



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch (BC06)
Minutes – Comox Legion
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Call to Order – 11:00 am

Welcome: President - Norma Dean – Welcomed everyone. Cecile mentioned receiving a card from Serge Gosselin, thanking everyone for the lovely luncheon upon his retirement. The passing of a former branch President, Ian Sibbald, was noted. A card will be sent.

- Norma Introduced new board member Scott Hodge. Scott had run for the position of District Director for BC.

Approval of the Agenda: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – Bill Turnbull moved to accept with added items; Lorene Hill seconded the motion. All approved

Approval of June GM Minutes: - Warren Kelley moved to accept and Steve Bunyan seconded the motion. All approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Financial Reports** – Bill Turnbull reported total year to date income of \$7,740.41 with expenses of \$18,457.33. Account balances total \$54,153.55. The 40th Anniversary event cost \$9,831.92 net. The allocated reserve for that event was \$10,000. Report acceptance was moved by Bill, 2nd by Cherie. All approved.
 1. Explanation of Meal Subsidies – Bill attended a Zoom meeting with Nikki Dignard, the Chief Financial Officer, to discuss meal subsidies. CRA's rule is that total member benefits not exceed 30% of annual dues. Based on a single membership, this would come to \$15.41. Subtracting the value of Sage magazine leaves \$10.00 for luncheons. If the luncheons have non-members attend and they pay the same entry fee as members, the subsidy limit does not apply. Thus, every luncheon should be billed as a recruiting event.
 2. Repatriation of Surplus Funds – Branches have three choices as to where they want any unallocated surplus funds to go when sent to National Office. **Norma is to present the options to the members at the next General Meeting to determine their preference.**
- **Membership** – Steve Bunyan reported 582 Singles, 700 Doubles, 1282 Households, for 1982 total members. Joan is still doing follow ups with overdue renewals. Steve sends her a list.
- **Newsletter** – Cherie Kelley – Next submissions are due by November 1, 2022. Cherie will not be reminding directors to get their news items in. 248 copies were mailed to members with the rest going out by e-mail. The *Luncheon News*, missing from the print version, was added to the e-version.

- **Health Benefits** – Gordon Richardson's report is attached. Gordon did explain that he has asked NO and Johnson Insurance to get on the same page with Medoc eligibility information.
- **Communications** – Bill Turnbull said the website is up to date. Bill sent out the newsletter and also a meeting reminder message when initial response was poor.
- **Advocacy** – Warren Kelley – No report. Warren did mention that Leslie Gaudette has left the position of Advocacy Programs Officer to become COSCO BC president.
- **Programs** – Lorene Hill reported that the June 40th Anniversary Luncheon went very well. Luncheon news is below for September and beyond.
- **Welfare** – Lena Jenkins reported that seven members passed in June, three in July and two in August. She will send cards.

New Business:

- **AMM recap** – Norma reported that the meetings were very productive. She sat in on the Presidents' meetings where they discussed branch issues and how Covid has affected meetings and members.
- **Volunteer Survey** – This survey was sent as an attachment to the Bulletin to Branches. Norma thought the first part was a little too personal, but then went into the Strategic plan and other various issues and comments. She did get a little feedback from some executive members.
- **Meetings in other communities** – Norma is suggesting that meetings in other communities for our branch could be a possibility to make us more visible to potential members; for example, Campbell River. Question: Would members here drive that distance? Members Barney and Terry may be possible helpers with this. Norma, Lorene and Cecile and Steve will get together to see if we can organize something for Campbell River.
- **Strategic/Operational planning** – Norma is a great planner and wants the branch to have better goals set, an operational plan for a number of years which should include advocacy, perhaps an office, a computer for the secretary's minutes and other saved documents. Executive should have their own e-mails for their positions and not use personal e-mails as we have been getting Scam messages.
- **Luncheons for 2022/23** – 60th for NAFR:
 - The next luncheon is on **Wednesday, September 14th** at the **Best Western Westerly** up-stairs in the Ballroom. Our meet and greet is at 11:00 am and the Buffet at 12:00 pm. Meeting to follow at 1:00 pm with guest speakers Jason Probyn and Shane Landreville.
 - Luncheons have been reserved at the Best Western for December, March and June. The 60th Anniversary is to be in either September or December 2023. Location is still to be determined.
- **Recruitment Drive** – Starts on September 1, with prize incentives for members bringing in potential members that sign up.
- **BC/Yukon Advocacy Program Officer** – as stated above, Leslie Gaudette is leaving this position and NO is looking for someone to take this on.
- **SMM** – Meeting will be held this fall to elect a new Vice President for the Association.
- Bill & Cecile will be away for the October Executive Meeting. Lorene Hill will do the minutes.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 4th, 2022

Cecile Turnbull – Secretary

Norma Dean - President