

## NAFR York Branch Meeting

09:20 AM – 12:20 PM Tuesday November 3, 2020

### Zoom Video Conference

**Present:** Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Ken Ackles, Vice President; Vasdev Sawhney, Membership; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Marie MacPhee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Site; Linda Laffree, Mail; Giuseppe (Joe) Vettese, Director-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

**Regrets:** Nil.

**1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Sharon.

**2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of October 06, 2020:** Approval moved by Frank, seconded by Linda.

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

**(a) Venue Change – Aurora Legion: (i) Meeting Dates:** Fred circulated a list of proposed dates for 2021 Board meetings which were accepted. The April 6 date could be designated a committee meeting to plan for the AGM on April 20. September 14, 2021 in-person meeting if possible at Legion or Police Building.

**(ii) Functional Review of Positions:** Fred to work on new Board Member package identifying who does what. **Action: Fred.** Ken offered to take on the position of Parliamentarian which would involve reviewing the by-laws and ascertaining if York is following them. **Action: Ken.**

**(iii) Allocation of Funding to Reserves:** Completed. Dropped from Agenda.

**(iv) Tangerine Account to TD Account:** Completed. Dropped from Agenda.

#### 4. Reports:

**(a) Treasurer:** Tom circulated the Financial Statements to Nov. 1, 2020 noting  $\frac{3}{4}$  of annual fees received with minimal expenses resulting in a \$4,912.56 surplus to date. Total assets \$18, 153.90, net assets \$16,693.90. Savings which includes the ING account \$15,608.86.

**(i) Changes to Reserves:** Tom indicated the surplus could be used to pump up the reserves in the current year with transfer to the National Office once approved by the members at the AGM. Expenses in 2021 expected to be very low. Tom moved, seconded by Vasdev that \$1K be added to the Advocacy Reserve and \$3K be added to the Facilities Reserve. **Action: Tom.** Tom moved seconded by Sharon Carson that the treasurer work on a plan to be submitted to the AGM to transfer surplus funds to the National Office. **Action: Tom.**

**(ii) Signing Authority:** To be cleaned up at bank by Fred and Tom. Dropped from Agenda.

**(iii) Office Expenses:** Actual expenses supported by receipts permitted. To be discussed at District Meeting.

**(iv) Honoraria:** Not recognized. To be discussed at District Meeting.

**(b) Membership:** Tom circulated and reported the membership stood at 985 members. Two deceased, 2 double and 4 single unpaid and 24 lost contacts.

**(c) Advocacy:** Sharon Carson provided a detailed advocacy report on progress to date. Working on determining which ridings belong in York Branch. Talking points on Vets sent out by primary contact Nancy Gleason were described as very good. Seven MP's have been identified as people to contact by the 10 advocacy volunteers. Contacting MP's is difficult under the current circumstances and contacts are generally limited to 10 minutes. Current health concerns around Covid-19 taking precedence over any new programs such as Pharmacare. Fred in thanking Sharon for her effort noted the training documentation is very voluminous.

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

**(a) Bulletins to Branches:** Fred summarized the more recent Bulletins to Branches. The AMM will be by video on Dec. 2. Minister for Seniors dealing with National Office not York advocacy. Long Term Care and Home Care, 338 group, out of country OHIP coverage, 6 consecutive months with loss of members, gift memberships and e-card seasonal greetings to members were subjects covered. 80% of members are on DDS and on line joining soon possible. A number of blocked e-mails, possibly accidentally to be checked by Tom. **Action: Tom.**

**(b) AMM:** Fred reported that a video meeting will be held on December 2. VIP portal has election slate with PDF's of each candidate. No Ontario candidates. Tom offered to provide his opinion on candidates for voting by Fred. **Action: Tom.** No financial documents available yet. 2021 dues increase cancelled.

**(c) FMM Update:** Video meeting went well with some good feedback. In response to a question from Sharon Paris, Marie stated that 10 people were phoned. Getting people involved still a problem. Fred indicated an appreciation e-mail will be sent to Jean-Guy for his participation. **Action: Fred.**

**(d) Ontario District Meeting Nov. 3:** Fred plans to raise the allowance and honoraria matter at the meeting. The issue including gifts in appreciation have been discussed at the National Office. The matter of a large surplus being used for a reduction in dues not being considered due to the declining membership and reductions from partners. Fred noted funds need to be reserved to fend off any attack on pensions. Other issues on agenda include a significant number of branches in Ontario at risk of going out of business. Long Term Care a concern but the National Office is reluctant to get into Provincial jurisdiction.

## **6. New Business:**

**(i) Branch Website:** Frank reported the Branch needs to decide what should go on the site. Examples listed were AGM date, SAGE insert and AGM minutes. Frank will circulate a proposal. **Action: Frank.**

**(ii) Door Prize at General Meetings:** Tom stated the Branch needs rules around who qualifies. Late comers and early departures added to the problem.

**(iii) SAGE:** January 10 deadline for next issue. While good for members without e-mail, generating content for a two or four page insert twice a year a problem. Limited space available in main SAGE. Fred to prepare content for Jan. input including AGM date and speaker. **Action: Fred.** Possible speakers from Collette travel, retirement (Chartwell) and CHATS.

**(iv) E-Mail Accounts:** Tom moved, seconded by Vasdev that three of the four Branch e-mail accounts be closed. Linda monitors the e-mail account.

**7. Trends and Concerns review:** Nil

**8. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM Tuesday January 5, 2021.**

**9. Adjournment:** Moved by Ken, seconded by Vasdev.