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NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)  
Annual General Meeting  
Westerly Hotel – 11 March 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by president Bill Turnbull.

Barney Bernard led the singing of O Canada.

### Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was accepted as presented. It was moved by Deb Yelf; seconded by Penny Hayworth that the minutes of the 11 December 2019 General Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

### Committee Reports:

**Treasurer:** Serge Gosselin was absent. Bill Turnbull presented the financial statement for the period 01 January 2020 to 29 February 2020. There was no income for this period and expenses were \$126.09, resulting in a deficit of -\$126.09. The first installment of our dues will not be received from National Office until April. The branch savings and cash accounts totaled \$56,251.20. Moved by Bill Turnbull; seconded by Kathi Brown that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Carried.

**Membership:** Steve Bunyan reported that as of today we have 750 double and 648 single members in 1398 households for a total of 2,148 individuals. There are 15 members that we will probably lose as their memberships have not been renewed or gone to DDS; however, our membership numbers have remained fairly steady.

**Newsletter:** Kevin Weighill was absent. Steve reported mailing 379 local copies of the newsletter and one to a member living in Michigan. The remaining newsletters were sent electronically; however, Bill did not have a count as they are now sent out through National Office.

**Health Benefits:** Cecile Turnbull started by stressing the importance of following the directions for keeping yourself safe during the coronavirus epidemic. She noted that B.C. Medical Services health care is now being paid entirely by the provincial government. Sun Life issued an excellent bulletin this month on the PSHCP contribution rates for both hospital and extended health provision. The rates are scheduled to increase effective 1 April 2020.

In the latest newsletter Cecile provided information on the health care costs that can be claimed on your income tax return. She advised keeping receipts if there was any traveling involved. Also, if you have not received an income tax form from MEDOC by mail or on line, call them and they will send one. Cecile had Estate Documents available at a cost of \$3.00.

**Programs:** Paddy O'Blenis checked with the diners and everyone liked the meal. She reminded everyone that the June luncheon will cost \$20.00 and will be hamburgers, chickenburgers and salads. Hopefully it won't happen, but should the coronavirus still be a problem in June, it might be necessary to cancel the meeting.

**Communications:** Almost up-to-date with only the March executive minutes not posted.

**Welfare:** Deb Yelf reported that since last September we have lost 30 members, 17 who were still active. We also lost two executive members from earlier years: Barb Schneider, who was a Program Director, and Frank Elvins, the branch Historian.

**Telephone:** Cherie Kelley thanked the callers for getting the word out. She noted that a few members had cancelled, probably because of the coronavirus problem, but there were enough members present for a quorum.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes.** Moved by Bill Turnbull; seconded by Barney Bernard that the 13 March 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

**Financial Review Form.**

A financial review on 27 January 2020, conducted by Dave Shewchuk, CPA, and A.M. Anderson, showed a loss of -\$526.32 which they found acceptable.

**2019 Financial Results.**

The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2019 showing a loss of -\$526.32 were presented. The loss was due to a miscalculation of a member's travel costs to the Annual Members Meeting and extra costs for catering the December luncheon. Moved by Bill Turnbull; seconded by Gerry Parry that the 2019 financial review be accepted. Carried.

**2020 Budget.**

The proposed budget for 2020, forecasting a modest surplus, was presented. Moved by Bill Turnbull; seconded by Cecile Turnbull that the budget for 2020 be approved. Carried.

**Elections and Swearing in.** The meeting turned over to Cecile Turnbull who requested nominations and/or volunteers for the following positions:

- Directors At Large – Brad Bridgeman and Gordon Richardson volunteered and were approved to fill two of the Director at Large positions. There is still one vacant Director At Large position.
- President – Norma Dean volunteered and was elected President.
- Vice President – Warren Kelley, nominated by Cecile Turnbull, was elected Vice President.
- Treasurer - no nominations or volunteers; Serge Gosselin to remain as Treasurer.
- Membership – no nominations or volunteers; Steve Bunya to remain Membership Director.
- Newsletter Editor – no nominations or volunteers; Kevin Weighill to remain Newsletter Editor for one more term.
- Communications – Bill Turnbull volunteered and was approved to fill the Communications position.
- Programs – no nominations or volunteers; Paddy O'Blenis to remain Programs Director.
- Telephone Coordinator – Cherie Kelley volunteered and was approved as Telephone Coordinator.
- Advocacy – there were no volunteers. Cecile asked the members to consider taking on this important position.

Norma Dean, Warren Kelley, Steve Bunyan, Bill Turnbull, Cherie Kelley, Paddy O'Blenis, Brad Bridgeman and Gordon Richardson were duly acclaimed and will continue as Executive Officers for the next two years. The formal installation, conducted by Cecile Turnbull, then followed. Serge Gosselin and Kevin Weighill were absent.

Bill Turnbull presented Kathi Brown, a long serving member of the executive and former Treasurer and Vice President, with a bouquet of flowers and 'Thank You' for her years of involvement.

Norma Dean, on behalf of the John Finn branch, presented Bill Turnbull with a gift and a very sincere 'Thank You' for his many years of dedication to the organization and as President for seven years.

**Guest Speaker.** Bill introduced John Goranson, Business Development Manager from Collette Vacations. His presentation included tour videos and some of the advantages of travelling with his company. He provided brochures outlining some of the 172 tour packages on seven continents his company offers. John stayed and answered questions from the members. Bill thanked John for his presentation.

**Draws:**

The winner of the door prize, a \$50 gift certificate from Osaka Sushi, was won by Dan Fortin.

The 50/50 draw winners were Darlene Bernard and John Lewis.

The two prizes donated by Collette Vacations were won by Clark Fliss and Lena Jenkins.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1435 hours.

*Edith Kelly, Secretary*

*Norma Dean, President*