

NAFR York Branch Meeting

09:30 – 11:00 AM May 2, 2023

Video (Zoom)

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

Regrets: Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Sharon Paris, Director-at-Large.

1. **Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Item 6 add Treasurers Report. Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Frank.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of April 4, 2023:** Approval moved by Linda, seconded by Marie.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nil.
4. **Branch AGM Post Mortem:**
 - (a) **Logistics:** Smaller room permitted more socializing although difficulty getting around and eating lunch. A larger room with a more compact set-up could be more practical. Technical difficulties while setting up and working several pieces of equipment slowed things down. Need a person dedicated to the setup and operating the system rather than having someone play a dual role of operating the system and conducting the meeting. Speaker choice good dealing with several subjects.
 - (b) **Review of the AGM Minutes:** Layout of the paragraphs dealing with changes to the Bylaws changed (indented). Item 1: Spelling of Heidi corrected. “And” changed to “an” in penultimate sentence of Bylaw changes. Linda moved approval of changes, seconded by Joe.
5. **District Meeting April 24-27:**
 - (a) **General Meeting Report:** Fred spoke to his extensive bullet notes circulated prior to the meeting. Main topics included Branch Restructuring, Advocacy, Branch Financing Committee and Governance. How voting is conducted – by Branch size at FMM, is controversial with smaller Branches resenting the lack of influence. Many Branches struggling to survive due to lack of volunteers, lack of interest in members turning out to general meetings and inability to acquire a President. Ontario now has four Advocacy persons. Those attending as observers found themselves unable

to contribute after being placed outside the President's table. With little authority to reach decisions the Regional meeting is little more than an information gathering assembly.

(b) Treasurers Report: Tom reported the dues for the final quarter of 2022 received and statements completed. Surplus funds returned to the National Office. Noted that if the person renting a room in Richmond Hill does not have a Richmond Hill address the rental is increased substantially. Marie to look at the Library in Aurora as a possible site for meetings although parking may be a problem. The question of replacing the screen damaged at the AGM was raised. Tom moved, seconded by Marie that Ed Millar be given \$100.00 to reimburse for the damaged screen. Tom to look into purchasing a screen for the Branch. Tom requested that Board members submit claims for any expenses incurred between January and June 2023 at the June meeting.

6. Next Meeting: 09:30 AM June 6, 2023 location to be determined.

7. Adjournment: Moved by Linda, seconded by Joe.