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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

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North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Annual General Meeting
Westerly Hotel – 8 March 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by the President, Bill Turnbull.

Margaret Crites led the singing of O Canada.

Bill welcomed first time attendee Hilda Douthwright to the meeting. He noted that the group was smaller than usual, possibly due to sending out some invitations electronically rather than through phone calls. This was necessary due to the retirement of a number of telephoners with no replacements coming forward. Members were reminded to keep their e-mail addresses current if they wish to receive the newsletter and other bulletins electronically.

Agenda and Minutes:

The agenda was accepted with one addition. The minutes of the 2016 AGM, under 2015 Financial Results, showed earnings of \$3,118.15. This did not include income of \$678.18 from the Defence of benefits GICs. Thus the earnings figure should be amended to \$3,796.33. It was moved by Cecile Turnbull, seconded by Deb Yelf that the amended minutes for the 9 March 2016 AGM be accepted. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Serge Gosselin presented the financial statement for the period 01 January to 28 February 2017. The income was \$6,837.11 and expenses were \$80.55, resulting in a surplus of \$6,756.56. The cash balance was \$54,235.34. Moved by Serge; seconded by Gerry Parry that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

Membership: Steve Bunyan reported that we have 717 Single and 720 Double memberships for a total of 2,157 members. Currently we are losing more members than we gain. We will lose a further 21 members who have become inactive after being advised three times to pay their dues.

Newsletter: Kevin Weighill was absent. Bill reported that some 638 hard copies of the newsletter were mailed and another 730 were sent electronically.

Communications: Bill reported that there is still an ongoing problem with our website host concerning the number of e-mails that can be sent each hour.

Benefits: Clint Halfkenny received a call from a woman having problems with the SDB benefit. He gave her a phone number to call and hasn't heard anything more from her. Clint said he had Estate Documents for anyone requiring one.

Welfare: Deb Yelf reported that we have lost 15 members since the December 2016 General meeting. There is one member in the hospital and one at home recuperating. Deb visited the hospitalized member and took some flowers and a card to cheer her up.

Programs: Cecile Turnbull and the members thanked the hotel staff for a good meal. She has conferred with the sales manager, Jamie, on menus for the June, September and December luncheons. June will be a summer barbeque theme with chicken burgers or hamburgers and all the trimmings. Dessert will be strawberry tarts and fruit kebabs (one each per person). September will be pork tenderloin and December will be the traditional turkey dinner. The cost for today's and the June and September luncheons had to be increased to \$18 since the hotel is charging us close to \$19. As the forecast cost for the Christmas dinner is over \$27, the executive will have to decide what the charge to members will be.

Telephone: Norma Dean thanked the callers. As was mentioned earlier, something new was tried for this meeting. In future, if members don't get a call or receive an e-mail notification, they should call Norma. Information about the luncheon menu, guest speaker, and so on is included in our quarterly newsletters. The phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the executive are also listed in those newsletters.

Norma has been asked about the possibility of members willing to give other members a ride to meetings. There was a list in the past but it gradually fell by the wayside. Norma asked that members let her know between now and June if they would be willing to help other members who don't or can't drive get to meetings.

History: Dale Dean was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Review.

John Renaud reported that, in February, he participated in the annual review of the Branch finances which were found to be in good order. He further stated how fortunate the branch is to have such a good treasurer who keeps us on the right track.

2016 Financial Results.

The reviewed financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016 showed, on the income and expense side, net earnings of \$856.49 and bank assets of \$47,478.78. Moved by Francine Frederickson, seconded by Gerry Parry that the financial review be accepted. Carried.

2017 Budget.

The proposed budget for 2017 was presented. It includes \$500 for the Comox Legion in lieu of rent as we have used the Branch hall without charge for two decades for our executive meetings. Moved by John Davis, seconded by Norma Dean that the proposed budget for 2017 be accepted. Carried.

By-law Revisions.

Bill Turnbull explained that, at the General Meeting in December 2016, the members voted to increase the Defence of Benefits Reserve and to establish an Equipment Replacement Reserve. This required the revisions to our by-laws by the executive which are before the members present. Such revisions must be approved or rejected at this AGM.

Moved by Reg Garnett, seconded by L. Aucoin that the revisions to By-laws 9.6, 9.6.1 and 9.6.2 be accepted. Carried.

Withdrawal Limit from Reserves:

The by-laws also require that a withdrawal limit be set by the members. It was moved by Ian Sibbald, seconded by John Hackett that the withdrawal limit for the executive be set at \$7,500.00. Carried.

Elections and Swearing in. Bill turned the meeting over to Vice President Kathi Brown who requested nominations and/or volunteers for the following two-year positions:

- President – no nominations or volunteers; Bill Turnbull to remain as President.
- Secretary – no nominations or volunteers; Edith Kelly to remain as Secretary.
- Health Benefits Officer – no nominations or volunteers; Clint Halfkenny to remain as Health Benefits Officer.
- Programs Director – no nominations or volunteers; Cecile Turnbull to remain as Programs Director.
- Welfare – no nominations or volunteers; Deb Yelf to remain as Welfare Officer.
- Directors – volunteer Nancy Bennett acclaimed.
- There were no nominations or volunteers for the Communication Director and two Directors at Large positions.

The above members: Bill Turnbull, Edith Kelly, Clint Halfkenny, Cecile Turnbull, Deb Yelf and new volunteer Nancy Bennett, were duly acclaimed and will continue as Executive Officers for the next two years. The formal installation, conducted by Kathi Brown, then followed.

Guest Speaker. Bill introduced Bob Quelch, Audiologist and Regional Manager of HearingLife Canada. Bob gave an informative and interesting presentation on what people should expect when they visit a hearing professional. Handouts were given to each attendee and a question period followed. Bill thanked Bob for his presentation.

Marjorie Arnold surprised Bill and the executive when she decided not to continue as a Director. Bill thanked her for her many years as a volunteer Director.

The door prize winner of a \$50 Avenue Bistro gift certificate was Clint Halfkenny.

The 50/50 draw winners of were Bob Emmerson and Don Ferguson.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1420 hours.

Edith Kelly, Secretary

Bill Turnbull, President