

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Huron North Branch
National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR)
Friday, 29 April 2022

1. Call to order 10am by our meeting host, Vice-President Joanne Bessette. Explanation on the rules for Zoom. All agreed to raise our hands to vote.
2. Welcome by the President Jeannine Blais. Member Raymond Duquette joined the meeting to establish quorum of 20. Agenda reviewed. The 2021 AGM minutes, president's report, and financial reports were provided to the members prior to the meeting.
3. Motion to accept the 2021 AGM minutes. No errors, omissions or matters arising. Motion moved by Member John Lindsay. Second Director Ron Duval. Vote. Carried.
4. The President's Report read by Jeannine Blais. Motion to accept by Member Jack Decorby. Vote. Accepted. Further to this report the Treasurer Conrad Lazure and Jeannine attended the District Meeting in Toronto last week to discuss important issues facing the Ontario Branches, all facing similar challenges on recruiting volunteers and new members, The Sudbury Legion has been reserved for an in-person meeting/BBQ with members Sept. 28th 2022. Jeannine will attend the June All Managers Meeting held in Ottawa virtually. Conrad and Joanne will also join as observers. Jeannine prepared a recruitment add which will appear during the National Public Service Week for the Huron North newspapers. She also thanked departing Director Jeanne Matthews for her contributions, as well as Director Ray Racine who is relocating.
5. Branch Financial Reports for 2021 by the Treasurer, Conrad Lazure. It is noted that the reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2021 were presented showing Earning/loss of \$2,851.62. The total Equity for 2021 \$8,201.93. **"Audited/Reviewed Financial Statements for 2021 showing an earning/loss of \$2851.62 presented."** Motion moved to accept the Branch Financial Report 2021 by Director Ron Duval. Second Secretary Monica Hoffmann. Vote. Carried. Branch membership is currently 540 members.
6. Branch Financial Forecast 2022 and 2023 by the Treasurer Conrad Lazure. It is noted that the 2022 Budget showing earning/loss of -\$980.40 was presented. Motion moved by Vice-President Joanne Bessette to accept the Branch Financial Forecast for 2022. Second member George Young. Hand Vote to Accept on the forecast. Carried.
It is noted that the 2023 Budget showing earning/loss of -\$893.40 was presented. Motion to accept the Budget 2023 by Member Bernice Lazure, Second by Vice-President Joanne Bessette. Vote to accept the forecast. Carried
7. Motion to approve the appointment of Financial Reviewers for 2022 Financial Year End Report - moved by Treasurer Conrad Lazure to appoint Paul MacDonald and Wilma MacDonald as the Financial Reviewers for 2022. Second, Vice-President Joanne Bessette. Vote to Accept. Carried. Conrad thanked Paul and Wilma for their assistance in conducting the financial reviews over the last few years.

8. Reserve Funds. A motion was brought forward by the Treasurer to change our current by law for Defense of Benefits Emergency Reserve Fund to mirror the National Regulations and should read as follows;

Reserve Funds. The Branch may establish and maintain reserve funds in accordance with the Association's regulations. The Branch board has the authority to create, change or remove such reserves and must present a report on the status of all branch reserves at each annual general meeting as part of the presentation of the branch's financial statements. Motion to approve by Vice-President Joanne Bessette, Second Director Ron Duval. Vote. Carried.

The Reserves Template attached totaling \$3000, was presented to members by Treasurer Conrad Lazure asking membership approval for succession planning for a potential president to attend the 2023-2024 AMM. Hand Vote. Unanimously accepted.

9. Conduct Branch Election of Board Directors by Director and Election Chair Ron Duval
It is noted that the Chair made the Call for nominations and expression of interest from the floor three times asking if anyone was interested in volunteering for the positions, or to provide a nomination. Three Director's terms have come to an end. These positions have to renewed or filled. The Chair moved to renew Joanne Bessette, Denis Collin and Denise Duquette. Five other vacancies are also available to be filled.

Introduction of the 2022 Slate of Directors by position:

Jeannine Blais, President. 2023

Joanne Bessette, Vice-President 2025

Conrad Lazure Treasurer and Membership Secretary 2024

Monica Hoffmann, Recording Secretary 2024

Kerry Latham, Director 2023

Ron Duval, Director 2023

Denis Collin, Director 2025

George Young, Director 2023

Denise Duquette, Director 2025

Swearing in of the new Branch Board was conducted by Director and Election Chair Ron Duval.

10. Other business

- a) By-Laws. There is work ahead of us to change the Branch by-laws to mirror the National Office by-laws. These will be presented to the members at our next AGM in 2023. Motion moved by President Jeannine Blais. Second Member Jack Decorby. Vote. Carried.
b) An email will be sent to members asking them to advise the branch membership of any changes in their contact information.

11. Call to close the 2022 branch AGM – Moved by Member Geoffrey Knight, Second Member Paul MacDonald. Vote. Carried.

Adjournment

Jeannine Blais, President

Monica Hoffmann, Recording Secretary
