

NAFR York Branch Meeting

10: 20 – 11:45 AM Tuesday April 2, 2024 (Hybrid Zoom)

Aurora Legion 105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont.

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President; John Macphee, Treasurer; Marie Macphee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Editor. Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Brian Turner IT specialist attended to assist with set-up of equipment.

Attending on Zoom: Vasdev Sawhney, Advocacy, Keith Chang, Director-at-Large.

Regrets: Linda Laffree, Membership; Joe Vettesse, Director-at-Large.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Keith, seconded by Vasdev.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of March 5, 2024:** Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Keith.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) **Equipment Storage:** Items being sorted and distributed to various Board members for safekeeping.
 - (b) **Virtual Mail Box:** Fred reported box has been acquired and is being tested before final acceptance.
4. **Reports:**
 - (a) **President:** Fred reviewed a number of subjects originating at the National Office and other Branches including: Dental plan switch to Canada Life delayed to November; Problems associated with signing in to Canada Life noting subcontracting to a US service (MSH); A new Health Plan booklet being produced; National Office AMM set for June with a theme of Connected Conversations and the need to get proposals in; orientations for new Branch Directors, care giving, structure committee, Branch viability and a thorough review of NAFR.
 - (b) **Treasurer:** John stated the balance in the Branch account is \$17,587.75. A new account will be opened to separate from issues with the fraud problems experienced over the past several weeks. John has produced a detailed history of the transactions needed to right the Branch account. Bank requires two signatories be present each time an in person action

is required. The old year is being closed out and New Year accounts being set up and a report has been made to the National Office.

(c) Membership: Members were referred to the report circulated electronically by Linda.

(d) Web Site Editor: Frank indicated there have been little change. AGM documents on site. Awaiting reply from National Office to a number of questions. Awaiting a decision on mounting minutes and agenda's prior to approval.

(e) Advocacy: Nil.

5. Branch AGM –

(a) Planning Review: Fred projected the AGM agenda for review and comment. Lunch replaced by sandwiches and refreshments. Reviewer appointment (Yee) added. President's report added along with election of Board members Keith, Marie. Joe to be contacted for intention. Presidents position open with Fred needing to remain in place.

(b) Location and Site Arrangements: Aurora Legion. Coffee, Tea provided. The To Do list reviewed.

(c) Advertisement: E-blast: Marie to send out with reminder to register – includes Board.

(d) Web Site: Frank to keep site updated.

(e) Count: Marie to keep track. Ed to do registration at AGM.

(f) Speaker: Fred moved, seconded by Frank that up to \$100.00 could be spent on a gift.

6. NAFR Strategic Plan: Fred noted this high level document to be the focus of an April meeting. General comments on purpose, focus, why people joined, and aboriginal issues.

7. District Meeting April 22-24: Fred, Keith, Vasdev to represent Branch. Issues include vote weighting and CRA concern over Reserves.

8. New Business:

(a) Recruitment and Retention: Nil.

(b) Trends and Concerns Review: Nil.

9. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM Tuesday May 7, 2024 Virtual (Zoom)

10. Adjournment: Moved by Frank, seconded by Marie.