

## NAFR York Branch Meeting

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Tuesday June 4, 2024 (Hybrid Zoom)**

**Aurora Legion 105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont.**

**Present:** Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President; John Macphee, Treasurer; Linda Laffree, Membership; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Vasdev Sawhney, Advocacy; Keith Chang, Ed Millar, Directors-at-Large.

Regrets: Joe Vettesse, Don Gracey, Directors-at-Large. Marie Macphee, Events.

1. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Approval moved by Kieth, seconded by Frank.
2. **Review and Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2024:** Approval moved by Linda, seconded by Frank.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - (a) **Virtual Mail Box:** Established and included on web site. Branch phone number moved from Tom to Fred and included in SAGE.
  - (b) **VIP Portal:** A number of Branch members had been successful in accessing the Portal.
  - (c) **Equipment Storage:** In abeyance.
  - (d) **Expenses to June 4:** John provided cheques to those who had submitted their expenses.
4. **Reports:**
  - (a) **President:** Fred reviewed the May Bulletins to Branches. The document Building a Better Organization with a number of major changes proposed for the way the Association is structured and governed was reviewed. Topics addressed included the voting structure, elections, number and size of branches, financing and language. Pressure to invest more pension money in Canada, getting involved at the UN when ageing is discussed and possibly changing the Associations name. Included in the May news was a change to the Supplementary Death Benefit allowing up to 5 bonefishes, pre-retirement courses and border restrictions on dogs. Red Wireless a component of Rogers is a new affinity program.

**(b) Treasurer:** John outlined the problems experienced clearing out the old account and establishing a new account following several successful hacks. Quarterly cheque received by Tom and deposited. At May 31 new account had a balance of \$16,808.26 with \$2,465.32 in the old account.

**(c) Membership:** Linda reported the Branch had 983 active members at June 3 up slightly from the previous month. Four recently joined (two doubles), there were 3 unpaid active members and 25 lost contacts.

**(d) Website Editor:** Frank indicated problems with uploading photos to site resolved. Working with National Office to resolve updating problems impacted somewhat by major redoing of National Office web site.

**(e) Advocacy:** Nil.

5. **AMM:** Fred noted the information is on the VIP Portal. Fred's vote will be weighted. Strategic Plan (10 year timeframe) as well as document "Building a Better Organization" on the agenda (see President's Report). With a deficit of \$470K fees may be looked at. Nominations received were reviewed by the Board. Most appeared well qualified. Keith thanked the Board for their support of his nomination. None of the Proposals appear to be controversial except the one on language.
6. **FMM Planning:** Date Oct. 15 at the Aurora Legion. Suggestions for a speaker needed.
7. **New Business:** Nil
8. **Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM September 10, 2024 Aurora Legion.**
9. **Adjournment:** Moved by Linda, seconded by Keith.