

## **National Association of Federal Retirees**

### **Fundy Shore NB65**

### **Annual General Meeting – 28 April 2023**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by the President, Lorraine Scott, at 2:10 pm. There was a quorum.

Lorraine greeted members and thanked them for their attendance. Lorraine also welcomed our guest speaker Roland Wells, Atlantic Regional Director, and Kate Akagi, Deputy Mayor of St. Andrews.

Kate spoke briefly, welcoming everyone to the Algonquin and St. Andrews. She also gave land acknowledgement to the Woolastoquey Nation, the Mi'kmaq and the Peskotomukati.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Lorraine presented the agenda and asked for a motion to approve.

Ruth Pearn moved that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Catherine O'Leary. Motion carried.

#### **Guest Speaker**

Lorraine introduced guest speaker Roland Wells. Atlantic Regional Director. Roland conveyed greetings from National and expressed his appreciation for the invitation. He gave a brief overview of his background with the RCMP. Then Roland touched on the following:

- What happens at the national level: advocacy, pension benefits, retirement income for all seniors, PSHCP medical and PSDP dental coverage.
- Why most people normally join NAFR: Third party benefits including Medoc travel insurance (Roland went over the basic coverage), Simply Connect (which works on a 3G network and is now not operational in the US), Collette Travel, and Hearing Life.
- PSHCP: The national website has information on the PSHCP. Canada Life has the new contract which will become effective on July 1, 2023. Members will receive either an email or package in the mail. They are required to register and it is strongly advised members go the electronic route if possible. Because the PSHCP plan cost must be maintained at its current level, there will be increases to some benefit coverages with changes to others (e.g. mandatory generic medications unless physicians can prove the need). Roland identified some areas of concern for a number of members and indicated NAFR would continue its efforts to resolve them.
- National Seniors Strategy: Giving priority to development of a comprehensive health care program to meet the evolving needs of all seniors.
- Other items being covered by National are: informal caregivers' recognition, national long term care home standards (given how deadly COVID was), ageism (how society treats a person because of their age), and pharmacare.

Roland also touched on volunteers and the fact that they are needed at all levels. He encouraged members with a story to tell to reach out to Sage magazine.

#### **Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes**

Members went over the minutes from last year's AGM.

A motion was made to approve the 2022 Minutes by Fran Hickmott. Seconded by Marianne Haines. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Donna Bovolaneas presented the 2022 Financial Statements comprising:

- the reviewed Branch Balances Statement as at December 31, 2022
- the reviewed Branch Earnings/Loss Statement for the year ended December 31, 2022 showing net earnings of \$507.25,
- the 2023 Branch budget, showing a projected net loss of \$6,882, and
- the 2024 Forecast showing a preliminary projected net loss of \$4,838.

Donna also presented the Branch Reserves Motion Template (copy attached) showing a total of \$22,500 in reserved funds set aside as at December 31, 2022 for approved future activities.

In her remarks, she explained the strategic importance of each reserve, how reserve spending would impact 2023 and 2024 financial statements, and why the planned losses for these years would not undermine the financial soundness of the branch.

Donna made a motion to approve the 2023 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Martha Peters. Motion carried.

### **Branch Review Committee**

Donna made a motion to approve the appointment of Art Scott to the 2023 Branch Review Committee and to authorize the Board of Directors, at its discretion, to make further appointments to the Committee which may include Board members without branch signing authority. Fran Hickmott seconded. Motion carried.

### **Membership Report**

Catherine O'Leary went over membership numbers from past years. Current membership is 1034. Catherine also touched on different payment methods.

Catherine made a motion to accept the Membership Report. Seconded by Harold McInnis. Motion carried.

### **President's Report**

Lorraine began with membership and that it is members' responsibility to keep their individual information up to date so that National and the branch can reach them when it matters.

She noted the branch was struggling and COVID only made the issue worse. After two years of Zoom meetings, the board now meets approximately every eight weeks at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's Church in Saint John. Meetings normally last about two hours.

A special thanks was given to Geoff Howson and Mike Power for all their work regarding arranging the AGM/60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Algonquin.

Finally, Lorraine talked about her tenure on the Board, both good times and bad and felt, on average, it was a great time. She thanked the Board for their service and support.

She will sit as the past president for one year.

## **Election**

Martha Peters oversaw/presented the election of officers and directors.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
President	Geoffrey Howson	3 years
Vice President	Michael Power	3 years
Treasurer	Donna Bovolaneas	1 year

The Secretary's position remained vacant at the end of the election process. Catherine O'Leary agreed to cover the position for a limited time only.

## **Directors**

Christine Hoyt – 3 years  
Roly McIntyre – 2 years  
Catherine O'Leary – 2 years  
Howard Pearn – 2 years  
Miles Ross – 2 years  
Last position is vacant.

The new executive and board of directors were presented to the membership by Martha.

## **New Business**

As Lorraine's last duty, she thanked the departing board, and presented certificates and pins for their volunteer time. Martha Peters – over twenty years, Marianne Haines – twenty years, Peggy McLean – 10 Years, Harold McInnis – 10 years, Donna Bovolaneas – 5 years, Fran Hickmott – 5 years and Catherine O'Leary – 5 years. Martha and Marianne each received small thank you gift from the board.

Geoff Howson, the new president, thanked Lorraine for her time and superb job. She was presented with a small thank you from the board and a certificate and 10-year pin

Geoff asked members to seriously consider joining the Board. There will be a meeting on 17 May 2023 at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's Church.

## **Adjournment**

Lorraine moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted for  
Fran Hickmott, Secretary  
Peggy McLean