

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIRESS WESTERN MANITOBA BRANCH MB30

General Members Meeting – Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Present: Wendy Jarvin, President; Brett Turner, Vice-President, Kathie King, Secretary; Rae McBurney, Treasurer; Jane Brunet, Director; Brad Kelso, Director; Jim Doppler, Director; Val Zoerb, Director; Garnet Shearer, F of B; and Kenn Jarvin, F of B.

Regrets: Terry Gunnlaugson, F of B.

***Meeting held in-person at Riverbank Discovery Center, Brandon, Manitoba* 36 Attendees.**

1. Welcome Remarks:

Wendy Jarvin began with some housekeeping remarks and advised that this meeting was a recruitment meeting as well as a General Meeting. Wendy gave a brief overview of the agenda and timeframe. Copies of the agenda, financial statements and minutes were emailed to those members who registered. This practice will continue as lowers expenses and save time and effort.

Welcomed new members and/or potential members, provided direction to the side table with recruitment items.

2. Call to Order: Quorum was met, and Wendy Jarvin called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

3. Introductions: Board of Directors Members and Guest Speakers:

Wendy Jarvin introduced the Board of Directors and “Friends of the Board” (F of B.); Guest Speakers will appear via Zoom: Glenn Armstrong, Advocacy Program Officer for Manitoba and Patrick Imbeau, Advocacy and Policy Officer, NAFR Ottawa National Office.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Helen Harrison moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Blair English. **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting – October 8, 2024

Velma McCombie moved to approve. Seconded by Bob Partrick. **CARRIED**

6. Treasurer’s Report:

Rae McBurney presented financial reports: balance sheet, indicating branch investments and reserves, and income statement showing expenses to date. Rae moved to accept the report, seconded by Brett Turner. **CARRIED**

7. Branch Report: Wendy Jarvin discussed declining membership across the country and the need for targeted recruiting. She explained the proposed restructuring of branches National currently is studying which will benefit smaller branches. Wendy then advised of some of the

major feeders MB30 are looking at, such as CFB Shilo CBS (Border Services), Agriculture Canada and Parks Canada. Our branch currently has 733 members.

Wendy gave an overview as to what MB30 undertook in 2024:

- Ice Cream Day at the Research Station for Public Service Week

- CFB Symposium

- Remembrance Day - \$50 donation each for wreaths to 10 Royal Canadian Legions in our extended area. Some NAFR members also laid wreaths at the ceremonies. Cost was \$500.

- Holiday Greetings in eight (8) area newspapers in the extended area. Cost in total was \$900.

Wendy also advised of a need for a Communications position in MB30. She explained the role and asked anyone interested to contact her.

8. Advocacy Update from Glenn Armstrong, Manitoba Advocacy Programs Officer:

A pre-recorded, well-received message from Glenn was given on the possible upcoming Federal Election. Glen advised of the process that will happen regarding the election and a possible “earliest” date being May 12, 2025. He outlined an advocacy plan of meeting potential MPs individually to speak to NAFR priorities, as opposed to holding town halls. Manitoba has 14 MP positions. Glen also advised that Elections Canada will need many helpers and should anyone wish to assist they should contact Elections Canada. He stressed the importance of voting.

9. Lunch: The meeting broke for lunch as supplied by Joe Beeverz. During lunch, Dean Hammond of the Riverbank Discovery Centre gave an overview of expansions to the Centre and new upcoming events such as Seniors Day on August 9, 2025. The Centre has acquired a mobility scooter so that people with mobility issues can enjoy the trails and also a “cycling without age” specially fitted bicycle that can accommodate mobility restricted persons and allow them to enjoy the out-of-doors at the Centre. Conservative MP Larry Maguire was also present and brought greeting to attendees.

10. Guest Speaker: Patrick Imbeau, Advocacy & Policy Officer, NAFR Ottawa National Office Patrick joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a very interesting presentation. He gave an overview of the history of CPP and the Active Management Strategy of diversity of assets that CPP is invested in by CPPIB. It is independently governed and has 632.3B in assets. Patrick also spoke on Alberta’s proposal to create their own pension plan and the amount Alberta feels would be due to them from the present CPP system. He touched on a report from the Chief Actuary and what it concluded. Patrick ably answered questions from attendees. He concluded his presentation by assuring the group that Canada’s CPP is one of the best anywhere in the world.

11. Adjournment: Helen Harrison moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.