

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

General Meeting – March 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President. She then called on Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of 'O Canada'.

It was moved by Ian Sibbald and seconded by John Davis that the minutes of the last General Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathi told us that the Financial Review Committee, consisting of John Renaud and Dave Shewchuk, sat down with Tom in February to review the accounts for 2010. She called on John to report to the members on that review. John assured us that all was in order. Kathi then moved that the Audited Statements for the year ending 2010 be accepted by the membership, seconded by Bill Turnbull. The motion carried. She thanked Tom for 16 years of service and then presented the report for the first quarter of 2011. As there were no questions, she then moved that financial report for 2011 be accepted, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Membership: Steve said our membership was at 2201 members and spouses with about 100 new members.

Web site: Steve said the web site was up to date and that about 100 hits had been recorded.

Newsletter: In Kevin's absence, Steve reported that 1125 hard copies of the newsletter had been mailed and 300 had been sent by e-mail. We have 70 to 80 members with no updated addresses but he is working at clearing those.

Benefits: Bill told us the Court of Appeals has refused the case regarding the Supplementary Death Benefits. He also remarked on the rise in the rates for the PSHCP. Originally the division was 75% government and 25% members but over the years the government costs rose. The division has now been adjusted to the original agreement so premiums have gone up. He also reminded those present that he had estate documents available for \$3.00 each in which income, insurance and other vital information can be recorded to help with settling an estate.

Programs: Barbara told us there were 151 present at the luncheon. She also remarked on what a good job was done to accommodate us at the Florence Filberg Center and thanked all who helped make it happen.

The winners of the tickets for new members were Karen Kratz and Bernice Cloutier.

Media: John said all is well and the photo albums were at the back of room for all to see.

Welfare: Halle said she had sent out four sympathy cards, three get-well cards and one thinking-of-you card. She thanked all who helped.

Telephone: Paddy gave thanks to all the callers and said that the driver program was used for the first time by some ladies who got here under that arrangement. She also said she has a great need for spare callers and would like to talk to anyone who would be willing to help.

History: Frank said that historically all is well.

New Business:

Barb revealed why we were at the Filberg Center for this meeting. She explained that in the past she had investigated other venues and found there were very few locations in the Valley which could accommodate our large membership. Most of them would require catering and a group to set up tables, rent linen, etc and the costs became prohibitive. Cecile approached the membership with regard to having luncheon meetings at noon with soup and a sandwich in place of the usual meal. She also asked if anyone was in favour of an open bar. After a show of hands, the majority were in favour of the status quo. We did agree to put some other luncheon costs in the next newsletter for membership discussion at the June meeting.

Our guest speakers were Bob Abrams and Martin Nicholls who are with the criminal investigations branch of the BC Securities Commission. They gave a very interesting talk on the pitfalls to be found in the investment field if one is not careful and prepared to do their homework. They discussed the five red flags to watch for and some of the tactics used to part you from your money. They answered a few questions and then had to leave.

Cecile thanked them for coming to speak to us on such an interesting topic.

A lunch at Applebys was won by Clutch Cloutier, Pots-of-Gold were won by Rick Shaw, Andre Menalcon and Mary Ann Stagg. Other winners were Ed Thorburn, Elizabeth Steeves and Gerda Petersen.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind- Secretary

Cecile Turnbull - President

