

NAFR York Branch Meeting (hybrid Zoom & in person)**09:50 – 11:00 AM June 7, 2022****Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway, Aurora Ontario**

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer (via Zoom); Sharon Carson, Advocacy (via Zoom); Linda Laffree, Membership (via Zoom); Vasdev Sawhney, Director-at-Large (via Zoom); Sharon Paris, Director-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary. Ken Ackles.

Regrets: Frank Froude, Web Editor.

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda: Add item 3(b) Rules around Branch spending. Approval moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Ken.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2022: Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Ken.

3. Action Items from the Minutes of May 3, 2022:

(a) Equipment Storage: Nil

(b) Rules around Branch Spending: Linda to research recognizing the Not for Profit Act and send out details for comment.

4. Ontario Elections Results and Advocacy: Sharon Paris distributed a NAFR kit. The NAFR CEO wrote an Op-ed piece which was published in the Ottawa and Toronto Sun newspapers.

5. Reports:

(a) President: Fred reported the District meeting unhappiness with the voting setup at NAFR headquarters. Five or six branches can determine the outcome. One vote for each Branch favoured although doubtful if it would be accepted. Public Service Health Care PLAN (PSHCP) negotiations ongoing as is a study of Branch core duties by the National Office. A Canadian code for volunteer involvement being worked on.

(b) Treasurer: (i) Tom circulated a narrative report prior to the meeting. To facilitate hybrid meetings Tom purchased a previously approved speaker (\$192.09). Tom moved, seconded by Marie that the Branch purchase a Dell laptop with a 15 chip in addition to a single licence of Office Home and Student (\$892.69). In addition the purchase of a Microsoft USB camera (\$45.18). Carried. Rental of the Legion boardroom approved including rental of a screen.

(ii) Claims: Board members were asked to file their expense claims for the first 6 month period and forward to Tom. Tom to supply NJC rates.

(c) Membership: Referring to her report circulated prior to the meeting Linda reported York Branch now has 941 active members a gain of 8 new members, 4 unpaid active members and 5 unpaid two months or more. Lost contacts now number 25.

(d) Website Editor: Nil

(e) Advocacy: Sharon Carson suggested members could write the Federal Conservative leadership contenders presenting ideas for comment.

6. York Branch Meetings – 2022:

(a) FMM Plans:

(i) Venue: Marie/Tom to check on the availability of the Richmond Hill facility and or if it is open.

(ii) Refreshments: A number of ideas were suggested – a sandwich plate, soft drinks and coffee to stay within the \$10.00 per member per year. Another possibility included asking members to contribute \$4 to \$5 each.

(iii) Speaker: Possibly the new NAFR President when selected. Tom's suggestion of a speaker dealing with fitness and diet is a possibility and was the subject of a motion by Sharon Carson if he is available. The FMM details to meet the SAGE deadline need to be submitted by July 8.

7. NAFR AMM: Fred to attend.

(a) Elections: An on line discussion was part of the District meeting. President, Vice President and two Directors for each District on slate. Exceptions are three for BC and two for Atlantic Canada.

(ii) Proposals: Fred to distribute proposals for comment by Board. Tom reported the National Office did not agree with all the By-Law changes submitted. Changes to go to the full committee in one week.

8. Branch Report for Fall SAGE: Fred will write article for SAGE. Possible reference to the passing of Joe Shaykewich.

9. Recruitment and Retention: Nil.

10. New Business: Nil.

11. Trends and Concerns Review: Nil.

12. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM September 13, 2022.

13. Adjournment: Moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Ken.