

## BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2024

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292,  
411 Gorge Road East, Victoria, B.C.

**Time:** 9:46 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Erika Kanczula, Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae, David Stinson, J. Ray Webber, Benny Wong

**Regrets:** James Dallimore, Gordon Usipiuk

**Quorum:** Yes

### Approval of Agenda:

M/ Ray S/ Patricia Carried

### Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2024, meeting

M/ Libby S/ Ray Carried

## 1. REPORTS

### A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Libby

- May is National Care Giver Month. As part of a national seniors' strategy, Federal Retirees is calling for increased support for caregivers. Federal Retirees held a webinar on caregiving in Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence, Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario and the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. It can be watched on our website.
- The Strategic plan has been distributed and discussed at the District meetings. It is anticipated it will be discussed further at the AMM in June.
- The first meeting of the special committee on Association structure has taken place. The committee is reviewing potential changes to voting structure, selection of district directors, the number and sizes of branches, language use and association finances.
- The Sage magazine submission is due soon. Some guidance was provided for the content: focus on the positive and goals of the association (retirement income security, a national senior's strategy, veteran well-being and pharmacare).
- NAFR is calling on support for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. In May, Federal Retirees, along with delegations from other not-for-profit organizations associated with the Canadian Coalition Against Ageism, had the chance to participate in the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Aging. An energized, committed group of Canadians and international advocates are working on a "UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons". A Convention would protect the rights of older persons under international law, recognize the valuable economic and social contributions older persons make and provide a comprehensive and coherent framework for a world free from ageism and age discrimination.

- National Public Service Week is June 9-15, 2024.

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Erika

Finances remain much the same as last month. The expenses have not yet been paid even though they were submitted some time ago. Inquiries have been made regarding the interest being paid and there has been no response from NO as of yet.

**C. ADVOCACY:** Libby

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming elections – both federal and provincial - and as to whether or not we should have a meeting with those standing for election. We have not yet had a provincial election toolkit from NO. It was suggested we could provide members with some background information for members to use when talking to the candidates. It was proposed that the talking points be presented at the September general meeting and see what response is from the members.

**D. HEALTH BENEFITS:** David

Nothing to report at this time.

**E. MEMBERSHIP:** Ray

Nothing to report at this time.

**F. RECRUITMENT:** All

Nothing to report at this time.

**G. SPEAKERS PROGRAM:** Patricia

Patricia has been trying to organize the December meeting and has been trying to contact the Elderly Brothers but has not had any success. She talked to the Victoria Police Choir and it was decided that we would ask them to entertain at the meeting. Patricia advised that there will be a fee of \$600. Further organizational details will be discussed again in the Fall for the December meeting.

**H. PREFERRED PARTNER PROGRAM:** Gordon

Nothing to report at this time.

**J. WEBSITE:** Gordon

Nothing to report at this time.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

**A. AMM June 2024 Board Proposals review** – Directors, please review proposals (Volunteer Information Portal, 2024 AMM Documentation, Tabs 14 and 15)

Each proposal was discussed individually, and the Board agreed with the positions noted under the column “BOD Recommends”.

**B. Board Roles and Responsibilities/Skills Matrix** – Board Gap analysis

Libby advised that she will be working on this over the summer so be prepared to be contacted by her.

**C. Membership Engagement Survey**

See below.

**D. September 10, 2024, General meeting**

Libby will be working on the various pieces of the agenda being proposed for this meeting. Being discussed will be advocacy, membership survey, and having some questions for members to answer during the townhall portion of the meeting. Libby is planning an eblast and will put the questions in that email.

**E. Name Tags/Business Card**

It was agreed that we would like to purchase magnetic name tags and we would include that we are with the National Association of Federal Retirees.

**F. Fall Sage**

Due June 21<sup>st</sup>, Libby will draft including what has been discussed and noted in the minutes and will send around for comments.

**G. Target Storage**

All keys were returned to Patricia. A motion was made that the funds be approved to purchase a new lock and keys for the storage area.

**M:/** Patricia                      **S:/** Ray                      Carried

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**4. ROUNDTABLE:**

- Discussion about what associations should be invited to speak at our meeting ensued. e.g.: Alzheimer's, Elder Care Foundation, Angel Flight, MAID, Hospice. It was suggested that perhaps we could have, say, 4 people who volunteer at complementary areas
- Great to do up a calendar in January so we can plan which events we will participate throughout the year.

**UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS:** September 3, 2024

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** September 10, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/** Benny                      **S/** Ray   **Carried**