

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)  
BOD Meeting – Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.  
Hazen Park Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Oromocto**

**PRESENT**

Elliott Keizer, Denise Blanchard, John Richards, Evans Estabrooks, Chris Goddard, Andrew Gunter, Norm Sheen, Rae Hopper, Gary Barfitt and Elise Young.

**ABSENT**

Cyril Theriault, Ian Culligan and Mike McCormick.

**1. WELCOME**

Elliott Keizer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the following changes:

Business from the Minutes:

4b) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities – postponed to the next meeting

4c) Communications Committee Terms of Reference – postponed to the next meeting

New Business:

6c) Advocacy in Health Care – John instead of Elliott

Add: 6f) – BOD and Atlantic Volunteers Meeting Dec 4 and 5 - Moncton

**Moved by Elliott                      Seconded by Chris    CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Moved by Elliott                      Seconded by Elise    CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Q&A 2019 Federal Elections – John.**

**b) Event was well attended (200 people in attendance) and a great success. John thanked all the volunteer that helped with this event. Used the same format that Chris**



### **c) Membership Growth Report – Evans**

Evans provided a summary of his report which is attached to the minutes.

Evans mentioned that there are 63 inactive members; he contacted 21 members to check on their status. Some were deceased, telephone disconnected, did not answer, membership cancelled, etc.... Denise offered to check those members in CRM to verify their status.

**Moved to approve report by Evans**

**Seconded by John**

**CARRIED**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) BOD Meeting Dates - Denise**

Denise prepared and distributed the BOD meeting dates for 2020. The BOD asked that we change the date the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to September 9<sup>th</sup>. Denise will check the availability of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor boardroom for those dates and report to the board.

### **b) Fall Dinner Agenda – Denise**

One item added: #9. Thanks Guest Speaker – Elliott.

### **c) Advocacy in Health Care – John**

Discussion regarding the board's involvement with health care advocacy and if we should raise this topic at the next Fall Dinner meeting. Is the Fall dinner a good venue to do this? Might become too personal for the members. Various suggestions were made by members of the board.

- Present our membership with some area of focus, i.e. not enough doctor in New Brunswick, how to entice them to come here or get involved in bringing changes. Petition could be made and sign by members to be presented to the government. Lobbying on our collective behalf.
- Might be premature to present this at a Dinner meeting. Could have someone that is involve in this and could summarize the picture and make some suggestions and present this at an information session.
- Announce at the Fall meeting that we are thinking of getting more involved with localized health care issues; send us your questions that you need answers too. Then we compile those questions and take them to a health care professional in the government. Following this, we could have information session for our members.
- Could be mentioned by Elliott as part of the welcoming at the Fall meeting, i.e. do you think the system can be improved and if they would like to be involved as volunteers.

Decision: The board will present the following during the welcoming item at the Fall meeting: explain that we will investigate the health care situation in New Brunswick for

our members and trying to better understand the issues. We will need some help and will work out the details once we know how it will be done.

**d) Remembrance Day Wreaths – Elliott**

Gary will buy one for the Oromocto Legion and Norm will buy the one for the Fredericton Legion.

**e) Remembrance Day song and slide show – Elliott**

The board will not present this at the Fall meeting. However, it will be posted on our website and our Facebook page.

**g) Board of Directors and Atlantic Volunteers Meeting – Moncton – December 4 & 5, 2019 – Elliott**

Need to register by Friday, October 18, 2019. Only the President and one more person from each branch can attend. Evans and Chris have expressed interest in attending; they will inform Elliott once they checked their schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Denise Blanchard, Admin Director**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Elliott Keizer, President**