconded by John Davis that the minutes be approved as presented. **Carried.**

REPORTS

Treasurer: To 31 Aug. Tom Dandeno reported an opening balance of \$26,203.78 revenues of \$15,794.81 and expenditures of \$10,923.31 for a surplus of \$ 4,871.50 and a closing balance of \$31,075.28. He added that there are out standing bills total \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 and that a DDS payment of \$2,000.00 from National Office is payable in Oct. Initially there were 14 cash paying members who have not yet renewed and they will be deleted but this number had to revised downward as a few had paid today. It was moved by Tom and seconded by John Davis that the report be approved as given. **Carried.**

Membership: Steve reported a total of 1252 members comprised of 961 on DDS and 291 by cash with 508 and 132 spouses / partners respectively for a total membership of 1892. He also stated that he has not yet been able to access the new WMS to compare his membership list with national's.

Webmaster: Steve reported that he has completed a few updates for our sister branches on our web site.

Newsletter: Steve reported that 997 newsletters had been mailed and 215 sent by E-mail. R He raised the issue of cost as the number of mailed newsletters continues to decrease with the increase in E-mailed newsletters. The postage, envelope and envelope stuffing costs will remain fixed and the only variable will be the printing cost as it is based on number printed. He stated that he would attempt to work out the crossover point where the use of our postal contract is no longer cost effective.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen thanked phoners for advising her of who needed condolences, etc.. She stated the six cards had been sent out since last meeting and that she would see us all at Xmas.

Programs: Barb Schneider reported that only 144 were in attendance, a low number for this time of year. She also stated that 225 Xmas Luncheon tickets had been sold to date and that they would be available until end Nov. She also stated that no tickets would be available at the door for walk-ins as there usually is for other luncheons.

Benefits: John Finn asked if any had read his article in the newsletter, some had. He indicated that an annual expense claim of \$1,400.00 per year is where the various plan combinations need to be seriously considered. He requested that those with questions to call him for assistance in determining the best combination for their circumstances. He indicted that the estate document, an excellent aid for the use of survivors in settling your estate, is selling very well at \$3.00 per copy and that a has a few copies for sale after the meeting.

Telephone: Cecile Turnbull thanked all her phone committee members for their efforts. She related that a BBQ for phone committee members had been held as a Thank You for their past year efforts. She asked if anyone was interested in volunteering for the phone committee as there is always a requirement to maintain sufficient numbers of phoners. She also reminded all that even if all tickets are not sold there will be none available for walk-ins at the Xmas luncheon.

Media: No report

History: No report

Publicity: No report.

BUSINESS

Volunteers for Executive: Ian asked for volunteers to fill the various vacancies that will be occurring this Dec. The main positions that need filling are President, Vice President, Secretary and Deputy Benefits.

Convention 2007 Al Dawber, Regional Director, reported on the convention held in Ottawa during 12 – 17 August. BC again had a suite, which proved valuable, for hosting, discussion, etc. The new governance model was the main topic of discussion and it was accepted for implementation. Some of the branch levels effects are, an annual national meeting vs. the three year one currently being held thus allowing branches to have a more direct effect on how our organization is operated. The new organization should be in place by late 08 / early 09 as there are still major steps to be completed. He also indicated that an increase in dues was approved effective 1 Jan 08, a single will be \$34.20 and a double will be \$44.40. He stated that Infinity is now across Canada and that Medoc paid \$400,000 to us for providing our health care coverage.

Ian reiterated in response to questions about mail outs that no information about members is given to companies wishing to contact our members. The mail out is passed to National Office where the address, etc is applied then sent to members.

The 50/50 draw winners were Velda Hoggan and Stuart Baines.

Wayne Murphy won the Westerly gift certificate.

Adjournment was at 1:40 pm.