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

 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting,**

 **Held on Tuesday, October 04, 2022 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Barrie, ON**

**Executive members:** Acting President Chris Auger, Past President Lynne Ellis, Treasurer Noreen Campbell, Membership/Recruitment – Kathy Rupnow, Communications- Mark Burchell, Web Content Editor – Chris Auger, Director at Large – Jackie Akeson, Recording Secretary – Dianne Michals Regrets: Advocacy – Leo Brooks

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 11:12am by Acting President Chris Auger. He introduced and thanked the Executive for their hard work. A gift of appreciation was made to Lynne Ellis for her 20+ years of dedication service on the Executive with 4 ½ years in the role of President. Welcome and thank you to the Members, returning and new, for attending.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting on Oct.6/21 were available on each table. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept by Manon Auger. Seconded by Donna Wallace.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lynne, as Past President, welcomed all to the General Meeting. Her message included that she resigned effective October 1, 2022 and said that Chris Auger is more than capable to take over; she will be available to offer advice to the Acting President (former VP). She thanked the Executive and other Volunteers for their assistance over the years, and turned the meeting over to Chris.

Chris gave an overview of Branch activities including initiatives for recruitment e.g. Bracebridge Meet’n’Greet, e-blasts, SAGE , advertising in several publications. The National Office campaign, Mega Recruitment Drive, is on.

For a full breakdown please refer to the News and Views website. We are thankful for a positive outcome as to in-person meetings. Lynne asked Peter and he consented to continue to be Elections Chair in May/23.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT: Noreen thanked Lynne for all her hard work.

 Financial Statements dated 9/24/22 showing 2021 Actual, and 2022 January to September, were provided at each table. The Balances - 2022 Actual (Jan. to Sept) as follows: Assets $35,865.99, Liabilities $791.89, Net Assets $35,074.10. Reserved Equity – including Advocacy, IT, Recruitment/Communications, Training/Succession Planning

Of $23,200.00; Unreserved Equity - $14,746.25, Earnings (Loss) - $2,872.15, Total Equity - $35,074.10.

Earnings/Loss : Revenue -$5,868.01 fees from National (only 2 to date);, Total Expenses - $8,740.16, Operating Expenses - $3,377.77 including Rent ($1,621.55), Branch activities, etc.

Reserve (non- operating) Expenses- $5,362.39 therefore an Earnings(Loss) -$2,872.15.

MOTION to accept Financial Statements: First -Lorraine Burditt, Second - Jill Mortimer. All in Favour. Carried.

 These Statements will be posted to the website.

Noreen expressed our appreciation to Peter Evans for volunteering to audit.

1. MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT – Kathy introduced herself and thanked the phone callers. It is important that members keep their contact info updated in order to continue contact. She provided an overview and reported that we have approx. 170,000 members nationwide with 1500 in our Huronia Branch. Membership fees can be conveniently made via Dues Deduction at Source (DDS). Promotions, off-site meetings, (thank you Donna Wallace for attending the Bracebridge event) and advertising are in the works for Recruitment. The Mega Recruitment Drive continues and has prizes to encourage referrals.

Kathy made requests for volunteers for two short-term committees: 1) to research contact info/create list of federal departments, and 2) to look at recognition opportunities.

1. COMMUNICATIONS: Mark introduced himself. He thanked the phone callers who contact approx. 13 people each.

Recently there was a colour insert in the Sage; pictures from today will be featured in the next issue. We are always looking for input for speakers/ topics .

1. WEB CONTENT EDITOR: Chris introduced himself. He said that changes will happen on the website at the National level and would be available to coach members on using the site. He asked for content suggestions via emails.
2. ADVOCACY: Unfortunately Leo could not be present.

1. DIRECTOR AT LARGE’s REPORT: Jackie provided a comprehensive report on the PSHCP enhancements/changes to occur as of July 1/23 from Sun Life to Canada Life. Too many to list here so please refer to the website. Some copies of ‘You and Your Survivor’s booklet are available today.
2. GUEST SPEAKER: Jackie introduced Chantal Palon, Representative for Johnson Insurance/Medoc Travel. Chantal gave an informative visual presentation about the several benefits and recently added advantages to being an insured with them for Home, Car and Travel. She was available for Questions afterwards, or Contact e-address is: federalretirees.johnson.ca Brochures were distributed; names were drawn, and gifts presented to lucky members: Jill Mortimer, Liz Tomassetti, and Gail L.. THANK YOU to Chantal for attending.
3. NEW BUSINESS: Chris reinforced the request for volunteers to help on Committees.

Q&A: Lorraine B. inquired re how to set up DDS for membership fees.

Lynne will book the Legion for the May AMM.

Enjoy the lunch! **Thank you to the Legion Staff for a nice venue and lunch**.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Bill Sargeant at 12:18pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Annual Members’ Meeting with Elections, Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Royal Canadian Legion, 11:00am.**