

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
BLUEWATER BRANCH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes, DRAFT  
April 16, 2025**

**Royal Canadian Legion, Sarnia**

**Welcome** – Lawrie Lachapelle, Past President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone before lunch.

**Lunch**

**Approval of minutes of AGM 2024.**

**Motion** to approve minutes of AGM 2024

**Moved: Diane Kerr**

**Seconded: Doug Kerr**

**Carried**

**President's Report – Máirín Ring (interim President).**

Máirín thanked all attendees for coming to this year's AGM. We are at a difficult point in time after a challenging year, as we have unfortunately determined that unless a candidate for President steps up at this meeting we need to request dissolution of the branch by National Office. Despite several methods of reaching out to the membership to seek volunteers to join the board we have been unsuccessful. She thanked members of the current board, many of whom have served for many years; she also thanked former board members who were in attendance – again, many of these had served for extended periods of time.

Máirín discussed what next steps would be after a decision to request dissolution of the branch. The National Office would determine the disposition of membership – possibly based on postal codes i.e. each member would be allocated to the closest geographical branch. In the interim, until National Office provides a timeline and specific plans for the branch dissolution, the branch will continue to be in place and needs to operate. The board will be communicating and working with the National Office on the process of dissolution.

There was some discussion on how we had reached this point and the challenges in trying to keep the branch going.

**Motion** to request that the National Board dissolve the Bluewater Branch, ON 36, was put to membership in accordance with Branch Bylaw Part XI – Dissolution of the Branch.

**Moved: Doug Kerr**

**Seconded: Diane Kerr**

**Carried**

Approval of the motion requires two thirds of the vote cast at this meeting. The vote was passed by 17 of the 20 branch members in attendance.

### **Treasurer's Report – Máirín Ring**

Máirín presented the following documents for information and comments; no comments received.

1. Reserves – no request for reserves is being submitted this year
2. Presentation of the financial statements for 2024
3. Presentation of the 2025 Board approved Branch budget

**Motion:** to accept budget 2025

**Moved:** M. Lester                      **Seconded:** B. Jackson                      Carried

4. Members' approval of a reviewer for the 2025 financial year

**Motion:** to accept Peter Thompson as reviewer for 2025 financial year

**Moved:** B. Jackson                      **Seconded:** L. Davie                      Carried

- Membership Report – Bill Mason /no report presented
- Outreach – Pat Mason / no report presented
- IT and web site coordinator – Doug Kerr /no report presented

### **Elections**

- Call for Nominations

**President** (vacant) no one nominated

**Vice-President:** Lawrie Lachapelle nominated by Murray Lester, seconded by Doug Kerr. All in favor

**Treasurer:** Máirín Ring nominated by Bob Jackson, seconded by Doug Kerr. All in favour.

**Membership:** Bill Mason nominated by Lawrie Lachapelle, seconded by Dave Cayea. All in favour.

- Closing Remarks- Máirín indicated that the Board will meet to start communicating with the National Board and proceed with whatever tasks are required to complete the dissolution process.
- Adjournment