

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL
RETIRES WESTERN MANITOBA
BRANCH MB30**

General Members Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Present: Wendy Jarvin, President; Brett Turner, Vice-President, Kathie King, Secretary; Rae McBurney, Treasurer; Jane Brunet, Director; Val Zoerb, Director; Brad Kelso, Director; Garnet Shearer, F of B; Kenn Jarvin, F of B; and Betty Kelso, F of B.

Regrets: Jim Doppler, Director; Terry Gunnlaugson, F of B

Meeting held in-person at Riverbank Discovery Center, Brandon, Manitoba. 34 Attendees.

1. Welcome Remarks:

Wendy began with some housekeeping remarks and advised that this meeting was a recruitment meeting as well as a General Meeting. Wendy gave a brief overview of the agenda and timeframe.

2. Call to Order: Quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m.

3. Introductions: Board of Directors Members and Guest Speakers:

Wendy introduced the Board of Directors and "Friends of the Board" (F of B.); Guests attending were Eldren Thuen, MB Branches Services Coordinator and Don McKay, Winnipeg Branch Vice President along with Glenn Jones, President and Leo Girouard, Vice-President of Central Manitoba Branch.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Bob Patryluk moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Larry Weisgerber **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting – November 4, 2025:

Al Robertson moved to approve. Seconded by Bill Stadnyk. **CARRIED**

6. Treasurer's Report: Rae McBurney presented a draft financial report to the end of December 2025; balance sheet, indicating branch investments and reserves, and income statement showing expenses. Rae moved to accept the report, seconded by Velma McCombie. **CARRIED**
Rae advised that \$204.00 from 2025 50/50 proceeds was given to Westman Dreams for Kids.

7. Branch Report:

Wendy gave an overview of Branch updates:

- New 2026 Charitable Recipient of our 50/50 Draws funds will be Funds for Furry Friends, foster and adoption services for cats and dogs in Southwestern Manitoba.
- There will be a new NAFR website, hopefully operational in mid-February. Our branch webpage will be updated shortly after the launch of the new site.
- MB30 present membership is 702. We have lost 25 members since January 2025.
- Wendy advised that the Branch had a table and display at the Shilo Symposium October 22, 2025, and was able to showcase and promote the branch and NAFR services.
- Remembrance Day Wreaths were secured via donations, for eleven (11) Legion branches in communities within our branch area at \$50.00 each. Members presented the wreaths personally at 9 RCL Remembrance Day services.

- Reserve Funds paid for a one-time purchase of \$140.00 to the Carberry Legion which supplies wreaths to the Shilo Base for their Remembrance Day service. CFB Shilo, does not have a Legion. This wreath will be stored at the base and will be presented annually.

Larry Weisgerber received special thanks for his efforts in obtaining and securing this wreath for the Shilo service on such short notice. NAFR and the branch's participation and presence at the Shilo Remembrance Day service provides us with exposure. The majority of the wreaths at the Shilo Service are pre-laid, however they reserve a chair for people representing organizations, and Larry attended on behalf of our NAFR branch. Larry has previously provided helpful guidance to our board members regarding our 48 members in the Shilo area.

- Branch Holiday Greetings were placed in Community Newspaper publications that targeted nine rural locations outside of Brandon, where our members reside, within our branch area.
- Wendy shared a useful Website Validator www.scam-detector.com
This website can be used to validate websites as a measure to reduce phishing and help eliminate scams.

Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary

Bob Patryluk gave a presentation on what the Canadian Legion supports and the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Legion. A number of events are planned to celebrate and help Canada remember. Legion annual memberships, normally \$50 - \$60 are free this year. Applications can be made on-line via the legion website. [Join us](#) or www.legion.ca/join-us

8. Lunch and Draws: The meeting broke for lunch as supplied by Joe Beeverz. A draw for the 50/50 was made with Rhonda Mathers being the winner. Glenn Jones was the winner of the door prize. Glenn Jones also handed out cards designed by Central Branch on how to "Protect Yourself from Fraud"

9. Guest Speaker: Meagan Maksuta, Physiotherapist at the Wellness Clinic at 711 Kirkaldy Drive, Brandon gave a most interesting presentation on the Wellness Clinic and its team-based, continuity of care approach which includes Women's Health, Primary Care, Mental Health and Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy and Advocacy. Meagan then spoke about her specialty of neurological physiotherapy and how it can be of assistance to an aging population and the ability to stay in one's own home as long as possible. Wendy thanked Meagan for a well-received presentation.

10. Next Meeting: AGM - Tuesday, April 14, 2026. More information to follow.

11. Adjournment: Wayne Clayton moved the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.