

Minutes – Executive Committee Meeting
Duncan and District Branch – National Association of Federal Retirees
Held at Crofton Senior Centre
On Thursday 6th March 2025

Present: Paul Chmielewski, Bronwen Cossey, George Cossey, Rick Devlieger, Dee Dohm, Kathy Pringle, Greg Taylor.

Regrets: Karin Laurie, Patricia Flannagan

Meeting was called to order by Rick Devlieger at 2 pm

1. Previous Minutes:

M/S/C (Bronwen/Paul) the minutes of 21st November 2024 be accepted as distributed.

2. Reports

2.1 Treasurer's Report:

Current bank balance is \$4,428.36

The financial statements for 2024 have been completed and reviewed and found to be acceptable by Lawrence Hogge.

Budget was discussed and will be presented for discussion at the AGM.

Bronwen will prepare the Reserves Report for presentation.

M/S/C (Paul/Dee) that the financial statements and proposed budget be accepted as discussed.

M/S/C (Bronwen/Kathy) report be accepted as presented.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Membership report from George:

The branch membership is now 885.

George noted that our membership numbers are declining every year.

3.2 Advocacy report from Greg:

Greg advised that he had a successful Zoom meeting with The John Finn (VI North) and Mid Island and Pacific Rim (Nanaimo) Branches.

He has written letters to the successful MLA candidates and added the name of the president of the Victoria branch as we do overlap areas. He has received one response and hopes to meet with the MLAs in person ASAP.

He noted that there will be another webinar hosted by Canadian Medical Association and will attend on behalf of the branch.

3.3 Member Services:

We have received notification that Len Herman died in January and George has been in touch with his spouse.

3.4 Program Coordinator:

Everything seems to be in order for the AGM although we only have Johnson as a speaker. IRIS is unable to attend this time but would like to attend a future meeting. Rick did speak to the provincial Seniors Advocate who advised he would like to meet with us in the future.

- 3.5 Communication/Website/Sage:
fsnacoastal.com has been terminated.
Rick will be looking after the website on the national site and preparing Sage inserts.

Old Business

- 4.1 Salt Spring Island Representative:
Patricia Flannagan will be the new representative.

New Business:

- 5.1 AGM – agenda and additional speaker
Bronwen will prepare the documents and agenda for the meeting.
We will not look for an additional speaker.
- 5.2 District Conference:
Will be held In Abbotsford 13th to 15th May 2025 – details to follow.
Greg and Rick will probably attend.
- 5.3 Possible federal election:
No advocacy arrangements can be made until a date is confirmed.

Other Business:

As many of our Executive members have been serving for several years, we need new directors.
Rick will prepare something to send in an e-blast to all members with a reminder for AGM.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

Next meeting: 2 pm - Thursday 10th July 2025 – Crofton Senior Centre