

National Association of Federal Retirees
South-East New Brunswick / Section du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick
Branch 64

MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Karen MacGregor at 10:00 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT

No new members present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 26, 2019 meeting were read by Brenda Teed who made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Moved by Brenda Teed; seconded by Ted Reardon. All in favour. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Derek Green, VP, NB Operations, Shannex. Mr. Green was invited to provide information to members on the types of housing services available to seniors. His overview covered the province with a particular focus on the Moncton area. Members were advised that the Branch did not support any given facility and that questions regarding price/availability etc would not be entertained. President Karen MacGregor provided information on other available facilities in our region.

Mr. Green provided information on the continuum of care from level 1 (senior residences), 2 (assisted living) and 3 (nursing homes). He covered the idea of aging in place and provided demographics on the number of individuals waiting to get into nursing homes in our region.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A change was made to the previous minutes to change "RCMP cards" to "CF-1 cards".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joanne Milburn presented the financial report for the period from April 1 to August 31, 2019.

Total Receipts were \$12005.07; Total Expenses were \$14038.89, leaving an August 31st Cash Balance \$8243.69.

Joanne Milburn moved that the Treasurer's Report for the period from April 1 to August 31, 2019 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Paul Belliveau. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Membership Report

Jack Dennahower advised that the current Branch membership is 2978.

Luncheon & Banquet Reports

Luncheon

Lorraine Casey advised that there will be luncheon meetings in November 2019, and January, February and April 2020. Tickets for these luncheons are now on sale.

Banquet

Norma Jean Lavoie advised that the Annual Banquet will be held on June 1, 2020. She advised that the Four Points Sheraton is under new ownership however Mavericks remains, and they have agreed to hold the banquet and honour our price structure. Cost is \$15/\$45 for members/non-members.

Caring Committee

Sheila Huntley read condolences sent out to the families and friends of:

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| 9815898 | Earle G. Lunn
Age 95, Moncton, NB. April 21, 2019
Served in R.C.A.F. 4 ½ years in WWII
Retired from Canada Post after 27 years |
| 9866557 | W. Boyd Leeworthy
Age 84, Moncton, NB. April 28, 2019
Retired from R.C.A.F. with 27 years of service
Wife Elizabeth is also a member |
| 9893785 | Glennis G. Pollock
Age 83, Moncton, NB. April 25, 2019
Retired from Employment Insurance after 24 years service |
| 9845174 | Frank J. Burns
Age 81, Sackville, NB. May 8, 2019
Retired from Corrections Canada |
| 9841671 | Evelyn Steeves
Age 94, Hillsborough, NB. May 9, 2019
Retired from Federal Government Civil Service |
| 9846797 | Jerry R. Smith
Riverview, NB. August 14, 2019 |
| 10016079 | Gilbert Fowler
Halifax, NB. August 29, 2019
Retired Army Veteran |

10102879 Janet Skinner
Moncton, NB. September 5, 2019
Retired clerk from #5 Supply Depot, Moncton. NB
and CFB Chatham, NB

10028096 Janice Louise Morgan
Dawson Settlement, NB. September 22. 2019
Wife of Harold Morgan, also a NAFR member

Non-member
Marion McKenney
Age 82, Moncton, NB. May 3, 2019
Wife of member Gordon McKenney

A Minute of silence was held in honour of departed members.

At this time, Sheila Huntley asked members if someone would be able to assist her with this responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Speakers

Shawn McCord, MEDOC, November 29th, 2019

Call for Nominations

Paul Cassidy made the first call for Nominations for participation on the Branch Board of Directors. All positions, including executive positions are available for nomination. The election will be held in January 2020 with the installation to take place in February 2020.

Update on AMM in Ottawa, June 2019

Lorraine Casey and Karen MacGregor attended the AMM June 18-20. A number of resolutions passed, some technical, others with a more direct impact on members. A 5 year Strategic Plan was approved outlining the direction the Association will take over the 5 years, lots of information available about the plan on the NAFR website

Membership fees—over the next 5 years annual membership fees will rise based on the pension indexation rate from the previous year, so, for example for January 1, 2020, membership fees will increase by 2.2%, which was the Pension indexation rate January 1, 2019

A Code of Conduct was approved which basically says, don't conduct Association business while impaired by any substance.

The approval process for Preferred Partners Plans initiated by Branches was clarified. Speaking of that, MEDOC announced improvements to our travel insurance at the AMM, and Shawn McCord will be making a presentation at our November meeting to introduce these changes.

Lorraine and I also attended sessions on local advocacy, membership recruitment, member retention and engagement, and supporting and better equipping our volunteers.

Leonard LeBlanc was confirmed as an Atlantic Director on the National Board at the AMM.

OTHER UPDATES from the AMM

PSHCP. We lost our appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal on the change to the 50/50 cost sharing ratio under the PSHCP however, the court recognized the associations' right to represent all federal retirees.

PDSP. In March/April, the Association launched a PDSP survey to ask for members priorities. Note that Pensioners pay 50% of the Plan, so any improvements which increase costs will result in premium increases. Most members were interested in improvements or were uncertain. The Association will be approaching Treasury Board to discuss.

Bill C27, the legislation that threatened to introduce target benefit plans, died on the order paper when Parliament shut down in June.

Outcomes: One of the goals of the Strategic Plan is to promote membership growth and retention. To that end, the association recently launched a recruitment drive, with a grand prize of a \$10K trip for 2 courtesy of Colette Travel plus several secondary prizes such as iPads, 7 pre-paid credit cards, etc. Take a look at our website: federalretirees.ca for more information.

DISTRICT and National Board of Directors meetings

The National Board of Directors will be meeting in Moncton for a 2 day off-site starting November 30, followed by regular National Board meetings December 2-5. On December 6 Board Members will have the option to visit the Pension Office in Shediac, the Pay Office in Miramichi, or Veterans Affairs on PEI. Since the National Board has always met in Ottawa, this is the first time our local executive will have the opportunity to observe some of those meetings.

The District meetings are scheduled for December 4/5; 2 representatives from each of the Branches in NB, NS, PEI and NFLD will be participating in these meetings. The Agenda has not been established but issues of concern common to the Atlantic District are expected, as well as some training.

On December 4 the Association is sponsoring a reception for members of the Federal Council, which will provide our local Board executive the opportunity to promote our Branch.

Seniors Living with Arthritis

Karen provided members with information on a forum on Seniors Living with Arthritis to be held in Moncton on September 28th. Registration ended at 5pm, September 27.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

50/50 DRAW

Florence McCord and Lorraine Casey were the recipients of today's draw. Each received \$69.00,

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

<p>Next NAFRSE NB Branch 64 General Membership Meeting –</p>
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<p>November 29, 2019</p>
