**National Association of Federal Retirees**

**Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)**

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

**Via ZOOM – Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Cyril Theriault, Elliott Keizer, Elise Young, Evans Estabrooks, John Richards, Denise Blanchard, Gary Barfitt, Ian Culligan, Rae Hopper, Mariet van Groenewoud and Glenn Fraser (guest, pending appointment).

**ABSENT:** Chris Goddard, Mike McCormick and Norm Sheen

1. **WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Cyril welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **AGENDA**

Motion by Cyril that the agenda of June 8th be approved as circulated.

**Moved by Rae Hopper Seconded by Evans Estabrooks CARRIED**

1. **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Cyril that the minutes of June 8th, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**Moved by Evans Estabrooks Seconded by Rae Hopper CARRIED**

1. **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**
2. Board of Directors duties and responsibilities – Cyril Theriault

Cyril was not able to provide the information. After today’s meeting, there might be new positions on the board; he will send the information after these positions are confirmed.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS – Cyril**

**Glenn Fraser**: Glenn introduced himself and spoke about his previous employments and his interest in joining the board.

**Chris Goddard**: Chris was absent. Cyril informed the board that Chris has expressed interest in joining the Board. Opportunity now to appoint Glenn Fraser and Chris Goddard in accordance with 6.6.2 of By-Laws.

**Motion by Cyril to appoint Glenn Fraser and Chris Goddard to the Board.**

**Moved by Rae Hopper Seconded by Mariet van Groenewoud CARRIED**

1. **REPORTS**
2. **Finance – Elise Young**

Elise presented her report and financial statement who were sent to the board prior to the meeting.

Highlights:

* 2021 Earning/Loss to date compared to approved budget: surplus to date of $3,029. Expenditures remain very low du to COVID 19; total spent to date of $3,278. Reserves
* Motions Template update: Elise required National to set up 2 new Reserve Equity Funds and remove the two that are to be dissolved. Paula is continuing to work on these and it should be completed soon.

**Motion by Elise to accept the Treasurer’s report.**

**Moved by Rae Hopper Seconded by John Richards CARRIED**

1. **Special Events – Gary Barfitt**

Potential information session on “Coming out of Covid”. Waiting for reply from Mrs. Corey Ferguson from Canadian Mental Health Association.

No Fall dinner; postponed until Fall 2022.

**Moved by Gary to accept the Special Events Report.**

**Seconded by Evans CARRIED**

1. **Membership Growth Report – Evans Estabrooks**

Evans presented the MGC Operational Plan that was previously sent to the board.

Motion by Evans to accept the MGC report as presented.

Highlights:

No membership increases. MGC is looking for a couple of volunteers: bilingual and with knowledge of Canadian Forces.

Branch numbers: 1,796 active members, 19 new members, 9 deceased and, 6 unpaid since June 2021.

MGC Activities: No further contact with CAF Gagetown since June 2021. Encourage communication with members.

National Recruitment Committee: Ad hoc Recruitment Committee held virtually on August 31, 2021. NAFR had a 17 months of membership losses. NAFR will offer auto renewal credit cards for those who are still working and need to pay by credit cards.

**Moved by Evans Estabrooks Seconded by Mariet van Groenewoud CARRIED**

1. **Communication – Mike McCormick**

Mike was absent and no report was presented.

Discussion followed if Mike was officially appointed as Communication Director.

Elliott suggested that we should re-confirmed Mike as the Communication Director.

**Mariet moved that Mike confirmed for the position Communication Director.**

**Seconded by Rae Hopper CARRIED**

1. **Advocacy – John Richards**

John provided a background regarding Advocacy for new member Glenn Fraser.

All Candidates Session:

Four candidates confirmed – NDP, PC, Liberal and Green parties. Moderator will be Léonard LeBlanc. We have 4 ads on the radio (Country 93.1) and 2 ads in the Daily Gleaner. National will help with the session and manage it. E-Blast were sent to the members and another one will be sent next Sunday. John asked that we publicized the session to friends and colleagues and prepare a set of questions for the candidates. Contacts were made with various Senior groups also.

Health Issues:

Very active and will ask feedback from the members at future meetings.

**Motion by John to accept the Advocacy report as presented.**

**Moved by Seconded: Rae Hopper CARRIED**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Vacant Positions – Vice-President and Website Director – Cyril**

Chris being absent from the meeting, he can’t be appointed as Website Director without his consent. John has expressed interest in being Vice-President as long as he could maintain his role as Advocacy Director.

**Motion by Cyril that John maintains his role as Advocacy Director and take the role of Vice-President.**

**Moved by Ian Culligan Seconded by: Mariet van Grownewoud CARRIED**

1. **Planned Regional Meetings – Cyril**

There is a regional meeting planned that would include New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland tentatively planned for 1 ½ days in April 2022 in Halifax/Dartmouth. Each Branch can send two representatives. Organized by National and Pete Kerr in Nova-Scotia and the Atlantic Directors.

1. **Fall Planning Session – Cyril**

To be discussed at the next Board meeting in October.

Move by Denise to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**Next Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Recorded by:**

**Denise Blanchard, Admin Director**

**Carried by:**

**Cyril Theriault, President**