**National Association of Federal Retirees**

South-East New Brunswick / Section du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick

Branch 64

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 29, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The interim President, Isabelle Forest, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**NATIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENT-Brenda Teed +NEW PRESIDENT**

It was announced that at the recent national Annual Meeting of Members, Brenda Teed was voted in as an Atlantic area representative on the National Board. Branch Vice President, Isabelle Forest, was appointed by the local Board of Directors as interim President.

Isabelle advised attendees that with Brenda’s appointment to the National Board, and with the recent resignation of one of our local Board directors, two vacancies were identified. The Board recommended that those vacancies be filled on an interim basis. Gerry Saunders and Georges Marcoux, individuals who previously expressed interest in joining the Board, were asked and accepted interim positions until the elections in March 2024.

**NEW AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS**

There were no new attendees at the meeting.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Secretary Karen MacGregor reviewed the Minutes from the April 23, 2023, General Members Meeting. *MOTION*: Karen made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as presented; Norma Jeanne Lavoie seconded. All in favour, Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Gilles Lemay presented the May to August 2023 Financial Reports.

Total Receipts $5,774.42; Total expenses $22,193.01; Cash Balance $36,947.67.

*MOTION*: Gilles moved that the Treasurer’s Report for May to August 2023 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Nicole Plourde. All in Favour, Motion carried.

**Membership Report**

Jack Dennahower reported that current Branch membership stands at 3126.

**Luncheons**

Don MacGregor confirmed that tickets for the November 24 lunch (roast turkey) are available for purchase.

**Banquet**

Norma Jeanne Lavoie confirmed that the June banquet was a success with many favourable comments. She has made a tentative reservation at Royal Oaks for June 3, 2024 and requested an estimate of the costs. The Branch Board will discuss the matter at the November 6 Management Meeting.

**Caring Committee**

Eileen Whyte, responsible for the Caring Committee, noted that the following Members have been remembered with a sympathy note/card to family:

Connie Dennahower

Vincent “Bing” Geldart

Gary Joseph Eugene Vivarais

Cyril Edward Weatherdon

A minute of silence was observed in recognition of departed Members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*2024 Meeting Schedule*

President Isabelle Forest presented the 2024 meeting schedule for General and Management meetings. The schedule will appear on the Branch website in the near future.

*National Seniors Week*

President Isabelle Forest informed Members that October 3 is International Seniors Day. She noted tha NAFR website has information on this special day and week. Eileen Whyte invited attendees to a special Seniors Day event, hosted by the City of Moncton on October 1, 2023, from 2-4 pm, at City Hall.

*Mega Recruitment Drive*

President Isabelle Forest noted that the NAFR Mega Recruitment Drive for 2023 has started. She outlined the parameters of the program and offered everyone specially designed business cards which have links to the Association’s website to facilitate membership applications. Paul Belliveau, the Branch Advocacy Officer, encouraged each Member to recruit a new member. Following a broad discussion on recruitment, it was suggested that the current Public Service employees could be informed about our Association through the PWGSC Pay Center in Miramichi.

*Volunteer Recognition*

At the Branch banquet in June a number of Board members were recognized for their contributions to the Branch. Isabelle made a presentation to those who were not in attendance, including Jack Dennahower, Leonard LeBlanc, Don MacGregor, and Karen MacGregor (Lorraine Casey was absent).

Leonard LeBlanc was honoured for his many contributions at the National Board level.

*Branch Services Coordinator*

President Isabelle Forest informed attendees that the Association is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Branch Services Coordinator for NB. She asked that anyone see her after the meeting.

**PRESENTATION**

Karen MacGregor made an updated presentation on the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) transfer from Sun Life to Canada Life which occurred July 1, 2023. She provided information on the challenges and problems encountered thus far, NAFR’s response and meetings with the PSHCP Administration Authority, requests to Treasury Board, etc. She also reminded attendees that mandatory generic substitution for prescription drugs will be fully applied January 1, 2024, and explained the process to request the contraction of Brand name drugs.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Nil

**AGEISM VIDEO**

A video exploring the impacts of ageism was viewed.

*Branch Lucky Draw*

Earl Weir and Ross White shared the Lucky draw prize, each winning $82.00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

**Next NAFR SE NB Branch 64 General Membership Meeting**

**November 24, 2023**