

**National Association of Federal Retirees
South-East New Brunswick / Section du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick
Branch 64**

**MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 25, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Brenda Teed, at 10:03 a.m.

NEW AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

Two new members and one potential member were present at the meeting; all were welcomed by the President. She advised all Attendees that a variety of information booklets and other literature, including membership application forms, were available at the back of the room.

GUEST SPEAKER

The President introduced our guest speaker, Madame Melissa Pageau, from the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization. Madame Pageau covered a number of topics related to Emergency Preparedness, and made a number of recommendations to Members to help ensure safety in storms, power outages, etc. She also provided attendees with booklets on the topic, and advised that both the St. John Ambulance and the Red Cross have prepared Emergency Kits that can be purchased.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Secretary Karen MacGregor reviewed the Minutes of the last official General meeting which occurred on September 23, 2022. *MOTION*: Karen made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as presented; Paul Belliveau seconded. All in favour, Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

SIMPLY CONNECT CELL PHONE SERVICE

At the last General meeting a Member noted that Simply Connect does not provide service in the US, so "Snowbirds" who go there for a few months each winter pay Simply Connect for no reason. Karen MacGregor contacted Olga Bindutiye, the Client Services Supervisor at the National office, about this issue. Mrs. Bindutiye said participating Members were advised of the loss of US service a few times since July 2022 when it first happened. The National office will be looking for a new provider once the contract with Simply Connect expires. In the interim she said Members with complaints can contact her at 1-855-304-4700, Ext 241.

MINUTES POSTED ON BRANCH WEBSITE

Going forward, the Minutes from General Members Meetings will be posted on the Branch website in PDF format. They will be made available at least one week in advance of the meeting at which they will be reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer Gilles Lavoie, the President Brenda Teed presented the Financial Reports for September and October 2022.

SEPTEMBER : Total Receipts \$0; Total expenses \$405.80; Cash Balance \$49,776.65

OCTOBER: Total Receipts \$5,072.00; Total expenses \$1,342.15; Cash Balance \$53,506.50

MOTION: Brenda moved that the Treasurer's Report for September and October 2022 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Andrew Bechamp. All in Favour, Motion carried.

Membership Report

Brenda Teed reported that current Branch membership stands at 3023.

Luncheons

Don MacGregor reported that all 2023 General Members meeting will include luncheons. He further noted that future meal reservations will be made via email and paid upon arrival, in the same manner as today's event.

Banquet

Norma Jeanne Lavoie reported that the Annual Banquet will be held on June 5, 2023. The location has not yet been determined. Members will be updated as plans develop.

Caring Committee

Eileen Whyte, responsible for the Caring Committee, noted that the following Members have been remembered with a sympathy note/card to family:

Paul Hebert

James Talbot

Reginald LeBlanc

Dr. Joan Esther Donald

Elsie Blakney

William (Bill) Goobie

Rosemary Haney.

Jeannette Ralph

George Ross

A minute of silence was observed in recognition of departed Members.

NEW BUSINESS

AGING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

President Brenda Teed provided attendees with the web address for a collection of information on Aging in New Brunswick (in English and French). The material was assembled by a group of NB researchers and practitioners who work with older adults. Their goal is to help those adults navigate the complex landscape of information, forms services and resources.

2023 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Karen MacGregor, Chairperson of the 2023 Nominations Committee, made the first official call for the nomination of Members to serve on the 2023 Management Board. Branch By-laws call for 12-16 nominated members plus an appointed Treasurer. All 15 current Board members, which include the Treasurer, have agreed to continue to serve.

However, the positions of the 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are open. Interested Members are asked to contact Karen.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023

The President informed Members of the 2023 meeting schedule, which will be posted on the Branch website.

DOCUMENTARY ON AGEISM

The President informed Members that an informative documentary about “Ageism” is available; she will arrange to have it shown at an upcoming Members meeting if possible.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A Member noted that her family member recently received Extra-mural nursing care, and asked if the Board could arrange for a speaker on that topic. In a related topic, another Member noted a new NB initiative, Nursing Homes without Walls, and asked for a speaker on that topic as well. The President agreed that the Board would research the availability of a speaker on those topics.

A recently retired Member informed Members that the Federal Government has a temporary employment program for Retirees. Anyone interested can contact Cherie MacLeod, The Moncton Chamber of Commerce, and provide an updated CV. That member also noted that upon his recent retirement he was required to pay back a Phoenix transition payment.

A Member asked if the PSHCP covers visits to private doctors. Karen MacGregor agreed to research the matter.

Branch Lucky Draw

Cliff Barkley and Tom Hurlbut shared the Lucky draw prize 50/50.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next NAFR SE NB Branch 64 General Membership Meeting
January 27, 2023