

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)  
BOD Meeting  
September 12, 2015 - 9:30AM  
Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

**PRESENT**

Elliott Keizer, Denise Blanchard, Ron Brooks, Norm Sheen, Wendy Creighton, Frank Sauntry, Clayton Tupper, Cyril Theriault, Gary Barfitt, Rae Hopper, John Richards, and Wilson King.

**ABSENT**

Wayne Gunter and Jacques Piché.

**1. WELCOME**

Elliott Keizer, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4d) Partners – Ron
- 6e) Saint John Fall Dinner
- 6f) Revision of Strategic Plan
- 6g) Website Volunteer
- 6h) RSO Job Description
- 6i) Bulletin to Branches
- 6j) 2016 Budget
- 6k) NARF Lapel Pins
- 6l) BOD Meeting times and location

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of June 6 were approved as circulated.

**Moved by John; Seconded by Ray**

**APPROVED**

**4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Recruitment**

Jacques was absent. No report.

**b) Generic Business Cards Update - Denise**

Denise will use Avery to print business cards when needed. She asked if the members wanted to have their private phone number and personal emails on the cards. She suggested that we use the Board phone number and the NARF Webmail

([fsna2.fred@nb.aibn.com](mailto:fsna2.fred@nb.aibn.com)). National Office is working on a program to supply business cards to the branches. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that since we have business cards now, that we should address this in the spring.

**c) By-Laws**

There was some discussion regarding the By-Laws. The By-Laws Committee was asked to resolve their differences and asked to produce a list of areas that require guideline.

**Motion** to resend the draft to all members and add it on the next meeting's agenda.

**d) Partners**

Ron asked that we re-evaluate the program to see if we want to continue or if the partners want to continue. Ron will contact them.

## 5. REPORTS

**a) Health Benefits**

No activity to report.

**b) Membership**

Wayne was absent. Nothing to report.

**c) Finance**

Frank prepared two reports. The first one is prepared with his accounting software and the second one is prepared with the CRM financial management system. He explained the differences between the two systems. National Office wants the CRM version of the report sent to the AMM.

**Moved by Frank and seconded by Wendy to accept the report"      APPROVED**

**d) Special Events**

Gary provided an overview of special events.

Fall Dinner

Fall Dinner will be at the Fredericton Legion on the 27 October 2015. Gary will visit the Legion regarding the seating arrangements.

Information Sessions

Healthy Aging session will be at the Ramada Inn 10 November 2015. Bonnie Fulton from the Wellness Branch at Social Development will be the guest speaker.

Gary received the multi-media projector. A USB Port is available but for Power Point presentations, a laptop is needed.

**e) Sage**

There are no plans to add anything to the December 2015 edition.

The deadline for the spring edition is 4 January 2016. Wendy asked if we could add

information on partners. Gary said that we are allowed two free inserts – winter and summer. Is it flexible? Gary will follow-up on this. Frank asked if we should allow members that have not paid their dues to come for the dinner. Six voted NO and 4 voted YES. Denise will work with Wayne to see which members have not paid their dues.

Wendy suggested a speaker for the Spring Information Session: Credit Counseling Services of Atlantic Canada. Details about their services are in the latest Bulletin to Branches edition.

**Moved by Gary that the report be accepted.**

**Seconded by Wendy**

**APPROVED**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) National Office News**

A motion of non-confidence in the President was put on the floor. It was defeated by a vote of 38% for and 62% against. Gary Oberg informed the group that he was stepping down on July 10. He handed his resignation to the new Vice President, Marie Bergeron. She said that after watching what Gary has gone through, she was not prepared to step into that role; she also resigned effective August 31. This leaves NAFR with no President or Vice President.

Following a message that he received from Board chairman Konrad von Finckenstein, Elliot reported about the Board chairman's priorities; among those are:

- Establishing a plan and budget for 2016
- Establish a new strategic plan for 2017 – 2019 by spring 2016
- Growing the membership using modern communications.

John raised the issue about the absence of transparency by National Office. This brings into question the member's confidence towards National Office.

**Motion that we sent a letter to Konrad von Finckenstein that we are happy that he is providing leadership and we believe that the no. 1 priority is to re-instilled confidence of membership in the National Office.**

**Moved by John; Seconded by Frank**

**APPROVED**

### **b) All Candidates Meeting**

A Candidates Forum will be held on Wednesday Sept 30 at 1:30 pm at the Stepping Stones Senior Centre and all four Political parties have been invited. Elliott proposed that we send an email to our members once he hears from Linda Kealy.

Frank mentioned that October 1 is National Seniors Day to recognize the contributions that seniors have made and continue to make. It is to demonstrate that seniors are important and not to ignore them. An email will be send to our members regarding this special day. There will be an event at noon at City Hall.

**c) Roundtable on National Seniors Strategy in New Brunswick**

The New Brunswick Medical Society and the Canadian Medical Association will host a roundtable on seniors care on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Louise Bergeron asked if someone from the Fredericton branch would attend. Cyril, Clayton and John have agreed to attend. Denise will send the information.

**d) Original BOD members Election Date**

On the BOD members listing, Denise proposed to add the date when BOD members were first elected on the Board next to the latest election date. She will send an email to all the Directors asking for that date.

**e) Saint John Fall Dinner**

Elliott will attend the Saint John Fall Dinner on October 15. He asked if we would agree to invite other Branch Presidents and their spouses to our Fall Dinner. Another suggestion was to invite Konrad von Finckenstein to our Fall Dinner also. Elliott will include the invitation in the letter to Konrad regarding transparency (item 6a).

**Motion by Norm to invite Mr. von Finckenstein and all the NB Branch Presidents with their significant other to our Fall Dinner.**

**Seconded by Frank**

**APPROVED**

**f. Revision of Strategic Plan**

National Office asked for input from the Branches. Deadline is at the end of September.

**g. Website Volunteer**

We have an opportunity to have our section under the National Office website. National Office will provide one hour training and a contact from National Office for support. All articles will have to be submitted to National Office for approval. Once we have job description written, Denise will send an email to the members asking for a volunteer.

**h. RSO's Job Description**

Branch has been asked to write a job description for Jean St-Pierre's position. Any suggestions should be sent to Elliott.

**i. Bulletin to Branches**

Elliott reviewed the Bulletin to Branches and mentioned a few items such as director's nomination, website update, CRM, Campaign News and corporate pins.

**j. 2016 Budget**

Frank gave the members a budget requirement sheet and asked for our estimate cost for 2016.

**k. NARF Corporate Pins**

**Motion by Frank that we order the pins for the Board Members at a cost of \$3.11 each (including tax).** Denise will order them.

**Seconded by Cyril**

**I. Meeting time and place**

Wendy asked if we could look at other options regarding the time of the meeting and another location (Oromocto Legion). The Board decided to keep it as it is now.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2015 - 9:30 AM,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Denise Blanchard, Admin Director**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Elliott Keizer, President**