

NAFR York Branch Board Meeting

09:15 – 11:45 AM Tuesday March 03, 2020

York Regional Police (YRP) Building Community Room

171 Major Mackenzie Dr. West, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Present: Tom Nichols, Past President; Ken Ackles, Vice President; Fred Conway, Treasurer; Vasdev Sawhney, Membership Secretary; Linda Laffree, Giuseppe (Joe) Vettese, Frank Froude, Sharon Paris, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Sharon Carson, Marie MacPhee, Directors-at-Large.

Tom Nichols chaired the meeting.

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda: Project 338 added as item 6(c). Approval moved by Fred, seconded by Vasdev.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 07, 2020: Approval moved by Tom, seconded by Fred.

3. Action Items from the Minutes:

(a) Differences between Membership print outs: After review Sharon Paris reported the lists were similar.

(b) Letter to MP's: Fred circulated the information and wrote a letter to his and two other MP's. Other Board members should write to their members on behalf of York Branch.

(c) Minister for Seniors: Tom reported that NAFR President Jean-Guy Souliere had met with the Minister and that due to the minister's current workload the Branch should hold off on any attempt to meet her. The National Office may try to have her speak at the AMM. A Board Lobby Day is being organized.

4. Reports:

(a) Treasurer: Fred noted the Auditor had completed his work on the AGM statements. Fred circulated and reviewed the statements to be presented at the AGM. A small budget deficit is projected assuming two people with attend the AMM in Ottawa. If required funds to cover will come from reserves. \$200 is budgeted for advocacy and consideration to include a small amount for capital (\$500) was suggested. A name change of the Defence of Benefits reserve to Advocacy Reserve and the creation of a Facility Reserve in case the Branch loses the free space at YRP with a maximum of \$3K was discussed. Tom to consult with National Office on handling of reserves.

(b) Membership: Tom reported the membership total on March 3 was 1029. Approximately 40 new members have joined since the FMM with 27 new members since January 1st. Need to address the number of cheque paying members who have not renewed either by a letter or phone call. Lost contact number now at 26.

5. On-Going Business:

(a) AGM Planning: **(i) Speaker:** Tom indicated Johnson Insurance will provide a speaker. A FMM speaker is needed. **(ii) Establishing a phone committee:** Sharon Paris working with Marie who may assume event co-ordinator role. **(iii) Checklist:** Sharon Paris circulated a checklist and responsibilities assigned. **(iv) Caterer:** Booked with ham and chicken menu. **(v) By-Law Changes:** Fred and Tom to review.

(b) Nomination Committee: Ken to head committee. Fred to move to President. Frank offered to assume treasurer role. Ken to determine which Board members need to be re-elected at AGM.

6. New Business:

(a) Visit to New Minister of Seniors: Covered in 3(c) above.

(b) Ontario Region Meeting: Dates April 28 to 30th. No information to date.

(c) Project 338: National Office program to visit 114 key ridings. For York Branch Vaughan/King, Newmarket/Aurora and York/Simcoe ridings would be priority. Tom reviewed a recent briefing and discussed frequently asked questions (FAQ's). Tom to circulate a link. National Office has circulated a new survey.

7. Trends and Concerns Review: Fred expressed a concern with the terminology used by the National Office for member's vs active members (volunteers).

8. Next Board Meeting: 09:15 AM April 7th, 2020 York Regional Police building.

9. Adjournment: Moved by Vasdev.