

Minutes Fundy Shores Branch 65

Board Meeting

July 5, 2023

Present: Geoff Howson (President), Lorraine Scott (Past President), Donna Bovolaneas (Treasurer), and Roly MacIntyre (Secretary). Directors: Catherine O'Leary (Membership), Christian Hoyt, and Paul Toner.

Regrets: Myles Ross, Howard Pearn, and Mike Power

Call to Order:

1. President Geoff Howson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There was a brief discussion on the position of Secretary. For clarification, it was understood that Roly MacIntyre has accepted the position of Secretary.

Minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting was circulated to the board for consideration. Moved by Catherine O'Leary and seconded by Christine Hoyt that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Lorraine Scott reported on the proposed fall dinner for the membership at St. Augustine's Parish in Quispamsis. Lorraine had discussions with the Church regarding the proposed dinner. They were looking for a guarantee of 100 people to offset the amount they would have made on their own Fall church dinner.

Lorraine raised concerns from previous experience that we may not be able to attract that number to attend. She was hesitant to make such a guarantee.

The decision of the Board was to pursue other options other than the dinner.

President Geoff Howson requested members of the Board to think of other ideas and send them to him before the next meeting of the Board in September 2023.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Donna Bovolaneas reported on Branch's financial position as of June 30, 2023. Our financial position is largely the same as reported at the May 2023 board meeting, with some areas that need discussion and approval by the Board:

1. Branch Reserved Equity; Decision on Training; Succession Planning Reserve.

Due to recent turnover in the Board, most of the Fundy Shore's current board have limited or no experience serving on a NAFR branch board. Training/Succession Planning Reserve is intended to meet both immediate training needs.

The recommendation of our Treasurer to retain the Training/Succession Reserve for that purpose was accepted by the Board.

2. Branch Reserves

The branch currently has between \$13,000 and \$15,000 in reserves. The Branch would normally review the adequacy of their reserves as a last step before closing the books from the previous year.

There was a discussion on the purchase of computers for board members. This item was deferred until the September meeting for a discussion on policy.

3. The need to review the branches cash flow

We need to make to a decision to redeem or re-invest one or both GIC's.

This item was deferred for further discussion to the September 2023 meeting.

Moved by Donna Bovolaneas seconded by Paul Toner that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

President Geoff Howson's report:

Lots of issues with accessing Canada Life our new Health Plan providers online. Geoff Howson tried several times without much success. National is aware of the implementation issues and are concerned. Issue with pharmacies accessing online, as well. Members must take in their new numbers to the Pharmacy.

National Meeting of AMM, June 2023.

President Geoff Howson attended the June meeting. Recruiting new members is an issue. National marketing firm has been hired to assist.

There is a strong desire to make better connections with the branches. Lots of resources available from National to assist the Branches.

Area of concern from the meeting

Long term care, pension issues, health care plan and ageism.

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 9:30 AM.