

**NAFR York Branch Meeting (hybrid Zoom & in person)****09:30 AM -12:10 PM September 13, 2022****Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway, Aurora Ontario**

**Present in person:** Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Linda Laffree, Membership; Marie MacPhee, Events; Sharon Paris, Director-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary. **Via Zoom:** Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Vasdev Sawhney, Joe Vettese, Directors-at-Large.

**Regrets:** Nil.

**1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Add item 10 (e) Lunch document: Approval moved by Sharon Paris, seconded by Marie.

**2. Round Table- Summer Holidays:** The board members briefly outlined activities participated in during the summer.

**3. Review and Approval of the Minutes of June 7, 2022:** Item 4 corrected to Sharon Carson from Sharon Paris: Marie MacPhee added to attendees: Approval moved by Tom, seconded by Marie.

**4. Action Items from the Minutes of June 7, 2022:**

**(a) Equipment Storage:** In Abeyance. Some concern from National Office.

**5. Reports:**

**(a) President:** Covered by Agenda items

**(b) Treasurer:** Tom spoke to the Earnings/Loss and Balances statements circulated prior to the meeting. \$5,280.38 surplus returned to National Office. A decision to be made in October on purchase of a screen. Lack of spending has left the Branch in good shape financially.

**(c) Membership:** Linda circulated her report prior to the meeting and pointed out the Branch has 948 members with 18 joining since the last report. There are 2 non DDS unpaid members, 5 deceased and 24 lost contacts.

**(d) Website Editor:** Frank reported he is searching for a solution to display reports without having to download them.

**(e) Advocacy:** Nil.

**(i) Quebec and Ontario Municipal Elections:** General discussion around the problem of Long Term Care (LTC) patients occupying hospital beds. It was agreed that a Resolution on LTC be developed at the Nov. Branch meeting for presentation to the next AMM.

**(ii) Ontario Health Policy Developments:** Some general discussion.

**6. PSHCP Renewal:** Changes may include pharmacies renewing prescriptions beyond a limited number. The extra cost to members for PSHCP coverage not known. It was suggested a speaker be found to outline the changes when formalized.

**7. National Seniors Day Oct. 1:** Suggestions included a notice on the web site and/or an eblast to members.

**8. NAFR Surveys and Branch Core Functions:** Fred reported the survey was done and included questions such as – Asking Branches if they have enough money and why did we join. Fred's answers to the survey indicate that the Branch does most of the items listed, but that the Branch membership shows little interest in active participation in Branch affairs or advocacy.

**9. NAFR Election and SMM:** The Vice President elected President, and the National Board has decided to have an election to fill the remainder of the VP's term, in a special meeting (SMM). Tom offered that Simon was a strong candidate and Fred indicated he would support at election.

**10. FMM Plans for October 18: Further details to be worked out Oct. 4.**

**(a) Venue:** Booked. Hybrid meeting.

**(b) Refreshments:** Marie and Sharon Paris to look into having Chartwell sponsor food. Ed can provide coffee.

**(c) Speaker:** Igor Klibanov has agreed to speak on seniors health issues. Speaker has agree to create a web site if Branch will provide a link with publicity (e-blast). A gift not required. Tom to thank.

**(d) E-blast:** Marie.

**(e) Lunch Document:** As a point of discussion, Linda spoke to the two documents she circulated prior to the meeting dealing with subsidized member lunches and the CRA Interpretation Bulletin on GST/HST Info for Non-profit Organizations. In particular, two points – direct cost exemption and the exempt tax status of memberships where they meet the criteria listed in the Bulletin. Linda also noted that in her research, she could not find any official written information from NAFR HQ on subsidizing lunches. Fred indicated he would check to see if he had anything more concrete.

**11. Branch Reports for SAGE:** Fred provided input for the fall edition.

**12. Recruitment and Retention:** Noted that for MEDOC coverage both spouses must be members unless grandfathered in.

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

**14. New Business:** Nil.

**15. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM October 4, 2022.**

**16. Adjournment:** Moved by Linda.