SIDNEY & DISTRICT BRANCH #14 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Number Present: 93

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Minutes Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 9:45 am Meeting Location: St. Elizabeth's Church

Welcome and emergency evacuation. Any new members in attendance? Welcome to one new member in attendance as well as those from other branches. Anyone that has recently retired -Thank you for your service!

- 1. Erika informed those in attendance that if they had not received the September Branch Newsletter containing the minutes of the June 08, 2019 Minutes, this morning's agenda and financial reports that there were copies available at the table at the front entrance.
- 2. <u>AGENDA</u> Motion "To approve the agenda as presented in the notice of meeting in the September newsletter.

Moved by Peter Hurley, Seconded by Linda MacGowan, - CARRIED

3. President's Report

Annual Member's Meeting - Gatineau June 2019

- a) Strategic Plan for the next 5 years passed 100%
 - a. Advocate in the best interest of our members and seek to be recognized as a respected national voice supporting secure, healthy and dignified retirement for federal retirees and all Canadians.
 - b. Promote membership retention and growth.
 - c. Pursue organizational excellence at all levels of the organization.
- b) Branch Support Fund \$80,000 passed 70% support
- c) <u>Membership Fees</u> increase at the same rate as the previous year consumer price index 2.2% for 2020 passed 79% **(\$1.43 couple/\$1.11 single)**
- d) <u>Code of Conduct</u> (changes to cover impairment by any substance not acceptable while conducting association business. passed 100%
- e) Collection & Remittance of Fees (correction to the way the national office deals with any fees received at a branch We do not collect any at this branch) passed 100%
- f) <u>Preferred Partners</u> (overhaul of the process when we engage with new partners) 100%
- g) <u>Defence of Benefits Reserve</u> Renew the authority to withdraw up to \$500,000 with a special resolution. Set the maximum level for the reserve fund at \$2.5 million with contribution levels set each AMM. passed 100%

New Director for our District – BC and the Yukon

 a) Randy Wilson is from the Cobble Hill area and retired from the RCMP from the position of Chief Superintendent but also served as Assistant District Commander in the S.E. of BC and worked at Headquarters in Ottawa as a security coordinator for Prime Minister Chretien's travel, where regular 'behind the scenes' exposure to head of government/staff interactions provided insight into the workings of elected officials and bureaucrats. He is a welcome addition.

4. Advocacy Report

Erika Kanczula

Paul organized the All Candidates Meeting being held after the business meeting. Thanks to David Stinson and Denny Gelinas as well.

5. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (reports included in the newsletter)

a. Financial Statements – Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Motion to approve the Financial Statements for the month ending August 31, 2019 showing a small loss to date of \$520.65 as presented. Moved by Ajit Singh Seconded by Adam Kanczula. All those in favour - CARRIED

6. Membership Report

Erika Kanczula

- a. Membership has fallen slightly to 1245.
- b. Mega Recruitment Drive until December 15th. Read your SAGE magazine to see the prizes on offer and all the other details.

7. Member's Welfare Report

Erika Kanczula

Nothing to report. Very quiet.

8. Programs & Events

Erika Kanczula

- a. 30th Anniversary event nothing planned yet
- b. Annual General Meeting in February may look at doing a small senior style fair to follow our meeting at the ANAF in cooperation with them.

9. Communications

a. Next newsletter will come out in the SAGE magazine. This is a trial to see if it fills our needs and is at NO COST to our branch.

Motion to adjourn the general meeting at 9:55 am. Moved by Peter Bey Seconded by Barbara Ollman

Meeting was followed by an All Candidates Forum of Federal Candidates for the Federal Election on October 21^{st,} 2019. Intro and closing by Paul Mannion (Advocacy Director.) Moderator-David Stinson (Past President.)