**National Association of Federal Retirees, Huronia Branch ON35**

**Minutes of the Annual Members’ Meeting, Held at**

**Royal Canadian Legion in Barrie on Wednesday, May 01, 2024**

**Executive members:** President Chris Auger, Treasurer Noreen Campbell, Director Membership/Recruitment – Kathy Rupnow, Director at Large – Jackie Akeson, Director Communications – Mark Burchell, Recording Secretary – Dianne Michals, Past President – Lynne Ellis (came in at 11:00am), Elections Chairperson –Peter Evans

**Regrets:** Vice President/Advocacy Director – Leo Brooks

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 11:00 am by President Chris Auger; he welcomed everyone in attendance. Members in good standing noted and present for Quorum by Secretary. Introduction of Executive and the Elections Chair, Peter Evans.

1. Minutes of May 10, 2023, Annual Members’ Meeting was provided for review.

Motion: By the Recording Secretary to accept the Minutes and Financials attached thereto. First by Colleen Wice and Seconded by Manon Auger. All in Favour. **Carried**

2. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Chris gave an overview of the Branch activities from last AMM noting the active involvement of Recruitment, Advocacy, with hi-lite of three meetings with MPs John Brassard, Doug Shipley, and Terry Dowdall and the four Priorities of the Association were discussed at those meetings. At the Ontario District Meeting on October 23 via ZOOM, the President and CEO of NAFR were in attendance. The topics covered were Advocacy, Governance, and Resolutions. Chris will attend the National AMM in Gatineau from June 18-20th and the next Huronia Branch AGM is planned for October 9/24.

3. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Chris reported on behalf of Leo Brooks. Leo will attend as an Observer at the National AMM in Gatineau.

4. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Noreen provided an overview of the attached Financial Statements with some clarification as needed. Balances and Earnings/Loss - 2022 and 2023 Budget, and 2024 Proposed Budget and Reserves Template. These will be forwarded to the National Office. See attachments.

1. Financial Statement showing: 2022 Actual Total Equity of $35,957.33 and 2023 Actual Total Equity of $39,206.74 includes GICs invested.  
   2023 Earnings of $12,313.35; Total Expenses of $9,063.94 Earnings of $3,249.41 Costs included a Computer for the Treasurer. Peter Evans in his capacity as Auditor, reviewed and certified the Financials.

**Motion** by Noreen to accept Financials, first by Nancy Viktil and seconded by Mary Lou Brooks. All in Favour.

**Carried**

1. **Motion** by Noreen to accept the 2023 Budget and Proposed 2024 Budget, first by Jill Mortimer and Seconder by Bill Sergeant. All in Favour. **Carried**
2. Report of Reserves – Noreen presented and gave an overview of the Reserves Template for Timeline 2024-2028. The Total of $23,500.00 is set aside for Equipment, Advocacy, Training & Succession, Recruitment & Communications and Special Events.
3. Noreen asked Peter Evans to be Reviewer for 2024 and he accepted.

5. **BRANCH DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

* ADVOCACY REPORT – Chris on behalf of Leo provided his report. Leo continues to be involved as a volunteer with Senior Housing Alliance – Simcoe County. They continue to advocate for education seniors on a variety of options for aging well, with dignity and as a viable alternative to Long-term Care Facilities.
* **DIRECTOR AT LARGE** - Jackie gave update that the Public Service Dental Plan with Canada Life changed to start date of November 2024; also, that there are some Pension issues.
* **MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT**– Kathy presented some statistics regarding 2023 recruitment, payment of annual fees, and reasons for joining the Retirees' Association e.g. Preferred Partners. Business cards were given out to pass on to potential members. Upcoming events: Recruitment Fair at Barrie Public Library on May 11th and 'My Transition Seminar, formerly known as SCAN at Base Borden on May 28th and 29th. The publication *Borden –at-a-Glance* is used to target workers on the Base. She expressed the reliance on Volunteers to maintain the health of our Branch and the need for project helpers.
* **COMMUNICATIONS** – Mark spoke of his role including the SAGE - Summer issue in June, and the Branch Report to occur in the Fall. He thanked his nine Phone Callers who made 111 calls: Jill, Peter, Wally, Bev, Monica and Susan were in attendance. Lists for: 1) ideas for speakers and 2) volunteers were on the tables. Chris noted the great results in the membership attendance today because of these callers. Kudos to Mark and his team.
* **WEB CONTENT EDITOR** – Chris gave direction to visit Huronia Branch website for events and activities. It was noted as a good resource at the District Meeting.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Peter Evans was introduced by Chris and acknowledged for the many times that he has been Election Chairperson. Per the By-Laws Peter did a Call for Nominations and conducted the elections. Each position was called three times.

Elections results are as follows:

Vice-President – Leo Brooks – declared - 2 years

Director – Noreen Campbell – 1 year

Treasurer – Julia Nicholls - 1 year

Mark Burchell - Director, Communications – 1 year

Manon Auger – Director at Large – 1 year

Secretary - open

The OATH OF OFFICE was presented, recited, and the Executive was installed.

Peter congratulated the Board members. Chris acknowledged the new Executive and the current Volunteers.

Chris thanked Peter for continuing to volunteer in his role as Auditor.

8. **PRESENTATION FROM HEARING LIFE** –– Mark introduced Maren Drisch, Manager of Marketing to Partnership Organizations. The overhead presentation (approx. 30 minutes) was of great interest to the membership. Questions were taken and handouts available. Mark thanked Maren for her presentation.

- Other: On behalf of the Branch membership Chris presented Jackie and Dianne with flowers for their committee service.

9. **CLOSING REMARKS:** President Chris Auger thanked the Membership, the Legion Ladies for our lunch, and asked that we check emails/website for upcoming events.

**Next Annual General Meeting: October 9, 2024, at 1100 am.**

**Next Annual Members’ Meeting: - TBD**

1. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Wally Capstiks. The meeting ended at 12:45pm.

**Attachments:**

Minutes of the AMM, May 10, 2023

President’s Report

Vice President's Report and Advocacy Report

Financial Statement – Page 1-Balances; Page 2-Earnings/Loss

2024 Proposed Budget

Reserves Template 2023.