N**ATIONAL Association of Federal Retirees, Huronia Branch ON35**

 **Minutes of the Annual Members’ Meeting, Held at**

 **Royal Canadian Legion on Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

**Executive members:** President Lynne Ellis, Treasurer Noreen Campbell, Membership/Recruitment – Kathy Rupnow, Director at Large – Jackie Akeson, Advocacy Director – Leo Brooks, Director Communications – Mark Burchell, Director – Web Editor – Chris Auger, Recording Secretary – Dianne Michals. Elections Chairperson –Peter Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 11:05 am by President Lynne Ellis welcoming everyone in attendance. Members in good standing noted as present for Quorum. Introduction of Executive and the Elections Chair, Peter Evans. Welcome and thank you to our Ontario District Directors, Linda MacDonald and Carol Grieco for attending. Thank you to Nancy Viktil who dedicated several years to serving on the Board. Also to the invested interest of Noreen as Treasurer and the new members and their enthusiasm and added expertise.
2. Minutes of May 5, 2021, Annual Members’ Meeting was provided for review and the Secretary asked the membership for any errors or omissions;. an amendment (1) was noted, and approval requested. Motion to accept as amended by Donna Wallace and seconded by Nancy Viktil. All in favour. Carried.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lynne gave an overview of the Branch activities, including active involvement of recruiting of volunteers ,info re Sage, budgeted funds for having a meeting outside the Barrie area, attendance at the ON District meeting wherein three candidates presented for NO President. There is increased focus with regard to Advocacy, partnering with the local CARP, and the upcoming Provincial election with Long Term Care.

Linda MacDonald expressed her appreciation of a good turnout. She joined Advocacy to ensure safe access to healthcare for Public Service, Armed Forces , RCMP and Judges; has expanded responsibility for LTC, Community Care, Home Care. Process: Communications by the Board that make recommendations and by Reps like Leo from our Branch in order to include all elder Canadians via National standards and funding. Covid has highlighted challenges and the Provincial Government needs to hear our concerns. Linda suggested to get involved wherever we can e.g. attend All Candidates meetings.

3 a) Lynne explained, then read aloud the By-Law Amendment regarding Reserve Funds for ratification by the members. MOTION to adopt By-Law as presented. First by John Hayter. Seconded by Andy Traill. All in Favour. Carried.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT: The following Financial Statements were presented for the members’ review: Balances and Earnings/Loss, 2021 Budget, 2022 Budget, and 2023 Budget Forecast. Noreen gave the background and the rationale for listed items; also gave comparisons for the current and future years. These documents will be forwarded to National Office.
2. Financial Statement showing: 2020 Actual Total Equity of $30,322.46 and 2021 Actual Total Equity of $37,946.25; 2020 Earnings of $6,121.17 and 2021 Earnings of $ 7,623.79. Peter Evans in his capacity as Auditor, reviewed and certified the Financials.
3. 2022 Budget and 2023 Budget Forecast were presented for review. Motion by Pat Ummels to accept Budget Expenses as presented. Seconded by Sally Drapeau. All in favour. Carried.
4. Report of Reserves – Noreen gave an overview of the Reserves Motions Template in regard to the items listed. The Total of $23,200 is set aside for Equipment, Advocacy, Training/Succession Planning, Special Events, and Recruitment/Communications.
5. HEALTH AND BENEFITS REPORT: Jackie introduced herself as Director at Large so covers many different aspects including being the Zoom guru. She reported that some ‘You and Your Survivor’ workbooks are available. Gave an update that PSHCP is currently in negotiations; the new provider will be Canada Life as of July 1/23.
6. MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT – Kathy gave an overview of her tasks i.e. recruit and welcome new members, update current member records, member contact re dues. She reported that there are approximately 170,000 members in Canada and 1,560 in the Huronia Branch. We actively work to increase our membership with promotions and by recruitment by magazine advertisements and have attended at the SCAN retirement program. Draws are held at the Annual meetings to encourage recruitment/involvement. Lucky winners: for door prizes of $50 Gas gift cards: Donna Wallace and Manon Auger.
7. COMMUNICATIONS: Mark reported on his role that includes e-blasts to members, Branch reports, and SAGE submissions. He thanked his Volunteer Callers for making the 170 phone calls. (One attendee commented how nice it was to receive the phone call.) Mark will be adding some pictures from this event
8. WEB EDITOR: Chris spoke of website inclusions i.e. minutes, by-laws, emails and asked for other suggestions. The new general email address is: huronia@federalretirees.ca
9. ADVOCACY: Leo is heavily involved with outreach committee members particularly with the upcoming Provincial election. He will be attending an All Candidates Meeting on May 16th; partnering with CARP.
10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Peter Evans was introduced by Lynne and acknowledged for the several occasions that he has been Election Chairperson. Per the By-Laws Peter did a Call for Nominations and conducted the elections. Each position was called three times. The OATH OF OFFICE was presented, recited, and the Executive was installed. Election results are as follows:

President – Lynne Ellis – 1 year

Vice-President – Chris Auger - 1 year

Director at Large, Advocacy – Leo Brooks – 2 years

Director at Large, Communications – Mark Burchell – 2 years

Peter congratulated the Board members. Lynne thanked the new Executive and the current Volunteers.

1. New Business: Noreen asked Peter Evans to oversee next year’s Financial review. Motion by Nancy Viktil and seconded by Larry. All in favour. Carried. Suggestion: Other news bulletins for ads: Canadian Legion bulletin and or RCAF Association newsletter.
2. CLOSING REMARKS: Lynne asked for suggestions from the members for Speakers and other input. It was a pleasure to have an in-person meeting and hopefully they will continue with more members coming out.

**Annual (General) meeting: tentative October 5, 2022.**

1. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Sally Drapeau. The meeting ended at 12:45pm.

 Attachments:

 Minutes of the AMM, May 5, 2021

President’ Report

Financial Statement – Page 1-Balances; Page 2-Earnings/Loss

2022 Budget

2023 Budget Forecast

Reserves Motions Template