

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom Video Conference)

09:30 – 11:30 AM Tuesday May 3, 2022.

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

Regrets: Nil.

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

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of April 5, 2022: Approval moved by Tom, seconded by Linda.

3. Review of the AGM minutes of April 19: Item 4 President's Report – correction to spelling of Esprit de Corps. Linda questioned whether the detailed explanation for the reduction of funds available to Branches is necessary and offered to research the reasons for the reduction and report at the June meeting. A single line for the President's signature rather than an additional one for the secretary was suggested. Sharon Paris moved, seconded by Linda that the minutes be accepted.

In assessing how the meeting went muting participants to eliminate background noise was suggested. Technical problems with Zoom caused some delays- shared screen a problem. Tom noted Zoom provides a list of attendees so it is not necessary for someone to register attendance using a membership list. Becoming difficult to achieve a quorum.

4. Action Items from the Minutes of April 5, 2022:

(a) Equipment Storage: Nil.

5. Reports:

(i) President's Report: Fred circulated a detailed listing of the topics covered at the April 26 – 28 Ontario District Meeting and reviewed the salient points in his remarks.

(b) Treasurer: Tom circulated the financial statements prior to the meeting and noted the first quarter dues had been received and the Branch surplus funds had been sent to the National Office. In response to a request from the National Office as to where the funds were to be credited (Defence of Benefits or Branch Infrastructure) Tom selected Defence of Benefits.

(ii) Membership: Linda spoke to the report she circulated prior to the meeting noting York Branch now has 940 active members an increase of 6. There are seven unpaid active members – non DDS and 24 lost contacts.

(iv) Website Editor: Website could be a way to inform members due to long lead time for SAGE. Fred noted expense forms and rates are available on the VIP website.

6. York Branch Meetings – 2022: Branch will look at obtaining a larger room at the Aurora Legion for in-person meetings.

7. District Meeting Report: Prior to the meeting Fred, who represented the Branch, circulated a multi-page listing of items covered at the April 26 – 28 meeting.

8. NAFR AMM:

(i) Elections (May 12, 1PM Meet the Candidates): Prior to the meeting a listing of nominations received for President and Regions was distributed. Only York Branch president can vote.

(ii) Proposals: A number of Resolutions have been received and circulated for discussion at the June meeting.

9. Recruitment and Retention: Nil

10. Provincial Election Activities: Fred elaborated on the District Meeting discussion and role of advocacy. Key topics include Long Term Care (LTC) and Health Care. Some organizations want to form partnerships to meet with candidates however, eliminating private LTC may be on their agenda. NAFR objectives should be foremost. Sharon Carson stated many candidates don't know who we are.

11. New Business: Nil.

12. Trends and Concerns Review: Nil.

13. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM Tuesday June 7, 2022 Aurora Legion

14. Adjournment: Moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Sharon Carson.