

**NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom)****09:50 – 11:45 AM October 3, 2023****Video Meeting (Zoom)**

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

**Regrets:** Sharon Paris, Joe Vettese, Directors-at-Large.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by John.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of Sept. 12, 2023:** Approval moved by Frank, seconded by Linda.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - (a) **Equipment Storage:** Tom to continue storing equipment following appointment to the Board.
4. **Reports:**
  - (a) **President:** Fred spoke to his notes circulated prior to the meeting noting the Branch By-Laws had been approved at National Office and that the terms for Directors made more liberal recognizing the difficulty in recruiting volunteers. Other items included financial records to be kept for seven years, the National web site redesign has a budget of \$90K, Johnson Insurance being rebranded as Bell Air Direct, Canada Life continues to work on staffing issues, NAFR has recommended eight issues to the Finance department for consideration in the upcoming budget and in 2024 the Dental Plan will move from Sun Life to Canada Life.
  - (b) **Treasurer:**
    - (i) **Responsibilities:** Tom spoke to National Office on expectations of Branch treasurers within NAFR
    - (ii) **Bank Signatures:** In abeyance after Fred arranged an appointment with the bank but due to holidays did no work out.

- (c) Membership:** Linda spoke to her report circulated prior to the meeting noting the Branch now has 978 members, up 6 from the last report. There are three unpaid active members and 25 lost contacts.
  - (d) Web Site Editor:** Frank has completed the set-up of the dropbox and after getting some problems worked out it is now possible to pull up information at meetings. The dropbox will now be the storage location for any documents that flow past the web site editor.
  - (e) Advocacy:** Until a replacement is found members are encouraged to contact their Member of Parliament individually to raise concerns affecting seniors, including member pensions.
5. **FMM Planning – NAFR 60<sup>th</sup>.**
- (a) Venue:** Richvale Community Centre large gym booked.
  - (b) Speaker:** Tim Goos will speak on the pros and cons of owning an electric vehicle in Alberta. Tom will do the introduction.
  - (c) Agenda:** Fred circulated a draft Agenda for comments. Some adjustments may be required to fit in the President's and Treasurer's reports should an item generate a lot of questions from members.
  - (d) Announcements – E-Blast, Web:** Marie requested that any changes to the announcement sent out prior to the meeting be transmitted to her by the end of day Oct. 3. The E-Blast will be sent out Oct. 4.
  - (e) Refreshments, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Marie to look after light refreshments and a member has promised a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.
  - (f) Logistics:** Linda to look after the registration desk. Marie to log in those on Zoom, Sharon Paris to bring name tags. Tom, Fred and Brian Turner to set up IT equipment. A pre Zoom meeting organized by Frank and Fred will be arranged to go over IT items.
  - (g) Door Prize:** It was decided to discontinue the door prize.
6. **New Business:** Nil
7. **Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM November 7, 2023 (ZOOM)**
8. **Adjournment:** Moved by Vasdev, seconded by John.