

**MINUTES – BC09 BOD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**Present: Libby, Gordon, Anne, Ray, Patricia, Sue, Jim, Shirley**  
**Absent: David and Jennifer**

**Meeting called to order at 9:30am**

**Approval of Agenda for November 7, 2023 – M/Sue S/Anne**

**Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes – M/Ray S/Jim**

**Reports**

**President**

**Libby and Gordon met with Black Press- interviews may be published in the Nov 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the neighborhood papers. Libby received an invitation from the Office of the Senior's Advocate to attend a presentation on the results of the 2022/23 Long Term Care Survey "Every Voice Counts" taking place on November 16 at the University of Victoria. Has everyone completed the ABACUS survey? The latest memo from National advises that they are seeking members to sit on a committee to review Branch structure and governance. The AMM is planned for June 18-20, 2024. Libby will contact National re sending electronic Holiday Greeting cards to our members. For the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will prepare an E-blast and include a link to the Website with pictures. Libby to send six pictures to Anne.**

**Bill Wilson, President of Legion, popped into our meeting to ask if we were happy with meetings at Legion. Libby to contact him regarding our concerns.**

**Advocacy**

**No Report**

**Health Benefits**

**Shirley advised that the Canada Life Booklet is online. Members are not happy with amount of funds allotted for Physio treatment as it is not as much as Sunlife provided.**

**Membership**

**No Report**

**Recruitment**

**Retirement Seminars are provided online now.**

**Speakers Program**

**Soap for Hope Canada scheduled for December 12, 2023. The speaker's fee is \$250. Patricia moves that the Board approves this expense. Libby seconded.  
Carried**

**Preferred Partner Program**

**Gordon suggested that we invite our Preferred Partners to our September meeting and provide finger foods. Their pamphlets can be displayed around the room. Gordon to discuss with National the possibility of sending out a survey to members.**

### Website

Anne advised that the local website is shut down and the redirect to take users to the National Office hosted website is in place with Island Hosting. Our plan with Island Hosting is now the Copper Plan which is \$37.92 annually. We will also continue to pay for the domain [federalretireesvictoria.ca](http://federalretireesvictoria.ca) which is approximately \$28.00 annually. We will keep this in place for approximately one year.

### Treasurer

Financial Statements provided - Reserves - We are allowed to keep one year's operating expenses which is the average of three years' operating expenses in Unreserved equity; last year it was \$30,000. Currently, it is \$58,668.34.

Vote – Sue moved that we move \$5000 from Recruitment; Anne/S – *Carried*

### Old Business

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Wrap up – Patricia advised that there were several guests who could not hear Roy Goodall's talk. Also, many guests left after having lunch. In the future, all activities should take place prior to lunch being served. The remaining balance should be bumped to \$20,000 after the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bills have been paid.

Sue/M Gordon/S

*Carried*

Regional Workshop in Duncan on Oct 11 – Lots of discussion on Advocacy. Suggestion made that branches work together, have a joint town hall. Renata will coordinate this.

### New Business

National Office Branch Banking Initiative – under this program the Branch submits the bills and National pays them and maintains entries in CRM. We will be charged 10% of our annual income as a fee for this service. Anne moved that we participate in this program and we transfer all funds to National. The question was asked if we would still require an annual branch review. We will Vote on acceptance in December, 2023.

(Note – we will still be required to complete the annual branch review and the annual report.)

Remembrance Day -

Sue advised that there are nine (9) places to receive wreaths. Pro Pat has three Legions that work out of the Pro Pat Legion – Britannia and Public Service Branch of Victoria. \$400 will be given to the Pro Pat Legion and \$100 to all the others, totalling \$1,000.

Sue moved that \$100 be given to the Esquimalt Legion to replace last year's lost cheque. Anne/S *Carried*

The 2023 Poppy Campaign Fund Information is available for the Board member who takes on this responsibility next year.

December General Meeting – All agreed to provide tickets for lunch instead of food. The Legion will print the tickets which have no cash value; gratuity not included. Sue motioned that a voucher for \$10 be provided to members. Anne/S *Carried*

**New Business**

Spring Luncheon – to be discussed at a later date.

Ray's Box – who will pick this up for the December General Meeting?

Committee for Relocation of Board Meetings & General Meetings – Sue is willing to chair this committee if all approve. Sue feels we have a fiscal responsibility to our members to find the most cost effective location. Craigflower Centre is 250% more expensive than the Legion. A survey to our members could be done to see what they want.

Spring Sage Branch Report – due in January 2024

Storage Locker – 10 keys were made. Holders of the keys are Gordon, Sue, Patricia, Libby, Jim, David, Jennifer – 2 spares, 1 missing

**Business Transactions** – None

**Roundtable**

Anne advised that basic Zoom meetings should be held in the future. Hybrid meetings do not work. Gordon to meet with an audio/visual expert, Allen Perry, who will make a sight visit free of charge to provide a needs assessment of our meeting room. Gordon to take an audio/visual course to upgrade his knowledge. Cost to be reimbursed by Branch.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.