

## NAFR York Branch Board Meeting

09:30 – 11:15 AM Tuesday April 7, 2020

### Zoom Video Conference

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

**Regrets:** Sharon Carson, Director-at-Large.

Tom Nichols chaired the meeting.

**1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Item 5(d) added – New Members.

Approval by consensus.

**2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2020:** Item 4(a) Fred noted a change to penultimate sentence to read: “A name change of the Defence of Benefits reserve to Advocacy Reserve and the renaming of the Facility Reserve (in case the Branch loses the free space at YRP) as the Operating Reserve with a maximum of \$3K (to include possible AMM attendance of a President-elect as second delegate) was discussed.” Approval moved by Vasdev, seconded by Marie.

**3. Action Items from the Minutes:** Nil

#### **4. Reports:**

**(a) Treasurer:** Fred circulated electronically four statements a draft 2020 Budget, Financial Statement of Balances, Earnings/Loss and Financial Motions and spoke to each. Due primarily to the cancellation of Branch, Regional and National meetings the expenses budget was reduced or eliminated. A budgeted amount of \$550 was suggested in the event the AMM was delayed into the summer, a decision will be made on April 21, which, if unspent, would be added to reserves. \$200 to be added to Branch Advocacy expenses. 2019 Books will be closed before the AGM, and not after AGM approval of financial report, following direction from Ottawa office. **Tom/Fred** to examine the possibility of going ahead with the Branch AGM on April 21 using a Zoom Video conference. Depending on the length of the current situation it was suggested purchasing the professional version of

Zoom at \$200.00/year should be considered. Fred explained the difficulty in changing signing authority at the bank which requires all signatories to be present along with the minutes of the Branch meeting authorizing the changes. Moved by Fred, seconded by Ken the proposed budget be submitted to the AGM.

**(b) Membership:** Tom reported the Branch has 1,026 members up slightly from the previous month. 594 members have email addresses.

## **5. On-Going Business:**

**(a) AGM Planning: (i) Cancellation of Richvale:** Tom sent a note to Richmond Hill cancelling the venue and expects to receive a credit toward the Fall FMM. If possible a virtual AGM meeting using Zoom will be held On April 21 as long as a quorum of 25 can be obtained. As an incentive a \$100.00 door prize draw will be offered. Members will have to be notified by email providing the National Office can provide an eblast and locally calling about 20. **Sharon Paris/Marie** to organize phone lists. Fred moved, seconded by Vasdev that the Branch conduct the AGM using Zoom.

**(b) FMM October 20, 2020:** Richvale venue on hold pending the end of current closures.

**(c) Nomination Committee:** Ken noted the position of President requires a vote of the membership. Other members are elected to the Board and are slotted into individual positions at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

**(d) New Members:** Sharon Paris reported 21 new members have joined the Branch between Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and Apr. 6, 2020. All new members have email.

## **6. New Business:**

**(a) National AMM:** It is expected a go or no go decision will be made in the next two weeks. Regional meeting already cancelled.

**(b) Information Request from Ottawa:** Nil

**(c) What do Members need at this time:** No requests received to date. Should members be called? Sharon Paris to circulate names to call.

**(d) Test features of Zoom:** Nil

**7. Trends and Concerns Review:**

(a) A veteran in Aurora has offered to obtain the Legion Hall cheaply for membership meetings.

(b) If the decision to go with Zoom is feasible Tom will send an eblast containing instructions on using Zoom.

**8. Next Board Meeting: 09:15 AM May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 Video Conference.**

**9. Adjournment:** Moved by Fred.