

MINUTES TO A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
National Association of Federal Retirees – Edmonton Branch
Meeting Date – 04 Dec 2019
Meeting Location – Royal Canadian Legion – Kingsway Branch

Order of Events

1. Call to Order – President Ross Gillespie called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks – President Ross Gillespie began by introducing Colleen Lazoruk, the entertainer and Jennifer Wilkie, the CART provider. He thanked everyone for attending despite the weather conditions. He told everyone that there was a stainless-steel straw and candies at each place setting for each member and that volunteers all received a small box of Lindt chocolates. He advised that following grace table numbers for the meal would be drawn. He then requested a moment of silence to honour members who had left us since the last GMM.
3. Grace – President Gillespie said grace.
4. Meal – a full turkey dinner with dessert was served.
5. Entertainment: President Gillespie introduced Colleen Frances Lazoruk. Ms Lazoruk provided further information on her background regarding her work and entertainment experiences. She then entertained the membership with Christmas and old-time songs/music, singing, playing the saxophone and whistling.
6. Approval of Agenda (handout) – President Gillespie asked for additions or corrections. When none were offered, he declared the agenda accepted.
7. Approval of Sept. 4, 2019 Minutes (hand-out) – President Gillespie called for errors or omissions. When none were offered, he declared the minutes accepted.
8. President’s Report – President Gillespie advised he did not have a written report for hand-out. He advised everyone that there were SAGE Directories at the front for pick-up. These directories provide invaluable information for seniors in the greater Edmonton area. He pointed out there was a survey document at each place setting with suggested topics for future information sessions and encouraged each person to complete the survey adding topics of interest to them. There were also E-Newsletters at each table so that members who don’t use email could be brought up-to-date. President Gillespie encouraged those who may not have provided the Branch with their email address do so (on the survey form) for the purposes of

receiving the E-Newsletter, other information from National Office and events information from the Branch.

In closing President Gillespie advised we had received a letter from The Friends of Glenrose asking that we advise our membership that their organization is in need of volunteers. They can be contacted at: friendsofglenrose.com or by phone at 780-974-4806.

9. Finance - Defense of Benefits Fund (handout) - President Gillespie read the following motion: Be it resolved that Edmonton Branch AB17 collapse the Defense of Benefits Reserve which has a balance of \$45,313.28 and create the following new reserves: (a) Advocacy – \$10,000, (b) Recruitment - \$10,000, (c) Outreach to Remote Areas - \$10,000, (d) Equipment - \$10,000, (e) Training/Succession - \$5,000; and that Edmonton Branch AB17 Board of Directors is authorized to make expenditures applicable to the listed reserves when necessary, up to an amount as specified for each reserve each fiscal year. Expenditures over this amount require member approval at a Branch General or Annual Members' Meeting. When there have been expenditures applicable to the reserves, replenishment must be made not less than the lesser of the amount charged to the reserve or \$5,000, provided that there are funds available to support this rate. This rate may be adjusted by a motion of the Board of Directors following an examination of the Branch's books. Such an adjustment will be reported to the members at the Branch Annual Members Meeting.

Motion was made by Clay Kolstad, seconded by Delbert Dahl and carried.

10. Prize Draws

- a. Recruitment Prizes – Two members brought a prospective new member: Valerie Solomon brought Wanda Splawinski and Gary Ash brought Gogi Lallh. Each person received a \$25.00 Visa card.
- b. Door & 50/50 Prizes – David Robinson and Mary Jane Dahl won the door prizes. Lillian June and Judy Tracz won the 50/50 draw.

11. Closing

- a. Next Meeting is our Annual Members Meeting on April 29, 2020. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Details will be announced on our webpage, our Facebook page, by email and phone.
- b. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.