

Vancouver Island North Branch

General Meeting Minutes

10 December 2008

Held at the Westerly Hotel

Bill McSeveney called the meeting to order and Margaret Crites led the gathering the singing of "O Canada".

Bill welcomed the gathering.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11 June 2008):- It was moved by John Renaud and seconded by John Davis that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented. **Carried**

Committee Reports

Treasurer:- Tom Dandeno presented the financial statements as they stood at 30 November 08 and moved that be approved. Seconded by Bard Schneider. **Carried**

Media:- John Davis reported that everything is up to date with all changes to the logo having been done including on the website.

Welfare:- Halle MacMullen informed members that she sent out 2 cards and thanked everyone for keeping her informed of situations as they change.

Programs:- Barb Schneider made reference to the fact that this was the smallest Christmas gathering ever. She thanked Laurie Hewitt and Halle for their help with the luncheon.

Membership:- Steve Bunyan reported everything up to date . He reported just over 1,300 members.

Website:- Steve reported having updated the website including the addition of National Office on the site.

Benefits:- Bill Turnbull informed members of Revenue Canada's recent change to the RIF program with a posted 25% deduction that could be re-contributed back in.

Newsletter:- Kevin Weighill was not in attendance.

Telephone:- Cecile Turnbull informed members of her move to the seat of VP, but that she will still be calling from time to time. She thanked all volunteers for doing a great job. She assured everyone that the phone list is confidential and that NO ONE would ever have access to it.

History:- Frank Elvins had nothing to report.

New Business:

Name Change:- Bill McSeveney asked for a motion to formally change the branch name to Vancouver Island North Branch. It was proposed by Ian Sibbals and seconded by Halle to make it so. **Carried**

By-Law Change:- Bill McSeveney recommended that the By-Laws be changed to reflect the Audit Committee title be changed to Financial Review Committee. Proposed by Bill Turnbull and seconded by Laurie. **Carried**

Duncan Meeting:- Bill McSeveney reported favourably on the meeting held in Duncan of the 5 area Presidents and accompanying members of branches. He thanked the RSO John Finn for a tremendous job.

Election of Officers:- Bill Turnbull presented the slate of nominations for the new Executive.

Tom Dandeno - Treasurer, Frank Elvins, Kevin Weighill, Mary Kamann and Barb Schneider - re-nominated as Directors and Doug dunsmore and Marjorie Arnold - new directors.

There being no further nominations from the floor, the slate, as nominated were elected by vote of the members of the annual general meeting.

Bill McSeveney stated that Cecile was elected as VP in Sep. 08. In addition, Paddy O'Blenis has volunteered to act as Telephone Coordinator.

Bill McSeveney appointed John Challender and Arnie Auerbach (two members not on the Executive) to the new Financial Review Committee.

RSO John Finn swore in and installed the Executive for 2009/10.

Draws:- The 50/50 winners were Jim Kirby, Rick Shaw, Lillian McSeveney and David Stinson. The draws for dinner tickets were won by Georgina Pfifer, N. Voyeur and Andre Melanson.

Arrival of Santa and his little elf in green velvet!

Adjournment:- The meeting be adjourned.