

NAFR York Branch Meeting

10:00 – 11:30 AM March 7, 2023

Aurora Legion (Hybrid) 105 Industrial Parkway, Aurora Ont.

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Marie MacPhee, Events; Frank Froude, Web editor; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Sharon Paris, Director-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Attending on Zoom: Linda Laffree, Membership; Joe Vettese, Vasdev Sawhney, Directors-at-Large.

Regrets: Nil.

- 1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Sharon Carson, seconded by Frank.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of January 11, 2023:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Sharon Carson.
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) Equipment Storage;** Nil.
 - (b) Equipment:** Nil.
- 4. Reports:**
 - (a) President:** Fred deferred comments on the District Meeting to the Agenda circulated prior to the meeting and item 7. It was pointed out that the NAFR Finance Director is no longer with the Association. Fred noted Webinars are occurring regularly.
 - (b) Treasurer:** Tom reported he had sent out final version of statements and had them verified by Michael Yee. New lines have been implemented for certain items such as for meetings where food is provided. Tom explained the Reserves statement. Tom moved approval of the statements for presentation at the AGM, seconded by Fred.

(c) Membership: Linda noted there were 17 new members who joined since the last report bringing the Branch total to 969. There are four unpaid active members (non DDS) and 5 unpaid over 2 months (DDS). One deceased member and 26 lost contacts completed the report.

(d) Website Editor: Frank stated the site has been updated. Frank questioned whether it was necessary to have upcoming events listed in two sections. In addition should back issues of SAGE inserts be retained on the site or only the current issue? All to be continued.

(e) Advocacy: Sharon Carson indicated two members of Parliament would be agreeable to entertain another visit. Frank offered to accompany Sharon if she is successful in arranging a visit.

5. NAFR Strategic Planning: Tom commented and that based on a straw poll that he conducted the AGM and FMM are a lot of work with very little activity in between. In addition there is little time to discuss resolutions and the National Board is established with very little input. Very few of the presentations at the National level are on line and smaller Branches are left out. One suggestion was to have a mail-in vote for National directors. March 23 is the deadline for input to the AMM.

6. AGM Planning:

(a) Venue: Following a discussion on the shortcomings with the current room (gym) used by the Branch for AGM and FMM meetings Fred and Marie agreed to look at other rooms at the same location.

(b) Guest Speaker: NAFR President Roy Goodall has agreed to speak to the AGM. Looking for a second possibility.

(c) Elections: Both Fred and Tom would like to have a break from current positions. By-laws on term limits need approval at the AGM.

(d) Refreshments: Ed to provide coffee and treats prior to the meeting. Limited food permitted for a lunch.

7. District Meeting April 24-27:

(a) Agenda Items: The Agenda for the meeting was circulated for review by the Board. Issues discussed included voting at the AMM and if it is a problem with large Branches controlling the vote, Branch mergers, satellite Branches, volunteer problems and constraints placed on Branches by the National Office. Fred, Marie, Sharon Carson and Tom (partially) plan to attend.

8. New Business:

(a) 60th Anniversary – Branch Celebration: Explore at fall meeting.

(b) Recruitment and Retention: Nil

(c) Trends and Concerns Review: Nil

9. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM Aurora Legion – Marie to Chair.

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