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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Lunch: Noon - Business Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

**September 24, 2019**

**Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans Branch 283, 3584 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Ceci O'Flaherty, Lionel Guerard, Pam Proctor, Donna Dobson, Connie Kehler, Janine Wilson, Nicky Compton, Barb Higham, Tom Higham, Paula Nygaard, Pat Cappello

**Absent:** Naomi Ashton

**Guests:** Doug Eyolfson, Liberal Candidate  
Ryan Dyck, Conservative Candidate

**Attendees:** 160

Meeting was called to order at 12:29

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

- ***Motion to approve agenda by Pat Cappello and seconded by Paula Nygaard. Carried***

**2. Introduction of "first-time attendees":**

- First time attendees were invited to come to the front to receive a gift from our branch.
- Ceci announced the passing of board member Dorothy Watermulder. She was a kind and caring volunteer serving our members well. She will be missed.
- A moment of silence was held for all loved ones no longer with us.

**3. Review of Minutes from the November 2017 General Meeting:**

- ***Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Rick Daly and seconded by Tom Higham. Carried***

#### **4. Reports:**

**NOTE: ALL REPORTS WERE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING**

- **President's Report – Ceci O'Flaherty:**

**Organization of today's meeting**

- Doing something different with our meeting today.
- Family style dining and having the meeting through lunch to allow us time to have a candidate's meeting
- Tried to get candidates from 4 main parties (Liberal, Conservative, NDP and Green) unfortunately we were unsuccessful in securing a representative from the NDP or Green Party.
- They will speak on our 4 election pillars
  - A national Seniors strategy
  - Improved retirement income security
  - Increased support for the well-being of veterans and their families
  - Pharmacare
- As well there will be time for questions but your questions must be related to the 4 topics
- We are non-partisan so will allow each candidate to have their say

**1<sup>st</sup> vice president**

Barb Higham has stepped down as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and is now a Director at Large working with Nicky Compton on Events and will take over that role in April when Nicky retires. Lionel Guerard agreed to take over the role of first VP until elections in April.

**Update on Annual Members Meeting**

- AMM was held in June
- Very successful meeting
- 4 resolutions including the 5 year Strategic Plan were passed unanimously
- There was a motion which was carried to increase membership fees to the same level as indexing for the next year. For example, if indexing for 2020 is 1%, our membership fee will be increased 1% the following year. This will ensure that the Association has enough money to fund the operational plan that will support the strategic plan.

**Recruitment drive - National**

- New referral contest for recruitment of new members
- Make sure you complete and submit the referral card (hard copy or on line)
- Recruits can be to any branch across the country
- Great prizes including a trip for 2 up to \$10,000 courtesy of Collette travel
- Perfect time to get new members, I would like to see our branch numbers increase to 6,500

**Our recruitment drive**

- Don't like to be outdone
- We are continuing with our membership drive

- \$25 gift card for referral of a membership

#### ADDED

- If you go from a single to a double membership \$15 gift card for either Tim's or Starbucks pilot to end of December but could be extended

#### Next meeting

- Our next meeting is November 19 at this location
- We will have representatives from Hearing Life Canada which is one of our national preferred partners
- They will do hearing tests for a number of members (not sure how many spaces will be available) and well as provide information on the latest and greatest advancements in hearing technology especially blue tooth compatibility.
- More information coming shortly

#### Couple of quick announcements

- Golf tournament next year is August 11
- Email for the speaker series will be coming out tomorrow
- Outreach in Stonewall is October 24. If you know of any members in that area, please encourage them to attend
- **Branch Services Coordinator – Paula Nygaard**
- Has been in position for 1 year now.
- Currently arranging Fall learning conference, a 3 day event for all Manitoba branches. Expecting 25 people to attend. First day will include a presentation by National Office on volunteer training and orientation. Day 2 Jean-Guy Souliere will present the 5-year strategic plan followed by each branch to brainstorm their own 5-year operational plan. The afternoon will include a session by the Winnipeg Police regarding Senior Safety, Scams and Fraud. Day 3 will include a learning segment on running a general meeting, minute-taking, etc. All Winnipeg board members attend this session; if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, let us know.
- **Golf:** Took place August 13 at Scotswood Links. 206 participants which is our largest tournament yet. A good time was had by all.
- Attended the District Directors' meeting in Regina in May. Focus was on running the NAFR in upcoming years.
- **Financial Report – Pam Proctor**
- The financial reports were included with the documents available for the meeting. Pam reported we expect to be in surplus position again this year. A question was asked regarding the amount of revenue from fees we receive quarterly. Pam responded that it is based on the number of members but we currently received approximately \$10,000 quarterly.

***Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Gerrit Westerhof, and seconded by Nicky Compton. Carried***

Next General Meeting: November 19, 2019

**SIGNATURES:**

*original signed by*

Donna Dobson, Secretary

Date

*Original signed by*

Ceci O'Flaherty, President

Date

**2019 Schedule of Meetings**

Regional Learning Conference: October 8-10, 2019

Outreach: October 24, 2019 (Stonewall)

Board of Directors: November 5, 2019

General Meeting: November 19, 2019