

BLUEWATER BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2023

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

12:00 NOON

Present:

- President – Lawrie Lachapelle
- Vice-President – Gloria Cayea
- Treasurer – Diane Kerr
- Director of Membership – Bill Mason
- Outreach coordinator – Pat Mason
- Member-at-large – Murray Lester

President Lawrie Lachapelle opened the meeting and welcomed the guests, Bruce Challis and his wife. There also was a minute's silence for those who passed away. This was followed by lunch.

Approval of the AGM Minutes of 2022

Bob Jackson

Moved by Dave Cayea, **Seconded** by Diane Kerr, **Carried**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Lawrie Lachapelle

- Expressed thanks to Branch Board and volunteers from other Branches for their assistance and support. Also to Bruce Challis as well as to National Office staff for their support.
- The Branch had 3 meetings and 2 social events in the past year
- Attendance was in the 6% range consistent with national results
- Communication has been a focus this year with messages delivered through e-blasts, Sage reports and our web-site
- Finances and reporting are in good shape
- We have been active at Ontario District meetings as well as the National Level attending meetings and webinars
- In the future our most challenging job will be attracting new volunteers.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Diane Kerr

- The Bluewater Branch Reserves were presented, noting the Reserves total \$5500.
- The reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2022 showing a loss of \$2243.56 were presented.
- Approval of the 2023 Budget, as presented, showing a loss of \$1419.00
Moved by Murray Lester, seconded by Dave Cayea, approved
- Peter Thompson is approved as our 2023 Financial Reviewer.
Moved by Dave Cayea, seconded by Murray Lester, approved

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Bob Jackson

- Para 9.6, 9.6.1 and 9.6.2 were deleted and replaced with:

9.6 Reserve Funds

The branch may establish and maintain reserve funds in accordance with the Association's regulations. The Branch board has the authority to create, change or remove such reserves and must present a report on the status of all branch reserves at each annual general meeting as part of the presentation of the branch's financial statements

Moved by Dave Cayea, seconded by Murray Lester, Approved

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bill Mason

- membership is stable around 500 people
- NAFR welcomed over 11,500 new members nationally in 2022
- reminder that we are switching our PSHCP to Canada Life on July 1, 2023 and to make sure that all of your contact information is up to date with Sun Life
- NAFR is going to update the Dental Plan in 2023
- Starting September 2, 2023 OHIP will only pay for eye exams every 18 months unless there are pre-existing eye issues' I.E. macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetes

EVENTS REPORT.

Pat Mason

- Thanks to all callers
- Plans underway for lawn bowling. Further info to come
- Also plans underway for golf in September
- Someone also suggested darts

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I.T. and Web-Site

Doug Kerr

- Take a look at web-site
- Let Doug know if anything is missing or is there is anything that should be on there.

ELECTIONS:

Bruce Challis called for nominations for the following positions:

- Vice-President: Gloria Cayea
Nominated by Pat Mason, **Seconded by**, Lawrie Lachapelle, **Carried**
- Treasurer: Máirín Ring,
Nominated by, Doug Kerr, **Seconded by** Pat Mason, **Carried**
- Membership: Bill Mason
Nominated by Gloria Cayea, **Seconded by**, Lawrie Lachapelle, **Carried**

Lawrie thanked the Board members for allowing their names to stand. He presented Certificates to Diane Kerr and Bob Jackson to thank them for their long service.

Adjournment:

Moved by Doug Kerr, **Seconded by** Murray Lester,

Recorded by

Secretary – Gloria. Cayea

Certified by

President - Lawrie Lachapelle

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