

National Association of Federal Retirees
Fundy Shores NB65
AGM April 11, 2019

Assumption Church Hall, Saint John, NB

President Lorraine Scott called for the assembly's attention at 2:50 PM after a roast beef dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus of The Assumption Church. Prior to the dinner Lorraine introduced herself and after a few words of welcome and greetings to the membership led the members in grace before a meal followed by a minute of silence in memory of deceased members.

The first guest speaker was introduced - Allison Gallop who spoke about "The Last Post Fund", a national non-profit organization that ensures a dignified burial to our veterans. The Last Post Fund was established in 1909 and originated from an act of compassion, respect and patriotism after a supposedly drunk man was identified as a trooper who had served in the British army for 21 years and whose body was unclaimed, used for study and buried in a pauper's field. Far from being drunk the man had died from starvation and exposure. To date over 150,000 veterans have been helped with burials and markers. We were also informed that currently there are over 60,000 modern day veterans and explained that modern day veterans are military retirees who have never served in a war. Mr. Gallop left us with a wealth of information about this very important organization. Pamphlets were also available on the tables.

Dorma Grant, our new Provincial Advocacy Officer, was introduced by Lorraine and spoke briefly about her role in this position.

Cyril Theriault, Branch Service Coordinator was introduced next. Mr. Theriault read a prepared statement from Regional Director, Leonard LeBlanc, who is attending meetings in Ottawa.

In his statement Mr. LeBlanc had 3 major points:

#1 no decision in the health plan court case.

#2 The NB Regional meeting will be held in Fredericton next week. 22 members from 6 NB branches as well as representatives from Ottawa will be attending. A half day training workshop for treasurers will be held on April 17th, 2019

#3 On June 19th and 20th a new 4 year strategic plan will be viewed by the membership at the AMM in Ottawa.

At 3:18 PM the Annual General Meeting of Fundy Shores NB65 Branch was called to order by Association President Lorraine Scott.

Jeannette Grant moved that the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Martha Peters. Motion carried.

The minutes of the last AGM had been circulated. Marianne Haines moved that the minutes of the April 19, 2018 AGM be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Bob Young. Motion carried.

The reviewed financial statements for the year 2018 showing earnings of \$1,632.96 were presented.

Mover Lynn Chatterton, Treasurer. Secunder, Bill Lynch. Motion carried.

Membership Chairperson, Catherine O'Leary, presented her report. As of April 9 we have 1164 members which is 21 less than last year. In late 2018 a notice from National informed us that renewal notices will now be sent by National either by email or by Canada Post. To date there are approximately 172,000 members nationally. Members can access their own profiles on line and can also pay dues on line.

Catherine moved that her report be accepted. Seconded by Martha Peters. Motion carried.

President's Report: Lorraine spoke briefly about notices informing the membership about upcoming dinners. Three different methods are currently used. The first is through the magazine "Sage". The second is through Branch announcements and the third method is by telephone and email. The last method will work only if contact information is up to date. Members must be responsible for informing the membership chairperson when there is a change in either their phone number or their email address.

You and Your Survivor Workshop's - Organized by Lynn Chatterton. To be held on April 24, 2019 and May 29, 2019. Facilitator is Barry Murray. Past workshops have been very successful and very informative.

Change in venue for the dinner was necessary. Membership will be informed of the location for the fall dinner. A vote was taken by a show of hands to choose the time of day for future dinners. By a large majority the membership chose 4:00 PM.

Scams - Lorraine warned members to be very careful in giving out personal information. Many phone scams are targeting seniors.

Election 2021 - Lorraine reminded the membership that more volunteers will be needed when the 3 year term of the current board members is up. Lorraine's 2 terms as president is also ending in 2021.

NB Regional Meeting - will be held in Fredericton next week. Lorraine Scott, Catherine O'Leary and Lynn Chatterton will attend.

The next dinner is planned for September 26th. The venue will be announced at a later date.

Door prizes were drawn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 4:03 pm by Kelly Newstead.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Hickmott, Secretary