

NAFR Edmonton Annual Members Meeting Minutes

On Zoom - May 5, 2021

Welcome:

Branch Director Paul Conway acted as Moderator. At 10:03 AM he greeted all attendees and thanked them for attending. He made a statement acknowledging that our branch territory is on Indigenous land. He then provided Zoom housekeeping information for the attendees, including how to ask questions and voting procedures. He introduced Ross Gillespie, President of the Edmonton Branch. Ross asked Paul to confirm attendance. There were 9 single and 10 double memberships present, plus 2 non-member observers.

Call to Order:

Ross thanked everyone for taking the time to join the meeting today and called the meeting to order. He explained to attendees that Branches were exempted from holding AMM meetings in 2020, but that National Office required all branches to hold a virtual meeting in 2021.

Adoption of Agenda:

Ross called for additions to the Agenda. There being none, he declared the Agenda accepted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes:

Ross asked for errors or omissions from 2019-12-04 General Membership Meeting minutes. There being none he declared the Minutes accepted as presented.

Resolution: Amendment to Branch Reserves

A slide showing the proposed reserve amendment was displayed. Ross described the proposed change to the Branch reserves, noting that it would eliminate the \$2,500 reserve for a Class Vote, and then he introduced the motion. He asked if anyone wished to discuss the proposed change. There were no comments made on eliminating this reserve.

- The attached reserves motion template totalling \$45,000.00 was moved by Clay Kolstad (Treasurer), seconded by Delbert Dahl (Assistant Treasurer) and carried unanimously.

One member asked what the plans are for the remaining \$45,000. Ross had the slide for 2021 reserves re-shown. He explained the purpose of each reserve including some possible examples of expenditures against them.

Financial Statements for 2019, 2020 and Budget 2021

Ross noted that links to the financial statements were provided in advance on the Branch website. A slide was displayed.

- The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2019 showing a loss of \$4,155.87 were presented.
- The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2020 showing earnings of \$15,045.06 were presented.
- The Budget for 2021 was presented.

Ross asked attendees for comments/questions/concerns. There were none.

President's Report for 2019, 2020, & 2021

Ross noted there is a link to his report on the Branch website and as well, information on activities over the last several months was published in our e-Newsletter in late April. He asked for questions or comments on the report. He also noted there are limited plans for this year and encouraged members to provide their suggestions for activities/webinars they would find of interest.

Election

Ross advised there were no nominations received for any executive positions and that the current executive members have agreed to continue in their positions for one year. The next election will be at the 2022 Annual Members' Meeting.

Other/New Business – Member Claude Lalonde asked if the branch will be participating in activities related to an initiative called “Aging in Place”. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the board would discuss, in consultation with Mr. Lalonde, the possibility of hosting a webinar or, a future in-person event to present this topic to our members.

Closing

Ross thanked participants for attending the meeting today. He reminded everyone to suggest topics for webinars and to consider volunteering for project-specific work, or better yet to become a Friend of the Board. He closed the meeting at 10:47 am.

Ross Gillespie, President

Judy Tracz, Secretary