

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Hybrid)**09:30 AM – 12:05 PM June 6, 2023****Aurora Legion Hall****105 Industrial Parkway North.**

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Linda Laffree, Membership; Marie Macphee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Sharon Paris, Vasdev Sawhney, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary. Joe Vettese, Director-at-Large attended via Zoom. Member John Macphee attended as a guest.

Regrets: Nil.

1. **Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Vasdev.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2023:** Approval moved by Frank, seconded by Linda.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) **Equipment Storage:** Space is required to store banners and electronic equipment.
 - (b) **Equipment:** Branch able to use screen provided by the Legion at Aurora or project on the wall at some venues. Eventual purchase of screen possible.
 - (c) **AGM Minutes:** Fred to forward corrected version to National Office.
4. **Reports:**
 - (a) **Treasurer:** Tom reported there were no transactions since the last report.
 - (b) **Membership:** Linda spoke to her report noting the Branch now has 964 members with 3 new members, 6 unpaid Active members (non DDS), 1 deceased and 24 lost contacts – a reduction of 2 from last report.
 - (c) **Web Site Editor:** Frank reported the site is up to date and that once documents have been corrected, but not yet approved i.e. minutes he would post on the site. Once final approval is obtained the approved document, if different, would replace the posted document. Some clarification required on posting documents to the Gmail account.

(d) Advocacy: Sharon Carson stated she had been given four contacts to approach at the Regional meeting. One each in Markham, Unionville, Vaughan and Richmond Hill which she expects to see over the summer. Other items which came out of the meeting were the differences between NAFR and CARP including which segment of the senior population they each represent.

5. **NAFR Strategic Planning:** Fred reported NAFR is planning to start developing a new Strategic Plan. A committee has been formed to work specifically on Branch Financing. Larger Branches want more money and a fund has been created to which Branches in need of additional funds can apply. Committees have been established to look at other aspects.

6. **NAFR AMM June 20 – 22, 2023:**

(a) Fred outlined some of the items on the Agenda including a new preferred partner, a new Finance Director and elections involving British Columbia (2 candidates), Atlantic (3 candidates).

Proposals dealing with Boards ability to increase dues based on indexing rate; greater emphasize on use of DDS; District Directors duties and responsibilities; statement on equity, diversity and inclusion; profile of key leadership skills for officers – need for bilingualism at the top; currency exchange program; growing the association; Branch structure and authorization for Branches to process membership applications.

(b) Budget: AMM Financial Statements for 2022 approved. For 2023 -24 statements difficult to understand so explanation required.

7. **NAFR York Board 2023-24:** Tom is stepping down but Fred has agreed to continue as President for the time being. Tom agreed to act as technical advisor for meetings involving electronic equipment. Frank agreed to maintain the web site. Marie Macphee stated her spouse John Macphee would be willing to take on the role of Treasurer. Frank moved that John Macphee be named treasurer, seconded by Linda. Frank moved that John Macphee be appointed as a Board member, seconded by Linda. Tom moved, seconded by Linda that Fred be appointed as President for 2023-24.

- 8 FMM Planning – NAFR 60th:** A number of items are required to be completed including finding a speaker, what York Branch can or will do to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of NAFR and the size and location of the room for the FMM.
- 9 New Business:**
 - (a) Recruitment and Retention:** Nil
 - (b) Trends and Concerns:** Nil
- 10. Next Board Meeting: 09:15 AM September 12, 2023 location TBD.**
- 11. Adjournment:** Moved by Vasdev, seconded by Marie.