



National Association of Federal Retirees    Association nationale des retraités fédéraux  
**PETERBOROUGH & AREA  
BRANCH ON44**

## **Minutes of the General Meeting, 16 October 2019**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52  
1550 Lansdowne Street, Peterborough ON

Pierre Brunet, President welcomed attendees and thanked Yvonne McDougall-Brady from Johnson Insurance for coming today and providing information about the popular Medoc travel insurance. After a very interesting talk and question period it was on to the lunch. The Legion ladies kept to their high standard and all enjoyed the meal. The door prize was won by Luc Bonin. (The door prize was a backpack automotive safety kit, generously provided by Johnson Insurance).

The formal meeting began @ 12:40 with Pierre introducing the members of the branch executive. He was very pleased with the turnout as in total there were 36 persons in attendance.

### *Approval of agenda*

He then asked for any changes to the agenda and one correction was to change the date of the past AGM to 10 April. He then asked for approval of the agenda. Moved by Maureen Colarossi. Seconded by John Collins. Carried.

### *Approval of minutes from AGM of 10 April 2019 (Peterborough)*

Copies of the minutes from the past AGM were provided attendees. Pierre asked for approval of the minutes.

Moved by Richard Poersch Seconded by Anne Marie Beckstead Carried.

### *Approval of minutes from GM of 18 Sept. 2019 (Oshawa)*

Lastly, the minutes requiring approval were those from the general meeting held in Oshawa on Sept. 18 2019.

Moved by Peter Doherty. Seconded by Lois Gehan. Carried.

### *President's Report*

Pierre thanked the executive for their hard work. He felt the good turnout for the meeting was very encouraging. He mentioned that the demise of bill C-27 (pension reform) was very good news. Pierre also touched on the wide area of coverage for this branch and perhaps holding meetings in other towns during the year.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Marcel Lamothe went through the financials of the branch effective Oct. 16th noting total assets of \$30,623.97; expenditures of \$3,231.91 resulting in a balance of \$27,392.06

Richard Poersch asked if the \$1500 approved at the last AGM for attendance at the June 2019 AMM had been used. Pierre noted Sharron Curley attended and Marcel pointed out the cheque of \$1,417.95.

Pierre asked for a motion to accept the financial statement.

Moved by Lesley Humber. Seconded by Maureen Colarossi. Carried

### *Correspondence*

Pierre note the branch received posters from Veteran Affairs commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Italian Campaign. Unfortunately we have no spot to post them but did donate them to the Legion.

Also, the branch received a request for donation from the Legion for their Poppy Fund. This is the only group our non-profit status allows us to support.

Moved by Lynn Allison that \$100 be donated.

Seconded by Anne Marie Beckstead. Carried.

### *Secretary's Report*

Richard Poersch mentioned the recent Branch Bulletin included with the fall Sage and that it was very well done. Sharron Curley was the author and said she hoped that her work on Branch Bulletins, the web site, email blasts etc. would encourage members to come out to meetings and consider being a contact person in their area. As a contact person, they could contribute information for the web site, suggest local events of interest.

### *Old Business*

Pierre mentioned the Association's top priorities for the upcoming election. Also, when government prorogued, Bill C-27 (pension reform) died. A very good outcome for us.

### *New Business*

Pierre introduced the plan to modify the bylaws, copies of which were included with the meeting handouts. Lesley Humber (past president) talked about the need to update them due to dwindling numbers of members attending meetings and the difficulties in recruiting for executive positions. We will not affect our non-profit status with these changes. Pierre went through the proposed changes as follows:

- A. Amend 5.1.1 to read "the Branch executive shall comprise between **3 and 7** directors. {formerly between 7 and 13 directors}  
Of these directors, the following shall serve as officers: President, Vice-President and **Treasurer/Secretary**. (The roles of Treasurer and Secretary may be combined if required.) Formerly "Secretary **and** Treasurer"
- B. Amend 6.4 Election and Terms of Office: to remove "The terms shall be staggered so half the Branch Executive positions come up for renewal each year."
- C. Amend 6.5 Maximum terms: to read "A member may serve on the Branch executive in any capacity for a maximum of two full consecutive terms or four years in any given

elected position , and *may stand for re-election to the branch executive if there are no replacements/volunteers.*

Formerly “ a maximum of two full consecutive terms in any given elected positions and may stand for re-election to the Branch executive after a break of one year.

D. Amend 8.5 to read “the quorum required to conduct business is **15** members. Formerly “the quorum required is 20 members”.

E. Amend 10.2.3 to read “The Branch is required to forward their bylaws and any subsequent amendments to the Association National Office ~~for review and Board approval.~~

Richard P. questioned when the new bylaws would come into effect. Officially the bylaw changes must be made at an Annual General Meeting. Branch members must be given 60 days notice of the meeting and the proposed changes for approval.

Lesley H. noted that according to item 10.2.1 “Interim amendments” changes come into effect now with formal ratification at an AGM.

Pierre mentioned that current executive members had one more year in their term and did not anticipate voting in new executive members at the upcoming AGM. Unfortunately Lesley Humber said she would be retiring from the executive thus putting voting for executive positions back on the agenda.

Pierre mentioned a future meeting in Lindsay. Maureen d’Anjou commented that might be ill advised as members who did not drive would be unable to attend. Pierre stated this is not finalized.

Adjournment

John Collins moved for adjournment.