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National Association of Federal Retirees

Quinte Branch ON 45

2024 Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2024

1. Welcome and opening remarks by Carol Grieco, Ontario District Director. Current President Cynthia Black has stepped back until July 2024. District Directors Carol and Ted Young will run the branch until July 2024 in Cynthia’s absence. Carol explained the role of branch directors and that meetings will be held monthly except during the summer. Meetings will be mostly by Zoom. Carol also explained the branch options should a board not be formed, i.e. close the branch or amalgamate with another branch.
2. Declaration of Quorum

An attendance of 20 people required. 24 in attendance. Quorum met.

1. Approval of 2023 Annual Minutes

Copies of the minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Chris Colter to accept the minutes, Seconded by Barry Birkett. **Carried**

1. President’s Report

Carol read an email from Cynthia outlining her activities during the past year

* Attended District meeting in Toronto
* Attended 2 branch orientation meetings at national office
* Attended Annual Members Meeting in Gatineau
* Met with MP Ryan Williams
* Moved the branch office out of the Legion. Some furniture was given to the Legion and to the Mission Store
* A Christmas celebration was held at the Belleville Club
* A 60th Anniversary celebration was held with guests Roy Goodall and mayor Neil Ellis

Motion by Carol Grieco to accept the President’s report, seconded by Denise Charlebois. **Carried**

1. Financial Report 2023

Treasurer Barry Birkett presented the budget and Reviewed Financial statements for 2023 **(copies attached).** Motion by Barry to accept the report. Seconded by Chris Colton. **Carried**

1. Budget for 2024/25 (Reserves)

Treasurer Barry presented the budget reserves template with the following amendment:

Motion by Barry to add $380.00 for the cost of locker rental. Seconded by Denise Charlebois. **Carried**

Barry noted that the locker will be closed by the end of May. He also noted that a Zoom license needs to be purchased from reserves. **(a copy of the Reserves template is attached)**

Motion by Barry to accept proposed budget for 2024 and forecast for 2025. Seconded by Paul Truiasch. **Carried**

1. Approval of Financial Reviewer

Michael Stephenson offered to accept this task, however also accepted a position of branch director. Since the reviewer cannot be a director, the president of Quintrent branch will be asked to assist with this.

1. Branch Board Elections

Ted Young conducted nominations for the following positions:

Vice President – no nominations. Position vacant

Secretary – Denise Charlebois nominated, accepted

Director – Mike Stephenson nominated, accepted

Director – Brigitte Rittinger nominated, accepted

New Quinte Branch ON45 Board:

President – Cynthia Black

Vice President – Vacant

Treasurer- Barry Birkett

Secretary - Denise Charlebois

Directors - Chris Colton

Rose Doran

Mike Stephenson

Brigitte Rittinger

Motion by Bob Burt to accept new board. Seconded by Ann Blair. **Carried**

1. Other

A discussion was held regarding how to attract more interest from the approximately 800 members of Quinte branch. It was suggested that social events may help, and more local communication. Ted advised that this problem is being experienced by all branches and the national has formed a committee to hold discussions on the possible restructuring of the branches. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with much thanks to those who attended.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed.

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Carol Grieco signed on behalf of Cynthia Black