

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom Video Conference)

09:30 -11:45 AM Tuesday May 4, 2021

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Ken Ackles, Vice President; Linda Laffree, Membership; Marie MacPhee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Site; Vasdev Sawhney, Giuseppe (Joe) Vettese, Sharon Paris, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Sharon Carson, Advocacy.

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda: Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Joe.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of April 6, 2021: Approval moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Ken.

3. Action Items from the Minutes:

(a) AGM Issues. Review of Minutes: A number of Board members felt the presentation by the guest speaker was deficient in many areas. **Tom** to resend Financial Reports to National Office. A number of spelling errors in Minutes corrected. Minutes will be signed by Secretary and forwarded to the President for signature and forwarding to National Office. Tom moved acceptance of the Minutes seconded by Linda.

(b) Equipment Storage: Fred noted this issue has not been resolved.

4. Reports:

(a) President: Fred circulated and spoke to an itemized list of issues, reports and meetings under the headings of miscellaneous, April Bulletins to Branches (B2B), March BOD meeting, new CEO, Federal Budget vs NAFR lobbying and nominations at the National and Regional level.

(b) Treasurer: Tom circulated and spoke to the Financial Statement to April 30, 2021. 2020 completed successfully. 2021 devoid of expenditures due to shutdowns. Membership fees declining with drop in membership. Budget for 2021 displays a surplus of \$1,600.

(c) Membership: Linda distributed her report indicating York Branch has 949 members a loss of 4 since April 4. Seven non DDS and one DDS have not paid and there are 24 lost contacts.

(d) Advocacy: The Board discussed the possibility of holding an all candidates meeting if and when a federal election is called.

(e) Website Editor: Frank would appreciate more input from Board members.

5. On-Going Business: Nil.

6. New Business:

(a) AMM Preparations, Elections, Proposals: AMM to be conducted over several dates (May 13, June 17, June 29, Sept. 8, and Sept. 15). Proposals (Resolutions) on Sept. 8. Fred drafted proposals on benefits to members and distinguishing between elected, activists, volunteers and members for approval at the June meeting. The Agenda with its emphasis on reserves was reviewed. Nominations for voting on Sept. 15 discussed but need for bios noted for June decision on support. Fred provided some information on the new CEO Anthony Pizzino.

(b) FMM Preparations, Announcements, Speaker: A general discussion was conducted on whether the FMM could be in person, virtual or hybrid. The consensus appeared to be that it was too early to know and that the municipality may not be in a position to approve the use of the hall in time to include an announcement in SAGE. **Tom** agreed to contact Richmond Hill. Suggestions were solicited for a speaker. Ideas were also solicited for material to include in a SAGE insert due by July 8.

7. Trends and Concerns Review:

(a) Recruitment and Retention: A number of ideas were presented including phoning members who do not renew, making use of the insert and creating a poster which could be posted on bulletin boards at federal buildings.

8. Next Meeting: 09:30 AM June 30, 2021 (Video)

9 Adjournment: Moved by Vasdev, seconded by Marie.