



**National Association of Federal Retirees  
North Island – John Finn Branch  
General Meeting Minutes  
Best Western Westerly  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

Lunch Buffet

**Call to Order** – Norma Dean – Norma welcomed everyone.

**Minutes** – There were no errors or omissions

Moved by – Karen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny. All in favor

There was no **financial report** as Scott was away in Ottawa.

**Membership report:** Steve Bunyan noted that we had 1285 Households, and 2015 members.

**Welfare:** Lena Jenkins: We have lost 7 members since the last meeting in June.

**Newsletter:** Lisa McHaffie reported that the newsletter went out to all households and she asked for suggestions for future articles.

**Health Benefits report:** No report as Gordon was away.

**Communications:** - Bill Turnbull noted that newsletters can be found on the nijf.ca website along with branch history and meeting records.

**Advocacy report:** Norma Dean – Mentioned that elections were coming up and that NAFR was conducting a recruitment drive.

A discussion followed in regards to the number of meetings with the membership and it was decided that we will move from 4 meetings a year to 3 meetings a year which will include: April as our AGM Meeting, September in the fall and the December Xmas Meeting.

**Elections:** As Scott is now a Director on the National Board, Edith Skiber will now be our Branch Treasurer.

Financial reports will now be included in our local newsletter to members instead of being placed on the tables at meetings.

**Service Pins** – Long Service Pins were given to Steve Bunyan for 27 years of service at the branch and to Paddy O’Blenis for her past work on the executive.

**Jonathon Welch** – Deputy Fire Chief was our Guest of honor and speaker. He spoke of his 23 year career and about on call messages for the Courtenay Fire department to handle. Plus, he provided a number of safety tips regarding house fires.

Penny Hayworth won the 50/50 Draw, and the door prize was won by Barb Ganza.

**Adjournment** – Norma Dean

**Minutes:** Cecile Turnbull – Secretary/VP