



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
Vancouver Island North  
General Meeting  
Westerly Hotel - 11 September 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m. by Bill Turnbull, the President. When asked if there were any new members present, two people stood and introduced themselves. Bill then introduced the guest speaker, Jason Gordon, of Gordon Hearing Services.

Bill asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Receiving none, he then asked for the minutes of the 12 June 2013 General Meeting to be accepted. So moved by Cecile Turnbull; seconded by Clint Halfkenny; carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer:

Serge Gosselin, Treasurer, provided year-to-date financial statements. John Davis moved that the Financial Statements be accepted; seconded by John Challender. The motion was carried.

Membership:

Steve Bunyan, Membership Director, reported that the Branch now has 2202 members.

Newsletter:

Steve Bunyan noted that we had mailed 1072 copies to members plus an additional 15 to National Office and other BC branches. A further 299 copies had been despatched via e-mail.

Steve said that he planned to survey new members via e-mail as to whether they would prefer to receive their newsletter electronically. He had discovered that our contract with Canada Post only requires that we send out 50 copies twice annually to qualify for the base letter rate. Previously we had thought that our minimum mailing was 1000. Clearly this lower minimum allows us almost complete freedom to lower our printing and mailing costs.

Health & Benefits:

Clint Halfkenny indicated that he had nothing to report at this meeting.

Communications:

John Challender expressed the view that we need to create a more dynamic website, not just to communicate with existing members, but to reach out to those retirees within our area who are not yet members.

Welfare:

Deborah Yelf reported four members had passed away and two members had suffered injuries.

Telephone:

Norma Dean came forward to take over the vacant telephone coordinator position.

**Guest Speaker:**

Jason Gordon gave an informative talk on hearing loss and tinnitus, followed by a lively question and answer session.

The 50/50 draws were won by Pearl Madden and Joyce Shoray.

The door prize gift certificate was won by Maynard Worden.

Deborah Yelf moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Clint Halfkenny.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Clint Halfkenny – A/Secretary

Bill Turnbull - President