

**National Association of Federal Retirees
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)
Via ZOOM – 2:00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, Denise Blanchard, John Richards, Evans Estabrooks, Mike McCormick, Ian Culligan, Norm Sheen, Gary Barfitt.

ABSENT

Andrew Gunter, Evans Estabrooks, Rae Hopper and Chris Goddard.

1. WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Elliot welcomed to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by Mike

Seconded by Cyril

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF February 15th, 2020

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Moved by Denise

Seconded by John

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Postponed to the next meeting of Wednesday, June 3rd.

5. REPORTS

a) Finance – John

John presented his treasurer's report and the Q1 and estimates for 2020 with approved 2020 budget and projected changes. Both reports are dated May 29, 2020.

Highlight of the report:

Because of the COVID we had to cancel the following events: spring dinner, spring information session, NAFR general annual meeting in Ottawa scheduled for mid-June; advocacy activities regarding the member survey on the NB Health system and two branch meetings. This resulted in no expenditures and because of this there is a projection that NB62 will be in a surplus situation of about \$3,800. Our by-laws state that the previous year's reviewed statements must be presented to our membership for their approval; this is normally done as part of our Spring

General Annual Members Meeting; because of the cancellation, it will be presented at the Fall Dinner.

We will also present a motion to repurpose one of our special reserve funds (we will dissolve the equipment special reserve fund and establish a new Advocacy Special Reserve with these funds). John also reviewed the revenue and expenses.

We are projecting more surplus and given the fluid situation we agreed not to initiate any new spending. Also agreed that there will be an announcement in Sage regarding the reprofiling one our Special Reserve Funds. Elliot proposed that we change the definition of the Executive Committee so that the Advocacy Director is a member of the Executive.

See attached reports for additional information.

It is John's last report as a treasurer. Elise Young will be our treasurer.

Moved by Elliott

Seconded by:

CARRIED

b) Special Events – Gary

Gary presented his report.

Highlights of the report:

Fall/Spring Info Session will be November 3rd; let by lawyer Jodi Lee-White at the Days Inn.

Fall/Spring Dinner AGM on Tuesday, October 20th.

If there is another outbreak in the Fall and we should be expected to react to that.

Another concern is that we are limited to a maximum of 50 people with social distancing. Half of that would be the board members, partners, and regional people. Currently a meeting with 50 people would have also to be outdoors. These issues also apply to the Information Session. Cyril suggested that we could wave the registration fees for the Dinner for our members. He mentioned that other branches in New Brunswick provide lunches for their members. It could be a possibility and something to consider.

See attached report for additional information.

Gary moved to accept the report

Seconded: Denise

CARRIED

c) Membership Growth Report –Evans

Evans was absent.

Elliott moved that the Membership Growth Committee report be accepted as distributed.

Seconded by Cyril

CARRIED

d) Communication – Mike

See Chris's report sent earlier. Included in the information that was sent out was ways on how we do communicate and how we do it. More work is needed on the messaging and what it will be through the various branch of media. Will address and report on other items as they go along.

Mike also took the project of updating the email addresses of our members. Denise also did some works on this and was contacting the members to update their emails. National informed us that we were not allowed to share the members' email addresses with us. Mike hopes to get more clarification from Patrick on this. Until we get clarification from National, this project is on hold.

e) Advocacy – John

Health Survey went very well with National. Waiting for provincial response to COVID before taking any action. Concerns raised on the survey will need to be re-visited. No interaction with the Advocacy team in Ottawa.

Elliott mentioned that National appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities on May 25th to assist the Committee's study on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

f) Nomination Committee - Elliott

At the February 15th board meeting, we had 6 Directors; at that time Andrew announced that he will be stepping down. Elliott talked to Mariet van Groenewoud she is considering it and she will let us know by the middle of June. Elise encouraged her to become a member of our board as she is already helping with the membership committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Membership List – Updating inactive members – Denise

Discussed with the Communication's report.

b) Branch Annual Meeting - Elliott

According to the By-Laws, notice shall be given in the period 21 to 90 days prior to the meeting. The quorum is 2% of our membership which amounts to 38-39 people.

Cyril: the by-laws listed on our website says "2018 revision" and those are the National by-laws not the branch by-laws. Also, there is the "2016 revision" are the local by-laws; those are inflexible when it comes to hold our general meeting. It says that the general meeting must be held no later than May 5th. National asked for some leniency in holding the National Board meeting but does not know if it gives us any flexibility. He also said that only our by-laws should be on the website not the National. On those by-laws, there is the change brought by John concerning the funds and this is not in the 2016 edition. Denise will check for the proper version with John's proposal.

7. BRANCH PLANING SESSION, FALL 2020 – ELLIOTT

Session planned for Saturday, October 24th and not certain if it will happen. Decision will be made whether or not we will hold our planning session at a later date.

Zoom meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.

**Next Zoom Meeting:
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.**

Recorded by: _____
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

Approved by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President