

## **NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom Video Conference)**

**09:30 AM – 11:50 AM Tuesday March 1, 2022**

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

**Regrets:** Nil.

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

**2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 4, 2022:** Approval moved by Tom, seconded by Sharon Paris.

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

**(a) Equipment Storage:** Nil

**(b) SAGE:** Input submitted by Fred. Branch listing updated. FMM announcement removed as too early.

**(c) Branch Bylaw Review:** Review by Board completed and revised version circulated by Tom. To go on web site. Approval sought from National Office. On agenda at AGM.

**4. Reports:**

**(a) President:** Fred noted the agenda covers much of what his report would include. A number of dates have been added to the list attached to the Agenda. Overall NAFR membership is improving. National Office webinar to clarify Branch members spending.

**(b) Treasurer:** Prior to the meeting Tom circulated the Branch Financial Statements. Tom reported the 2021 books had been done, reviewed by Michael Yee and forwarded to the National Office. Tom reviewed the statements noting very few transactions year to date. \$6,241.71 surplus to requirements awaiting instructions from the National Office. Following a review of the proposed budget Tom to update and bring to the April meeting for review prior to presentation for approval at the AGM.

**(c) Membership:** Linda spoke to the report she circulated prior to the meeting noting an overall decrease of 14 members in the New Year leaving a total of 929 active members. There were 5 new members and 5 unpaid active members –non DDS. Welcome letters were sent to the new members. The National Office reduced from 13 to 4 the number of In Memoriam names submitted for inclusion in SAGE due to space limitations. Frank will create a page on the web site to list names on an ongoing basis. Linda plans to check with National Office on the ongoing 25 lost contacts.

**(d) Website Editor:** Frank has set up a page for the Provincial election listing candidates etc. Ongoing contacts with the Legions on use of photos on web site.

### **5. York Branch Meetings – 2022:**

**(i) Virtual/in person/Hybrid Board Meetings:** May try April 5 meeting in person at the Aurora Legion. Marie to determine if Legion is available and rules in place. This may determine status of future Board meetings.

**(ii) 2022 AGM:** Tom reported all but Ken agreed to stay on as Board members. Fred agreed to one more year as President after which Tom offered to assume the position for one year only. Failing anyone coming forward the Branch may have to be dissolved. At present the Richmond Hill room is not available for an in person AGM. The 2022 AGM will not be in person. Members may have to be canvassed to determine if they would attend an in person meeting in the future.

**(iii) District Meeting Delegates:** In person at an airport hotel. Fred, Sharon Carson and Vasdev to attend.

### **6. Recruitment and Retention:**

**(a) Esprit de Corps Ad:** Ad to be published 4 times to determine effectiveness. Ken moved that \$500.00 be sent to the London Branch as York Branch share of the ad, seconded by Linda. Carried.

**7. Provincial Election Activities:** Fred noted election publicity including canned letters to MPP's are out now. Issues of concern to seniors such as Long Term Care (LTC) inspection does not seem to be the focus of the organization. Following an advocacy meeting involving Fred and Sharon Carson a number of Branches have opted out of getting involved, Toronto Branch definitely, leaving it up to individuals to decide what part to play.

**8. New Business:**

**(a) NAFR Elections:** March 23 deadline for nominations. No information on any Ontario candidates.

**9. Trends and Concerns Review:** Nil

**10. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM Tuesday April 5, 2022. Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway, Aurora Ont.**

**11. Adjournment:** Moved by Sharon Carson, seconded by Frank.