

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
WESTERN MANITOBA BRANCH MB30  
Annual General Meeting and Recruitment Event April 15, 2025**

**Present:** Wendy Jarvin, President; Brett Turner, Vice-President; Rae McBurney, Treasurer; Kathie King, Secretary; Jane Brunet, Director; Brad Kelso, Director; Val Zoerb, Director; Garnet Shearer, FOB; Terry Gunnlaugson, FOB; and William Stadnyk, Nominations Chairperson.

**Regrets:** Jim Doppler, Director.

**Attendees: 43 Members and 2 Guests (Potential members)**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order:**

Wendy Jarvin welcomed attendees and provided “housekeeping” tips. Wendy explained the recruitment feature of the meeting and encouraged members to share NAFR information to current government employees, future retirees, and other federal retirees who are non-members.

Meeting called to order: 11:48 am

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Rhonda Mathers moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Terry Gunnlaugson. **CARRIED**

**3. Introduction of Board Members:**

Wendy Jarvin introduced the board of directors and their position titles.

**4. Remembrance of our members:**

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Branch members lost in 2024/25.

**5. Approval of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting – May 01, 2024:**

Motion by Brett Turner to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024, AGM. Seconded by Rhonda Mathers. **CARRIED**

**6. Annual Branch Report:**

Wendy Jarvin gave information on the organization, districts, and branches. She drew attention to the website. Wendy explained the undertaking with respect to Branch Restructuring Committee. She outlined the coming events this year such as the Prairie District Meeting, The Members Meeting in Ottawa and upcoming recruitment drives. We will again participate in Public Servants Week by attending the Brandon Research Station with ice cream and NAFR material, as well as reaching out to Canada Border Services and Parks Canada in MB30 area. The Symposium at CFB Shilo will again be attended. Remembrance Day Wreaths will again be purchased (10 Legions and possibly two more) as well as Holiday Greetings will be placed in at least 7 local area newspapers. It is intended to meet with elected officials, MLAs and MPs in MB30 area. The Brandon-Souris Constituency will have a new MP due to the resignation of Larry Maguire. Wendy gave an update on the Succession Planning documents (board role descriptions – President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.) that are being developed. She also emphasized the need for volunteers to take on some of these roles and the role of Friends of the Board was explained.

Wendy brought awareness to the NAFR Virtual Pre-Retirement Courses that are available. Concluded by introducing 3 the new Preferred Partners located in Winnipeg that are available to members. Dr Gupta, Podiatrist, Canadian Footwear and Stack Pancakes.

## 7. Presentation of Financial Reports:

- a) Approved Financial Statements: Balance Sheets and Statement of Earnings/Loss – Ending 31 Dec 2024.
- b) Approved 2025 Budget.
- c) Approved Reserve Equity Plan Year Ending Dec 2024.

Treasurer Rae McBurney presented the Approved Financial Statements and the 2025 Budget. Wendy Jarvin spoke to the Reserve Equity Plan. Rae asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Motion by Rae McBurney that Balance Sheets and Statement of Earnings/Loss – 2024, 2025 Budget and Reserve Equity Plan Year Ending Dec 2024 be accepted as presented. Seconded by George Abernathy. **CARRIED**

Motion by Rae McBurney that Pat Selinger be named as External Reviewer for the Year 2025. Seconded by Terry Gunnlaugson. **CARRIED**

## 8. Lunch – Meeting broke for lunch supplied by Joe Beeverz of Brandon.

## 9. Board of Directors 2025/2026: Acclamations Elections and Call for Volunteers

Nominations Chairperson Bill Stadnyk read appropriate By-Laws and Regulations for 2025/26 nominations. A chart showing the expired board positions and a 2<sup>nd</sup> chart showing the Board Positions for 2025 – 2026 was presented to the membership. Bill Stadnyk called for volunteers/nominations for the remaining Director-at-large positions. No member volunteered. Bill also stated that “friends of the board” are needed and welcome. No volunteers came forward.

Bill moved the Board of Directors in the presented Chart (attached) will be installed **by Acclamation**. Seconded by Kathie King. **CARRIED**

## 10. Guest Speakers:

Glen Armstrong, Advocacy Program Officer for Manitoba was in attendance and gave his report. Glen spoke about the Benefits to Survivors that upon your death, the Public Health Service Care Plan (PSHCP) and the Pensioners Dental Service Plan (PDSP) coverage does not automatically continue for your dependent survivors. It is important to give these entities notice right away so that a new file for your survivor can be opened. The paperwork must be prompt. The Pension Centre is clear that each pensioner situation is unique and that the Pension Centre should be consulted at all times on the process. Glen touched on the NAFR Priorities. Those being: Retirement Income Security, National Seniors Strategy and Veterans Wellbeing. This also coincides with the upcoming Federal Election of April 28, 2025. In Manitoba there are 14 ridings and there is a lot of information that is available on the federalretirees.ca website including a comparison of the 5 party platforms as they relate to Seniors and the NAFR priorities. And lastly, Glen commented on the volumes of misinformation on Social Media and in the News Media. He cautioned that before you believe a post, before you comment on a post or before you re-post it, CHECK the facts.

Rob Jaska, BSc. Pharm. Pharmacist/Manager/ Owner, Super Thrifty Drugs. Rob spoke about what a pharmacist does and what to look for in a pharmacist if you are deciding on a pharmacist. He provided information on how Canada Life billing works for the pharmacist and that a pharmacist can assist you with information that might be required by Canada Life. He touched on the Generic Substitution Program and Dispensation Fees. In Manitoba, Pharmacies are

required to submit their fee schedule to Government. Rob spoke about the new phase of the National Pharmacare Program. He also cautioned to be careful of published studies, as again, there are many factors that need to be present to make the study a legitimate study. Rob's presentation was well-received.

**11. Adjournment:** Kathie King moved the meeting be adjourned at 2:13 pm

Position	Name	End of term
President	Wendy Jarvin	2027
Vice-president	Brett Turner	2026
Treasurer	Rae McBurney	2026
Secretary	Kathie King	2027
Director-at-large	Brad Kelso	2027
Director-at-large	Jane Brunet	2026
Director-at-large	Val Zoerb	2026
Director-at-large	Jim Doppler	2026
Director-at-Large	Vacant	--

Friends of the Board: Terry Gunnlaugson  
 Garnet Shearer  
 Kenn Jarvin  
 Betty Kelso

Minutes Approved by:

Wendy Jarvin – President

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Kathie King – Secretary

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