

NAFR York Branch Board Meeting

09:30 AM – 12:00 PM January 11, 2023

Video Conference

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Marie MacPhee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Linda Laffree, Membership; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Sharon Paris, Joe Vettese, Vasdev Sawhney, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Karen Dekold APO was invited to sit in on the meeting by the President.

Regrets: Nil.

1. **Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Sharon Carson.
2. **Review and Approval of the Minutes of November 1, 2022:**
 - (a) **Equipment Storage:** Marie stated the Aurora Legion does not have space for rent.
 - (b) **Equipment:** Tom moved approval of \$740.00 spent on camera and speaker, seconded by Joe. Fred and Tom storing duplicate equipment ensuring meetings can proceed should one not be able to make meetings. In addition Tom has the Branch banners and two large suitcases. Joe moved, seconded by Linda authorizing Tom to research a screen for possible purchase. Fred to discuss storage problem at District Meeting.

Approval of minutes moved by Sharon Carson, seconded by Vasdev.

3. **Reports:**
 - (a) **President:** Fred reported that he had participated in a teleconference going over the survey related to the Strategic Plan.
 - (b) **Treasurer:** Tom circulated the Financial Statements prior to the meeting detailing Balances, Earnings/Loss and Reserves. Items covered included the need to identify Branch AGM expenses, fees for 2022 estimated, as not received from National Office and Reserves dependent on final numbers from the National Office. Approval of the template on Reserves prepared by Tom to go before the AGM and used for the 2022 final Financial Documents moved by Joe, seconded by Marie.

(c) Membership: Linda spoke to the membership report circulated prior to the meeting noting there were 959 active members. Nine new members joined since the last meeting offset by a similar number of losses. There were two unpaid active members, one DDS unpaid, two deceased and 27 lost contacts.

(d) Website Editor: Frank reported the previous meeting information had been uploaded after problems with system resolved.

4. Advocacy: APO Karen Dekold introduced herself and gave the reasons why she assume the position. She indicated she is impressed with the Association and what it has accomplished. Contacts with MP's was stressed although Tom noted that York Branch has a large number of ridings and some members live outside the Branch. Sharon Carson, Branch Advocacy Officer stated the MP's don't know NAFR and they have a very short attention span. Better to approach MP's as a group rather than singly. Form letters are ineffective. York Branch was Karen's first Branch visit. Tom requested that Karen provide feedback on her impressions of other Branches after she has visited others in the District.

5. NAFR Strategic Planning: Tom led the discussion noting the National Office is embarking on updating the Strategic Plan. Emphases will be on Branches, Branch size and what members want as even the larger Branches never get more than 3% out to general meetings. Tom reviewed the survey he conducted among York Branch. Under reasons to join included MEDOC, benefits (dental plan), pension, stay connected and volunteer to stay active. Using a Power Point presentation Tom reviewed the responses he received from a number of categories including strengths, weaknesses and reason for volunteering. A general discussion followed on how to move forward and get membership involved.

6. AGM Planning:

(a) Venue: Fred, Marie, Frank and Sharon Carson to look at the suitability of a smaller room at the Avenue Rd building.

(b) Guest Speaker: Subjects included Canada Life on managing the PSHCP and fraud awareness.

7. District Meeting:

(a) Agenda Items: Fred to circulate information when received. Possible attendees include Tom, Fred, and Sharon Carson.

(b) Lunch Subsidy: Nil.

8. New Business:

(a) Recruitment and Retention: Nil

(b) Trends and Concerns Review: Nil

9. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 March 7, 2023 Aurora Legion (Hybrid).

10. Adjournment: Moved by Vasdev, seconded by Frank.