

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

**MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 28, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Karen MacGregor at 11:10 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

Renée Boutet, Health Canada

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Lise Bourque, on behalf of Secretary Brenda Teed reviewed the Minutes of the January 31, 2020 meeting. Lise made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Moved by Lise Bourque; seconded by Paul Cassidy. All in favour. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

The meetings commenced with our guest speaker, Philippe Fontaine of the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization. He provided an overview of the organization, their structure and mandate provincially. He then spoke on the importance of 72 hour Readiness Kits which are available at Costco and from the Red Cross as well.

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 January 2020.

Total Receipts were \$5,258.68; Total Expenses were \$2,914.09, leaving a January 31, 2020 Cash Balance of \$10,926.41.

Jo-Ann Milburn moved that the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Ted Weatherdawn. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Membership Report

Jack Dennahower advised that the current Branch membership is 3053.

Luncheon & Banquet Reports

Luncheon

Lorraine Casey advised that there will be a luncheon meeting in April 2020. Tickets for the luncheon 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:

Margaret Challes, 73, Salisbury, passed away Oct 2, 2019. Husband David member.

Dianne Doucette, 70, Moncton, passed away Jan 23, 2020. Husband Roger member.

John David Wry, 77, Moncton passed away Jan 28, 2020. Wife Martha member.

Anne Vautour, Dieppe, passed away Feb 7, 2020. Husband Paul member.

Elsie Tremblay, 81, Irishtown, passed away Feb 10, 2020. Husband Jim member.

Robert Burns, 82, Riverview, passed away Feb 19, 2020. Wife Laura member.

Non Member

Harold Dole, 71, Moncton, passed away Feb 7, 2020. Brother Jean Branscombe member.

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

NEW BUSINESS

National Office Updates:

Leonard Leblanc provided an update regarding 2 Health Surveys:

1. Healthcare NB - this survey requires 6 minutes to complete.
2. National Survey - this survey is coming soon.

Advocacy

Karen advised the membership that Paul Belliveau has agreed to be our Branch Advocacy Liaison (BAL).

NB Regional Meeting

Karen advised the NB Regional meeting will be held in Fredericton in May 2020. 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, therefore, Brenda Teed, Gilles Lavoie and Paul Belliveau will be joining Karen for these meetings.

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. – **BF to next meeting.**

Upcoming Speaker

Climate Change, Surabhi Sheth, BRACE Project Coordinator. April 2020.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

Even Split DRAW

Paul Cassidy and Lorraine Casey were the recipients of today's draw for \$99.50 each.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. and was followed by a Turkey dinner Luncheon.

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| <p>Next NAFR SE NB Branch 64 General Membership Luncheon Meeting April 24, 2020</p> |
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