**National Association of Federal Retirees**

**Quinte Branch 45**

**AGM Meeting Minutes**

**Oct 21, 2022**

**Branch 99 RCL, Belleville**

**Attendance:**

**President: Dennis Margueratt**

**Immediate Past President: Joan Rockburne**

**Secretary: Sally Margueratt**

**Treasurer: Barry Birkett**

**Assistant Treasurer: Pat Russell**

**Director: Sharon Brohm**

**Ontario District Representative: Carol Grieco**

**Branch Members in Attendance: 35 (List of Attendees Attached)**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM
2. The President began the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and introducing the head table for the meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** PPJoan reviewed the minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 11 April 2022 via Zoom. Heather Plane moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Seconded by Francine Fortin. **Carried**
4. **Business Arising from the 2022 AGM Minutes:** None
5. **President’s Report:** President Dennis explained the operations of the Branch over the past year. The early days of the new Board were chaotic with only the President and two Directors actually forming the Branch Board. A treasurer was found but had to withdraw because of conflict-of-interest concerns. Fortunately, the past President and the past Treasurer agreed to remain on the Board allowing the Board to function. The Board held five meetings over the period during which the Board attempted to secure a suitable social venue and organize a Branch social event. Because the Board was small, much of the Board’s activities took a protracted period to realize action. The Board did organize a venue and a caterer to host a Christmas luncheon in November. The failure of this luncheon to proceed led the Board to decide the Branch membership was not interested in participating in Branch activities resulting in a decision to resign as a Board with a resignation date of 31 December 2022. Subsequently, the National CEO requested a Zoom meeting with the Board at which he requested the Board withhold its resignation until 12 April’s AGM. The Board agreed and the AGM covered by these minutes proceeded.
6. **Ontario District Representative Remarks:** Carol Grieco addressed the assembled members stressing the importance of Branch members stepping up to fill vacancies in the Board and the consequences of not achieving the election of a complete Board. She detailed the Board positions that needed to be filled. She emphasized that training was available for new Board members and that the District was available to assist the Board in establishing its presence within the Branch.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Assistant-Tres Pat reviewed the attached financial statements with the membership and also explained the Branch 2023/24 budget, also attached. Pat requested a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Cynthia Black so moved seconded by John Lutz. **Carried.** Pat then asked for a motion to accept the Branch 2023/24 Budget as presented. Heather Plane so moved seconded by Jim McVickers. **Carried**.
8. **Approval of a Financial Reviewer:** Treasurer Barry moved that Pat Russell be approved as the 2023/24 Financial Reviewer. Seconded by Paul Truaisch.  **Carried.**
9. **Election of Board:** President Dennis explained that the membership needed to elect 4 to 6 Directors, a Treasurer, a Vice-President, and a President to the Board. He stated that he would ask for nominations/volunteers three times for each position before declaring nominations closed. The positions elected through this process follow:
   1. **Directors;**
      1. Sharon Brohm
      2. Nancy Landry
      3. Chris Colton
      4. John Lutz
      5. Rose Doran
   2. **Treasurer**;
      1. Barry Birkett was acclaimed unopposed to the position of Treasurer.
   3. **Vice-President;** 
      1. No nominated or volunteered for this position. It remains Vacant;
   4. **President;**
      1. Cynthia Black volunteered to serve as Branch President. There were no other nominations/volunteers. Cynthia Black was acclaimed as Branch President.
10. **Other Business:** President Dennis asked if there was any other business required of the membership. Chris Colton requested the opportunity to present material related to a Veterans Financial Assistance program. The material presented is attached to these minutes.
11. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Prepared by:

Dennis Margueratt, Past-President

**Attachments:**

1. Sign-in Sheet for Attendees
2. 2022-23 Financial Report
3. 2023-24 Budget
4. Veterans Financial Assistance Program