



NORTH ISLAND - JOHN FINN

**National Association of Federal Retirees
North Island – John Finn Branch
AGM Minutes– Best Western Westerly
Wednesday, March 13th, 2024**

11:00 a.m. Meet & Greet

12:00 p.m. Welcome – Norma Dean – Norma Dean welcomed all attendees to the AGM luncheon on March 13th, 2024.

Lunch – Buffet

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order – Norma Dean called the meeting to order.

O Canada – was presented.

Norma - asked for approval of the AGM Minutes of March 15, 2023 – Moved by Scott Hodge, 2nd by Cecile Turnbull.

Approval of the Agenda as presented: Moved by Bill Turnbull, seconded by Serge Gosselin.

Approval of the Minutes of Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – all approved

Executive Reports:

- **Financial Reports** – Scott Hodge – Scott presented the financial figures as follows: Bank Account Assets – \$27,609.52 - less liabilities for net Assets of \$26,061.28; Total Reserve Assets of - \$14,618.43 minus unreserved Equity \$12,303.94 and a loss of (-861.09) for a Total Equity in the amount of \$26,061.28.

The Reserves Template, totalling \$4,500 was presented to the members.

- **The Budget numbers for 2023 were presented:**

2023 – *Total Income* – 15,268.28, *Operating Expenses* of \$20,530.44 for a loss of \$5,262.16 minus *Non-Operating Expense* of \$2,631.57 for a *Total Loss* of (-\$7,893.73) was less than expected.

The Budget numbers for 2024 were presented:

The 2024 Budget – with a *Total Income of* - \$1,5850.00, *Operating Expense* of \$18,875.04 less operating expenses of -\$3.025.04 plus *Non-Operating Expenses* of \$1,500.00, **showed an overall loss Total of -\$4,525.04 was**

presented and moved to accept report by Serge Gosselin, 2nd by Laurie Aucoin, all members approved.

- The **Reviewed Annual Financial Statements for 2023** was conducted by Serge Gosselin showing a **Loss of \$7,893.73** was presented to the members.
- The **Reviewer for 2024** will be Scott Hodge, moved by Bill Turnbull, seconded by Serge Gosselin.
- **Membership** – Bill Turnbull – on behalf of Steve Bunyan – We have 2003 Members, 569 Singles, 717 Doubles for a total of 1286 Households.
- **Newsletter** – Bill Turnbull – 210 copies of the newsletter was sent out with the rest going via e-mail.
- **Health Benefits** – Gordon Richardson – Members with problems called for help with forms for death in the family, out of country – claim with MSH. Gordon talked about ambulatory care and that the blood pressure claim has finally been approved. Financial help is available for stair lifts, and that Canada Life is hiring more staff to deal with the number of calls.
- **Communications** – Bill Turnbull – no report
- **Advocacy** – Norma Dean – Norma focused on the potential for a Federal Election and the BC election this fall. The expectation is that all candidates will be approached with NAFR priorities – pensions being # 1, and other issues. Norma mentioned that in June we will have pads of paper on each table for members to write down their ideas for some issues for us to take to candidates.
- **Programs** – Cecile Turnbull – Thanked everyone for attending along with the hotel staff for the luncheon. Mid June will be our next General Meeting.
- **Welfare** – Bill Turnbull on behalf of Lena Jenkins – mentioned that 7 members had passed away in the past month.

New Business:

- At the end of each year, the Treasury Board Secretariat provides the Association with information on the pension indexing increase that is effective Jan. 1, 2024 for federal public sector pensions. **The pension indexation rate effective Jan. 1, 2024, was set at 4.8 percent.** Federal Retirees were instrumental in establishing pension indexation back in 1970.
- Scott Hodge presented Amendments and Changes for the Branch By-Laws for BC06 that was moved by Scott, seconded by Bill Turnbull and approved by all executive at an Executive meeting prior to the General Meeting. Members in attendance that moved and seconded the changes included the following:
 - Cherie Kelley so moved/ seconder Barb Messer
 - Warren Kelley so moved/seconder Gary Liddiard

- Barney Bernard so moved/seconded Annette Store, Scott Hodge moved to accept all changes and everyone present – all in favor. Passed.
- **Elections** – Cecile Turnbull – The following Executive were duly acclaimed and will continue as Executive Officers:
 - **President and Advocacy** - Norma Dean
 - **Membership Director** - Steve Bunyan
 - **Newsletter Editor and Communications** - Bill Turnbull
 - **Telephone Director** - Lena Jenkins
 - **Health Benefits** - Gordon Richardson
- **Elections continued** – Scott Hodge as a *National Director* conducted the rest of the elections for the Board
- **Treasurer** – Serge Gosselin came forward and with no objections or other volunteers he was acclaimed – ***Serge has since declined this position due to health reasons. Notice will be sent out for a replacement.***
- **Vice President** - Cecile Turnbull willing to stand – no objections or other volunteers she was acclaimed
- **Secretary** – Cecile Turnbull will continue as no one came forward and was acclaimed
- **Programs** - Annette Store came forward and with no objections she was acclaimed
- Norma presented some of the Executive with awards for service
- **Draws** -Door Prize, Pot of Gold – Draws were held. Bill Turnbull won the Door Prize.
- **Adjournment** – Norma Dean

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Secretary – Cecile Turnbull

President – Norma Dean