

NAFR York Branch Board Meeting

09:15 – 10:30 AM Tuesday May 05, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

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

Regrets: Nil

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: Accepted by consensus.

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

3. Action Items from the Minutes: Nil

4. Reports:

(a) Treasurer: Prior to the meeting Fred circulated a financial report detailing the Account Activity, and the York Branch Budget vs 2020 Year to date. Fred noted the gift card AGM door prize had not been actioned and that a cheque might be more appropriate. The Zoom video was purchased for one month (\$20.00) on a trial basis. The pre- paid hall rental for the AGM is now a credit for the Fall Membership Meeting (FMM). With expenses expected to be minimal due to the shutdown, surpluses will go into reserves.

(b) Membership: Tom reported the Branch has 1,018 members. Two members dropped their membership and two are deceased.

5. On-Going Business:

(a) AGM Review: Tom received favourable feedback on the use of Zoom video for the AGM. Minor problems involved difficulty connecting and audio problems. Members who did not have email were called.

(b) Approval of AGM Minutes: The Board had been provided with a copy of the AGM minutes for review prior to the meeting. Fred moved, seconded by Sharon Carson that the Board approve the AGM minutes subject to formal approval by the members at the next AGM. **Tom** to sign and forward to National Office.

(c) AMM Cancelled: Tom reported that the National Office had cancelled the AMM meeting with no rescheduled date.

6. New Business:

(a) Possible Venue change to Aurora Legion: A member indicated he could get a reduced rental rate for the Aurora Legion hall should York Branch wish to change venue for members meetings. A review of the membership by Federal ridings indicated the hwy 7 and lower Yonge St. home to the majority of members with the single largest riding in Newmarket. **Marie** agreed to check into the facilities offered by the Aurora Legion and report back to the Board.

(b) Sharon Carson as Advocacy Lead: Sharon Carson offered to be the Branch lead for advocacy. **Tom** to advise National Office and update the DRS system. Two other members Maurice Feder and Cliff Davies have also indicated an interest in helping out.

7. Trends and Concerns Review: Fred indicated someone should assume the treasurers duties once he becomes president effective August 1st. Marie and Sharon Paris to share the Event Co-ordinator position during the changeover of duties to Marie. **Tom** to update access to the CRM system in June to reflect the change in positions. Fred would like a functional review for each position and will work with Tom. Updating the signing authorities is a priority with the change in positions but difficult during the lockdown.

8. Next Board Meeting 09:15 AM June 02, 2020. Format not determined.

9. Adjournment: Moved by Fred, seconded by Linda.