

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Video Conference ZOOM)

09:30 AM – 12:20 PM November 1, 2022

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Marie MacPhee, Events; Frank Froude, Web editor; Linda Laffree, Membership; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Sharon Paris, Joe Vettese, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Vasdev Sawhney, Director-at-Large.

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

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of October 4, 2022: Approval moved by Joe, seconded by Sharon Carson.

3. Action Items from the Minutes of October 4, 2022.

(a) Equipment Storage: Marie to check with Legion to determine if sufficient space (3'x3'x4') is available for rent. Currently Marie, Tom and Fred are holding various pieces of equipment.

(b) Purchase of Screen: Only needed at Legion. Tabled for now.

4. Reports:

(a) President's Report: Fred summarized the items discussed at the District Meeting of Oct. 24.

(b) Treasurer: Prior to the meeting Tom circulated the Financial Statements detailing Balances, Earnings/Loss, Reserves, Bank Statement and a photo copy of cheques issued. No requirement to return funds to the National Office this year. National Office satisfied with 2021 report included the Reserve list. Items to be covered by the IT Reserve to be determined at the January meeting. Clarification requested from Fiona (District) for an invoice received from the April District meeting.

(c) Membership: Linda reviewed her report submitted to the Board prior to the meeting noting an increase of 9 members for a total of 959. There is one unpaid (non DDS) and 24 lost contacts. Linda reported she has sent welcoming letters to the new members and in January will look into getting more retirees to join.

(d) Website Editor: Prior to the meeting Frank submitted a report indicating the Oct. 4 BOD meeting reports and the FMM reports are uploaded and awaiting publishing. Problems with the York Branch home page are awaiting a fix by National Office.

(e) Advocacy: Sharon Carson reported on a military retirees meeting she attended focusing on how to get people out to meetings.

5. FMM Post mortem: The Board identified several issues that require further study. Technical problems included poor sound quality and the need to have someone, with IT experience, who is not involved in the proceedings to handle equipment. The sound quality might be improved by finding a venue with better acoustics. The Legion in Aurora or Richmond Hill will be examined by Marie and Sharon Carson. Reduce the business part of the agenda. Eliminate the door prize as it doesn't serve to bring people out. The eblast was too complicated with wording such as "tomorrow" when the meeting was several days away.

6. Lunch Subsidy: Linda indicated there is still some confusion around how much, if any, money can be paid to volunteers without receipts. Tom agreed to work with Linda on a solution.

7. Plans for 2023:

(a) Meeting Dates: The January 3 date was considered too close to the holiday and was changed to January 11, 2023.

(b) AGM Plans, Guest Speaker: Suggestions included the new NAFR President or someone from Canada Life who will be managing the new Health Plan.

8. Recruitment and Retention: Nil.

9. Trends and Concerns Review: Nil

10. New Business: Nil.

11. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM January 11, 2023 Video Conference (ZOOM).

12. Adjournment: Moved by Frank, seconded by Joe.