

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Via Zoom – September 9, 2020. 2:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, John Richards, Evans Estabrooks, Ian Culligan, Gary Barfitt. Rae Hopper, Elise Young.

**ABSENT**

Andrew Gunter, Chris Goddard, Denise Blanchard, Mike McCormick, Norm Sheen.

**WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Elliott welcomed all to the meeting

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Moved by Ian**

**Seconded by Rae**

**CARRIED**

**2. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF June 3rd, 2020**

Minutes of the last meeting were not available to all members and will be held to the next meeting for approval

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**a. Branch Members Meeting, Oct 20**

Chris Goddard is looking into the logistics of holding this meeting by Zoom including procedures for registration, voting, questions from the audience, draws, a 1-800 number for those without computer, etc. Chris is waiting to hear from Zoom and will also consult Joanne at National Office.

A motion that the Executive be authorized to purchase an upgraded Zoom license if necessary (estimated cost \$1,500 to \$2,000) was made.

**Moved by Ian**

**Seconded by Cyril**

**Approved**

Cyril will contact Lionel at National Office regarding the motions to be presented at the NB62 AGM.

It was agreed to postpone the Branch Planning Session until after the Covid 19 meeting restrictions are relaxed/removed.

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **a) Finance - Elise**

The Treasurer's and budget reports projecting a surplus of \$9,395 are attached. Motion to accept as presented

**Moved by Elise**

**Seconded by Evans**

**Approved**

It was agreed that \$2,500 of this year's surplus funds could be allotted to the new Advocacy Special Reserve Fund. This is in addition to the \$5,000 transferred from the Equipment Special Reserve Fund.

A discussion of possible uses for remaining surplus funds included the National Defense of Benefits fund, increase of subsidy for our Spring and Fall dinners, and purchase needed equipment. No decision made yet.

##### **b) Special Events - Gary**

Gary presented his report.

Fall Info Session for November 3<sup>rd</sup>; led by lawyer Jodi Lee-White at the Days Inn is postponed to June 1, 2021.

Fall AGM will be on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> by Zoom.

Spring dinner/AGM will be May 4, 2021. Agreed that Gary could leave the \$150 deposit with the hotel to be used toward the Spring AGM/Dinner.

**Gary moved to accept the report   Seconded: Evans**

**CARRIED**

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

The Membership Growth Committee report is attached. Evans summarized the highlights including that the committee organized a newspaper ad for National Public Service Week. As well they have a military volunteer who has agreed to

help the MGC to get NAFR information into the transition centre at CAF Gagetown where all personnel now transition through that are leaving the armed forces. He has also secured an offer to speak to the RCMP Veterans association on October 24.

We are losing members and need to be more active toward recruitment. A more active Communications program was suggested. The latest statistic is 1874 members in NB62.

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

**Seconded by John**

**CARRIED**

**d) Communication - Mike**

Mike was unavailable but he did let us know that he is researching some simple but effective options for the committee by looking at other organizations such as PIPS and PSAC, etc.

Evans introduced (above) the need for an effective communications effort to Branch members in order to counter the recent decline in membership. John commented that this idea was in line with the Advocacy thrust he is planning. After comments on using email, Facebook, snail mail it was agreed to hold a special Board meeting soon to help clarify a plan. Elliott is to call the meeting.

**e) Advocacy – John**

The Advocacy report is attached.

John related the difficulties in holding an All-Candidates Zoom meeting recently for the Provincial election. He, Chris, Cyril and Elliott decided to examine the use of Zoom for large groups in future and Chris is currently working on this. We will need this for our AGM in October and also when the Federal election is called.

John intends to use an eblast to members asking for volunteers on the Advocacy working group.

**Motion to accept the report by John    Seconded by Ian    CARRIED**

**f) Nomination Committee - Elliott**

No change. Andrew has announced that he will be stepping down and a member has agreed to stand for the vacant position.

Evans will present the report at the AGM.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) National AGM, Dec 2, 2020**

Elliott is awaiting more detail on the meeting. We do know that there will be a discussion of use of surplus funds and elections, including Megan Williams vs Peter Kerr for Atlantic Director.

**7. Adjournment**

Zoom meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.

**Next Zoom Meeting:  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cyril Theriault, Vice President**