



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

Executive Meeting – June 5, 2012

Cecile called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance were:

Past President	Bill McSeveney	President	Cecile Turnbull
Secretary	Dorothy Lind	Treasurer	Kathi Brown
Membership	Steve Bunyan	Benefits	Bill Turnbull
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill	Programs	Barbara Schneider
Telephone	Paddy O'Blenis	Media	John Davis
Director	Laurie Hewitt	Director	Marjorie Arnold
Director	Deborah Yelf		
Absent were:			
Vice President	Ian Sibbald	Historian	Frank Elvins
Director	Mary Kamann		

When the minutes were brought forward for approval, Kevin noted that the name of the guest speaker for the June meeting was misspelled. With the correction to Nesling, it was moved by Bill and seconded by Kevin that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kathi gave her report. There being no questions, it was moved by Kevin and seconded by Barb that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Kevin said the Newsletter was in the mail. The closing date for the next issue is August 22, 2012.

Benefits: Bill said that things have been quiet. Also the Health Benefits position in the National Office has been filled by Louise Bergeron.

Programs: Barb said that all is ready for the general meeting next Wednesday. Schnitzel is on the menu. She and Laurie prepared favours for 174 but she doubts there will be that many at the meeting.

Media: John said that all the posters are up and notices were in the papers by May 31st.

Welfare: Halle was away but Barb said she had sent no sympathy cards and 2 get well cards.

Telephone: Paddy said she had received reports on four lists so far. There was another discussion regarding how the call lists were made up and that names were selected according to the history over the past three years.

Old business:

Tri-Regional Meeting:

Cecile, Bill, Kathi and Steve attended the Tri-Regional meeting in Chilliwack, B.C. together with the other 15 branches from B.C. The NBOD set up a Focus group Committee to review and modify our National By-laws to fall in line with the new legislation Bill C-4 which governs how "not-for-profit" groups must operate. The Committee explained the changes which are necessary and wanted to get feedback where options and choices are available. They spent 2 days going over all the information and were required to fill in a questionnaire with their recommendations.

They came up with some ideas and conclusions that they felt were in the best interests of the organization as a whole and for the betterment of our branch. The questionnaires were forwarded to National Office. The Focus Group is then required to make recommendations based on all the feedback

from everyone who attended the meetings across Canada. The By-laws will be re-written to reflect the agreed changes and this must be completed by October 17, 2014.

Areas of particular interest to our group were voting rights, the NBOD, classes of members, branches, democratic rights of members, AGM's, Audits, Accountability and fiduciary responsibilities along with core services to members. All in all, Cecile said it was an informative meeting with concerns raised, questions asked and answered by the presenters. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled for the fall.

BC Website:

Steve said the BC Website is a work in progress. The aim is to provide the opportunity for better communications between the branches. It is intended that there will be both private and public options.

Donations:

It is stipulated that donations can be made only to recognized Charities or a purchase made, such as a wheelchair. Our choices for this year will be presented to the general meeting and it was decided we must start earlier in the year to make our decisions.

Tickets:

Tickets for the December meeting are ready and will be sold at the general meetings in June and September or from Bill Turnbull or Barb.

John raised an issue regarding refusal by Insurance Companies to cover the cost of some claims. It has been stated that you require a doctor and a lawyer to correctly fill in the claim forms.

Steve said the newsletter was mailed on Monday and the electronic mail was out today – Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Lind – Secretary

Cecile Turnbull – President.