

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
South-East New Brunswick / Section du Sud-Est du Nouveau-  
Brunswick  
Branch 64**

**MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Karen MacGregor at 10:00 a.m.

**NEW MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sylvie Beaulieu, CFSA  
Bonita Carll, PSPC  
Ginette Cassie, PSPC

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the November 29, 2019 meeting were read by Brenda Teed who made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Moved by Brenda Teed; seconded by Nicole Plourde. All in favour. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. Peter Ford provided information on Cannabis, its components and how it can be used in health/pain management. He covered its uses and side effects and cautioned seniors that it is important to start with very small quantities when introducing Cannabis to your medical regimen. A 10 minute question and answer period followed the presentation.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No business from previous minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jo-Ann Milburn presented the financial report for the period from November 1 to December 31, 2019.

Total Receipts were \$6,017.18; Total Expenses were \$3,726.01, leaving an December 31<sup>st</sup> Cash Balance of \$8581.82.

Jo-Ann Milburn moved that the Treasurer's Report for the period from November 1 to December 31, 2019 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Chuck Lavoie. All in favour. Motion Carried.

**Membership Report**

Jack Dennahower advised that the current Branch membership is 3040.

**Luncheon & Banquet Reports**

Luncheon

Lorraine Casey advised that there will be luncheon meetings in February and April 2020. Tickets for these luncheons are now on sale. She encouraged members to buy in advance.

### Banquet

Norma Jean Lavoie advised that the Annual Banquet will be held on June 1, 2020. There has been a change to the chicken meal which will now be Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost is \$15/\$45 for members/non-members.

### Caring Committee

Sheila Huntley read condolences sent out to the families and friends of:

- 9904750 Pierre Arsenault: 79, Grande-Digue, passed away November 16, 2019. His wife Gloria also a member.
- 9968554 Pauline Whittle: 81, Elgin. December 15, 2019. Pauline's husband Robert also NAFR member.
- 16777 Gordon M McKenney, 86, Lakeville. December 16, 2019. Gordon retired from Moncton RCMP as a Staff Sergeant with 31 years of service.
- 9994807 Enid Lane, 79, Hillsborough, December 20, 2019. Enid's husband Ronald, also a member.
- 9997695 Everett C McQuinn, 88, Riverview, December 24, 2019. His wife Moreen is a member.
- 9998337 Wanda L. Leblanc, 67 Moncton, January 17, 2020. Husband Robert also a member.

### Non- Members

Alfred Bureaux, Riverview, Nov 14, 2019. Father of member John Bureaux, Dieppe

Pauline Fearon, Campbellton, January 20, 2020, sister of member Earl McGlinchey, Harcourt.

A Minute of silence was held in honour of departed members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Upcoming Speakers:**

Mr. Philippe Fontaine, NB EMO, Emergency Readiness for Seniors. February 2020.

#### **National Office Updates:**

Leonard Leblanc provided an update from the National Office in 4 areas:

1. The National Board of Directors held two day retreat in Moncton in December. The theme was looking forward to 2020.
2. The NBOD held it regular meeting in Moncton in December following the retreat. Branch Management members were in attendance at all sessions. Presentations organized by Karen MacGregor and led by NAFR President were held in Moncton, Shediac, Mirimichi and Charlottetown.
3. National is monitoring the new government to keep watch on legislation in order to be able respond in a responsible manner.
4. Led by the Fredericton Branch, a province wide survey of members on health issues in NB will take place in February.

### **Report on Board Nominations:**

Paul Cassidy reported that the Nominations being put forward for the 2020 - 2021 year are as follows:

President: Karen MacGregor  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lise Bourque  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Paul Cassidy  
Secretary: Brenda Teed  
Director: Dorothy Burns  
Jo-Ann Milburn  
Bill Goobie  
Jack Dennahower  
Lorraine Casey  
Chuck Lavoie  
Norma Jeanne Lavoie  
Gilles Lavoie  
Don MacGregor  
Paul Belliveau

Paul Cassidy moved that the Report on Board Nominations be accepted as read. Seconded by Ed Weatherdon. All in favour. Motion carried

### **Update on NBOD meeting in Moncton:**

Karen advised that the NBOD meeting held in Moncton was the first time the meeting was held outside of Ottawa. Branch members attended and have a better understanding of how the NBOD works. More information will be in the January Bulletin to Branches.

### **Update on District Management Meeting**

Brenda provided an update on the DMM which had representative from all Branches in the 4 Atlantic provinces. The focus was the Strategic Plan through to 2024. She outlined the three goals contained in the plan.

She also provided an update on Project 338, an initiative under the Advocacy goal designed to have NAFR representation in all 338 federal ridings. She advised that Advocacy will now be a standing agenda item in all future meetings.

### **NB Regional Meeting**

Karen advised the NB Regional meeting will be held in Fredericton April 6-7. We will be sending 3 members who have not yet been selected.

### **AMM in Ottawa**

Karen advised that the Annual Meeting of Members would be held June 9-11 at the Lac Lemay Hilton. The Board has agreed to send 3 members in addition to the President for this year's meeting. Members have not yet been selected.

### **Branch Equipment Purchase**

Karen advised that the Branch has purchased a laptop computer, authority for this purchase was approved in 2016 when 2 computers were approved and only one purchased. In addition, a projector was purchased. This equipment will be used at meetings and at recruitment presentations.

### **Proposed Branch By Law changes**

Karen informed members that at the February AGM we will be proposing a change to our by laws regarding reserved funds. Lorraine Casey explained that the current by law on reserve funds is too restrictive in its use, and therefore, we intend to introduce a new by law which will permit us to use these reserve funds in our priority areas. This will be further explained and brought up for a motion in February.

### **Membership Fee Increase**

Karen advised that effective January membership fees increased 2.2% to Annual/Monthly rates of Single \$51.36/\$4.28 and Double \$66.60/\$5.55.

### **Request for Funds**

Karen informed members that the Board received a request from the Sunny Brae Legion for a contribution to their fund to pave their parking lot. Board members voted not to support this request and Karen responded on behalf of the Branch.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no business from the floor.

### **50/50 DRAW**

Bonita Carll and Nicole Plourde were the recipients of today's draw for \$121.50 each.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. and was followed by a Ham and Scalloped Potato Luncheon.

<p><b>Next NAFR SE NB Branch 64 AGM and General Membership Meeting</b> <b>Feburay 28, 2020</b></p>
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