

**Minutes - Executive Committee Meeting
Duncan and District Branch - National Association of Federal Retirees
Held at the Crofton Senior Centre
On Thursday 6th September 2018**

Present: Drew Bodaly, Paul Chmielewski, Bronwen Cossey, George Cossey, Val Cretney, Dee Dohm, Karin Laurie, Mary Rimek, Adrien Thomas, Gino Wessan
Regrets: Kathy Pringle

Meeting was called to order by George Cossey at 9:45 am.

1. Previous Minutes:
M/S/C (Bronwen/Paul) that the Minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2018 be accepted as distributed.
2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1 Treasurer's Report:

Adrien provided financial details for 2018. Income to date is \$5,161.15 and expenses are \$4,800.89. Costs for the picnic were \$557.40 and income from members and guests was \$110. George and/or Adrien will ask the Royal Bank to send the monthly statements directly to Adrien's address as the passbook will no longer be available after the end of October..
 - 3.0 **Committee Reports:**
 - 3.1 Membership:
Val reported that our membership has declined gradually over the year and as of 31st August, we have 974 members.
 - 3.2 Member Services:
SSI: Nothing to report.

VI: Bill Buckeridge died on 4th September. We have had an enquiry from a member about whether PSHCP covers the cost of prolonged hospital stays and nursing home costs. George has spoken to the member who advised that her spouse is in hospital awaiting a bed in extended care. Karin will follow up.
 - 3.3 Programme Coordinator:
Dee is unable to be at the general meeting on 20th September and Adrien will coordinate with Mary Lionas at the Ramada to get an invoice and pay the bill. Drew will be giving a brief talk on his area of expertise (water) before lunch and Wanda Hamilton, a local United Way coordinator, will discuss United Way giving. Carol-Ann Rolls from the local RCMP community policing office will talk on Elder Safety.

M/S/C (Dee/Karin) that there be no cost to members for this lunch meeting.
 - 3.4 Communication/Websites:
Bronwen has been updating the website as necessary.
 - 3.5 Sage Magazine/Branch Reports:
The next submission is due at NO by 24th September. As we have no coming events during the times covered by the next Sage magazine, George will prepare a brief bulletin for the upcoming message. It was suggested that each member of the Executive provide a brief summary of their work history and any facts which may be of interest to members. This needs to be submitted to George for inclusion with his message.
- 4.0 **Old Business:**
 - 4.1 Picnic Update:
Attendance at the Salt Spring Island picnic was low. However, all those who did attend enjoyed the day and we will continue to hold summer events on both Vancouver and Salt Spring Islands but may change the frequency. Drew discussed his ideas about attendance and it was suggested that maybe we try and call all members prior to the next meeting (AGM in April) and get feedback about why not many attend meetings/events.

4.2 Update from 2018 AMM:

George and Paul attended on behalf of the Branch. George spoke about the items that were raised at the AMM and how there was not as much discussion about the resolutions as there has been in the past. The resolution submitted by George on behalf of our branch was passed with 98% support. The National President discussed the document 'Moving Forward' and would like more feedback from members and volunteers as he believes this is vital to the continued success of the Association.

5.0 **New Business:**

5.1 Door Greeters for September members meeting:

Val will be away for the September meeting and Gino will take attendance at the door and will recruit someone to assist if necessary.

5.2 Wreaths:

Bronwen will confirm that our standing orders are in place and arrange for payments of invoices. We will request that all wreaths show our name as the donor. It appears that we did not pay for wreaths at Salt Spring and Ladysmith last year. We have volunteers to lay wreaths at the following local cenotaphs.

Cheminus: George Cossey

Cobble Hill: Karin Laurie

Duncan: Rick Devlieger

Ladysmith: Jim Brown

Lake Cowichan: Mary Rimek

Salt Spring Island: John Flannagan

5.3 Volunteer for member concerns:

As Stephanie Buckeridge was busy caring for Bill who died recently, we may need a replacement volunteer to send cards to members and their families as necessary. Mary will contact Stephanie to see if she wishes to continue.

5.4 Advocacy:

There is a 'Aging Well Seniors Expo' scheduled to be held at the Island Savings Centre in Duncan on Friday 19th October. The cost to the Branch for a table for this event is \$50 and we will need volunteers to staff this table from 10 am to 5 pm. Bronwen and George have reviewed the supplies on hand and have requested additional/current documentation from NO which is on its way. M/S/C (George/Drew) that we participate and the Executive will be on hand to talk to prospective members. Paul and Adrien will be at the table from noon to 2 AND George and Bronwen will arrange for others to be on hand. Dee, Gino, Val and Mary volunteered. All volunteers at the Expo should wear their Federal Retirees name tags.

5.5 Dates for meetings in 2019:

Executive meetings will be scheduled for 3rd January, 11th April, 4th July and possibly 5th September. Member meetings for 25th April and hopefully 19th September and picnic/summer event on 18th July. This will allow Paul to be available when he has medical appointments scheduled. Dee will contact the necessary parties to confirm.

5.6 Other Business:

- Bronwen noted that we have received an email from the Duncan Hospice to say that their annual report is available for viewing. She will forward to all Executive members and George will advise members at the next meeting that this report is available.
- Bronwen noted that we may be able to organize a BBQ and lawn bowling session at Cowichan Lawn Bowling Club next Spring if anyone is interested. This will be noted in the notice to members to gauge interest.

6.0 Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

Bronwen Cossey, Secretary

Next meeting: **9:45 am on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at the Crofton Senior Centre.**