

## BLUEWATER BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

WHITE SQUIRREL GOLF CLUB AND RESTAURANT  
12:00 NOON

Present:

Acting President- Bill Mason  
Director of Membership- Bill Mason  
Outreach Coordinator- Pat Mason  
IT and Web Site Coordinator – Doug Kerr  
Member at Large – Murray Lester

Regrets:

President – Lawrie Lachapelle  
Treasurer – Mairin Ring

Acting President Bill Mason opened the meeting and welcomed guests, Bruce Challis and his wife Betty, and guest speaker, Nicola Holland, Community Librarian, Cultural Services Division, County of Lambton. There was a minute of silence for those who passed away. Lunch followed.

LUNCH.

The meeting was started off with the introduction of our guest speaker, Nicola Holland, Community Librarian, Cultural Services Division, County of Lambton. Nicola did a thorough explanation of what a Library has to offer. It is endless, from getting a book to read to getting a free membership and taking advantage of all the services a library has to offer such as e-books, audio books, CD's, DVD's, newspapers, magazines, homework clubs for students and educational summer programs, book clubs for different age groups, programs for seniors, to list a few. Visit [lclibrary.ca](http://lclibrary.ca) for more information.

Approval of agenda September 20, 2023 was made by show of hands, moved by Lyn Davie , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Murray Lester. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of March 29, 2023 AGM was made by show of hands, moved by Murray Lester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cayea. All in favor.

President's Report: Acting President Bill Mason invited Bruce Challis to give an update on the Public Service Health Care Plan situation. National Office and Treasury Board are currently in negotiations with Canada Life as to what services would be covered. At present, Canada Life is covering medical only. Dental is still under Sun Life until 2024.

Treasurer's report: (information only) as submitted by Mairin Ring.  
Balance \$9379.00. Second quarter from National Office received \$918.63

Membership Report: Bill Mason reported Bluewater Branch membership is hovering around 500 members. It is critical to increase our membership.

Events and Callers: Pat Mason reported our next event will be the Christmas Meeting on November 22, 2023 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sarnia. Pat also thanked the callers again for the great job they are doing.

IT and Web Site Coordinator : Doug Kerr is encouraging everyone to go on the website and read about what NAFR has to offer its members. The information is endless.

Meeting adjourned: motion moved to adjourn by Lyn Davie and seconded by Mary Stevens. All in favor.