

National Association of Federal Retirees
Funday Shores Branch (NB65)
Annual General Members Meeting (AGM) Minutes
April 29, 2025 4:00-7:00pm

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by the President, Geoff Howson, at 4:10pm. A quorum was present, with 10 board members, 50 general members and 5 guests.

Geoff greeted the members and thanked them for their attendance. He welcomed our guest speaker, The Honourable Lyne Chantal Boudreau; the National Directors for District of Atlantic, Roland Wells and Brenda Teed; Mariet van Groenewoud, President of the Fredericton Chapter and Pat Brideau, Administrative Director of the Fredericton Chapter.

- 1) President Geoff Howson called for a motion to approve the draft agenda for our Business Meeting. Lorraine Scott moved the approval of the Agenda. Paul Toner seconded it. Motion carried.
- 2) Geoff introduced Roland Wells from the National committee of the NAFR. He spoke of his long time connection to NB and the work of the NAFR in advocating for all retirees to have dignity in their retirement. Geoff introduced the head table-our speaker, special guests, Mike Power, Branch Vice President and Kees Hamming, our Treasurer.
- 3) Approval of the 2024 Draft Minutes, Mike Power moved to accept the Draft 2024 Minutes of the AGM as circulated. Myles Ross seconded the motion carried.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Kees Hamming presented the 2024 Financial Statements:
 - a. The Branch Balance Statement: As of 12/31/24. He reviewed the Branch Earnings/Loss Statement for the year ending 12/31/24 showing the net earnings of \$1,090.57
 - b. The 2025 Branch Budget, showing a projected net loss of \$6,385.00 and the 2026 forecast showing a projected net loss of \$ 5,920.00.
Kees discussed the reserved and why the planned losses would not undermine the financial soundness of the Branch.
Kees moved that the membership received the financial statements as presented. Richard Bale seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Branch Reviewers for the 2025 accounts. Kees discussed the Review of the Account for 2024. Kees moved that the Board name Mariet van Groenewoud, Board President of the Fredericton Branch be a reviewers for 2025. Geoff Howson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brenda Teed of the Atlantic Discount Council clarified that the Board can change the person named or make further appointments.

6. Membership Report: Catherine O’Leary presented her report. We have 1014 current members. Eighteen new members were received this year. We had 3 deaths/ Dave Stewart, Russel Finnamore and Agnes Marquis. Catherine sent sympathy cards to the spouses’ of deceased members. She also asked the spouses if they would like to maintain their own membership if they were a member. It would be important for their travel insurance, etc. Catherine stressed that a double membership is required for both spouses to be covered for travel insurance. She also asked members to update their email address if there had been a change. Catherine moved the acceptance of her report. Paul Myles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. President’s Report:

Our president gave a few words and then began the elections for the board.

Elections: The Branch Board shall comprise of a minimum of four and a maximum of 12 directors. Geoff Howson oversaw/presented of officers and directors. Geoff moved that Rolly MacIntyre be elected to the Branch Board. Richard Bale seconded the motion. Motion carried. Geoff called for further nominations to the Board three times. None were forthcoming. The Secretary’s position remains vacant. Mary Losier-Roderick agreed to take on the membership duties. Kees Hamming moved to appoint Richard Bale, who was serving a 1 year appointment to the Board. Seconded by Howard Pearn. Carried. The new Executive and Board were presented to the Membership by the President.

Position	Name	Term (as of May 2025)
President	Geoffrey Howson	1 year remaining
Vice-President	Michael Power	1 year remaining
Treasurer	Kees Hamming	2 years remaining
Secretary	Vacant/TBA	From existing board
Membership	Mary Losier-Roderick	2 years remaining

Directors	
Roly MacIntyre	3 years (new appointment)
Richard Bale	3 years (after 1 year appointment)
Howard Pearn	3 years (reoffered)
Myles Ross	3 years (reoffered)
Paul Toner	2 years remaining
Lorraine Scott	2 years remaining
Vacant (available)	3 year
Vacant (available)	3 year
Past-President	No term; now complete

8. New Business:

There will be a Board Meeting late June 2025 at St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's Church.

Geoff presented Catherine with a gift certificate to the Suwanna's Restaurant for her many years of service.

9) Adjournment: Geoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.

10) Guest Speaker: Hon. Lynne Chantal Boudreau. Minister responsible for Seniors; Minister responsible for Women's Equality.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Losier-Roderick