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| <p align="center">ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Lunch: Noon - Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. November 19, 2019 Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans Branch 283, 3584 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba</p> | |

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| <p align="center"><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>Present: Ceci O’Flaherty, Lionel Guerard, Pam Proctor, Donna Dobson, Connie Kehler, Janine Wilson, Nicky Compton, Barb Higham, Tom Higham, Paula Nygaard, Patrick Cappello, Naomi Ashton</p> <p>Guests: Hearing Life Canada</p> <p>Attendees: 197</p> <p>Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.</p> |
| <p>1. Approval of Agenda: Ceci amended the agenda to remove a report by Cynthia Foreman, District Director as she was unable to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to approve agenda as amended by Paula Nygaard and seconded by Dorianne Guerard. Carried</i> |
| <p>2. Introduction of “first-time attendees”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time attendees (12) were invited to come to the front to receive a gift from our branch. • A moment of silence was held for all loved ones no longer with us. |
| <p>3. Review of Minutes from the September 24, 2019 General Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Richard Daly and seconded by Lil Atamanchuk. Carried</i> |

4. President's Report – Ceci O'Flaherty

- Hope you enjoy our holiday/winter theme today.
- Two surveys are available on the tables. The first one is a repeat of the venue survey you completed in April at the Masonic Temple. The results of the survey will help us determine where we should hold our meetings in future. The second survey is for the Activities and Events Committee. We do this survey every couple years to find out which speakers are of interest to you.
- You have been given a blue ticket when you registered this morning. We will be giving out a number of door prizes during our meeting. Good luck to all.
- Today will be the last time we will be having Loonie Draws at the meeting. It is considered a game of chance and we are not licensed for that. Ceci presented Lil Atamanchuk with a gift card to thank her for her years of running the Loonie Draws.
- Lucy Cummings and Penny Wright will be stepping down from the Activities and Events sub-committee in April. Ceci presented Penny Wright with a gift card for her years of volunteering on the Activities Events Committee. A gift card will also be mailed to Lucy Cummings.
- We have been running a little behind on giving out gift cards for membership referrals. If you have let us know about a referral and not received your card, please let us know as soon as possible. Ceci presented Connie Kehler, Ray & Debbie Kashuba, Janice Crosswell, Lavona Susinski, Janine Wilson and James Chong with their membership referral gift certificates.
- The branch has attended a couple of membership recruitment initiatives with the military.
- Our April meeting will include elections. Several positions on the Board of Directors will be coming vacant, if you are interested please talk to any member of the board. The nominating committee will be forming in January/February and will be in contact with you then.
- We had a good Outreach meeting in Stonewall on October 24. Approximately 50 people attended and it was well received by everyone. We had a speaker from Health Partners on Alzheimers and Dementia which was very interesting and informative. We will invite them to attend one of our meetings in Winnipeg.
- Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting April 15, 2020 and will be held at the Masonic Memorial Temple, 420 Corydon Avenue. Further information will follow in the new year. Parking is limited there so please do what you can to alleviate the parking issue – use public transit, carpool with friends, etc.

5. New Business:

Financial Report – Pam Proctor

- Copies of the financial report were available on tables. A question was asked why "Assets – Other" decreased substantially. This is an accounts receivable in the form of dues owing from National Office. This amount changes as payments from National Office are received.

- A Review of Engagement for the financial records will take place before the next Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in helping to conduct the review, please contact Pam and she will send you the Terms of Reference.

6. Reports:

Branch Services Coordinator: Paula Nygaard

- The Annual Learning Conference took place October 8-10, 2019. A series of seminars, presentations and hands-on activities were participated in by 25 members.
- Next year's learning conference will take place October 6-8, 2020 and I am busy working on topics and guest speakers.
- Last month I attended the Outreach Meeting in Stonewall and it was an excellent turnout! Anyone that comes in from out of town for the Winnipeg Branch meetings should also consider attending one of the outreaches that are held once a year at different locations surrounding Winnipeg. Information for the meeting is available on the NAFR Winnipeg & District Branch website.
- Collette Travel, one of our Preferred Partners is here today. Stop by and pick a brochure and check out the wonderful Black Friday offers.

Advocacy Program Officer – Gerry Jennings

- Gerry is the Advocacy Program Officer for Manitoba and, in that role, visited most of the MPs in Manitoba in the past year. Since May, no face-to-face meetings have taken place as we geared up for the election.
- Attended the District Directors' meeting in Regina in May and took part in an election workshop which provided an election kit to branches. This kit outlined our top priorities: Seniors' Strategy, Pharmacare, Income Security, and support for Veterans.
- NAFR held a number of election events in Manitoba.
- Going forward face-to-face meetings with MPs will be held to clarify our priorities.
- Gerry will be giving up the position of APO and this is a good time to mentor someone new. If anyone is interested in putting their name forward for the position please let Gerry or Cynthia Foreman know. The position includes: liaison with Ottawa, coordinates with the four Manitoba branches (Brandon, Portage, Pinawa, Winnipeg) so everyone is on the same page, schedules appointments with MPs to talk about us.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 2:05 by Deb Kushaba, seconded by Jim Magill. Carried

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

SIGNATURES:

Donna Dobson, Secretary

Date

Ceci O’Flaherty, President

Date

2020 Schedule of Meetings

Regional Learning Conference: October 6-8, 2020

Outreach: October 21, 2020

General Meetings|: September 23, 2020

November 18 or 25, 2020