

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Hybrid)

09:50 AM – 12:10 PM Sept. 12, 2023

Aurora Legion Hall 105 Industrial Parkway North

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Outgoing Treasurer; John Macphee, Treasurer; Marie Macphee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Sharon Paris, Director-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary. **Zoom** Vasdev Sawhney, Director-at-Large.

Regrets: Linda Laffree, Membership; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Joe Vettese, Director-at-Large.

- 1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Frank.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of June 6, 2023:** Approval moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Marie.
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) Equipment Storage:** To be resolved with transfer of responsibilities.
 - (b) Equipment:** NAFR only insures equipment that is stored at Branch offices. To be discussed at District meeting.
- 4. Reports:**
 - (a) President:** Fred spoke to the problems with the health care changeover to Canada Life from Sun Life noting NAFR is trying to do what it can to assist members. Many of the problems with the Phoenix pay system are still not resolved especially those related to severance pay. Upcoming issues include National Seniors Day and marking the NAFR 60th Anniversary. Pre-retirement courses are starting up which should provide good advertising for the Association.
 - (b) Treasurer:** (i) Tom transferring responsibility to John. There is a requirement that signatories be updated. **(ii) Bank Signatures:** Frank moved, seconded by Sharon Paris that Fred Conway, Tom Nichols, John Macphee, Vasdev Sawhney and Marie Macphee be approved as the signatories for the York Branch of NAFR. Carried. Frank moved, seconded by Marie that Tom Nichols be appointed a member of the York Branch Board. Carried. **(iii) Invoices:** Marie moved, seconded by Tom that invoices of \$440.44 for Richmond Hill, \$107.35 for the Aurora

Legion (rental) and \$100.00 to Ed Millar for a damaged screen be approved. Carried. **(iv) Surplus Funds:** Tom reported \$2226.79 has already been forwarded to the National Office although the final amount will not be confirmed until November. The Branch is being requested to identify if the funds are to be credited to the Defence of Benefit Fund or General (Infrastructure) Fund. Tom moved seconded by Marie that the funds be credited to the Defence of Benefit Fund. Carried.

(c) Membership: Linda submitted a report prior to the meeting displaying current membership at 972 a net gain of 8. Nineteen people joined since the last report, there were 3 unpaid active members, one deceased and 24 lost contacts.

(d) Website Editor: Frank requested some guidance on how documentation should be handled so that it is accessible. Documents uploaded to the website but not published are available only to those with a password. Making use of a dropbox was presented. For the next meeting (virtual), Frank will set up the documents and make them available to all. Frank has identified a volunteer who may act as an electronic expert to set up and troubleshoot equipment for meetings.

(e) Advocacy: Nil.

5. FMM Planning: Fred reported arrangements for the use of the gym have been completed but no use of kitchen. The speaker will be from the Alzheimer's society. Looking into having a 60th anniversary poster for meeting. Food will be sandwiches with coffee, tea and a 60th anniversary cake.

6. New Business:

(a) Ontario District Meeting Oct. 23, 2023 (Zoom 1-4PM): Only presidents invited. Fred to circulate agenda for comment. Items likely include insurance issue, expenses – Ont over budget, look at making Branch newsletter timely perhaps using eblast or email.

(b) Recruitment and Retention: Look at cost of posters in bus shelters.

(c) Trends and Concerns Review: Nil.

7. Next Board Meeting: 09:15 AM October 3, 2023 (ZOOM).

8. Adjournment: Moved by Frank, seconded by Marie.