

**National Association of Federal Retirees
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)
BOD Meeting – November 18, 2017 - 9:30AM
Hazen Park Centre, 2nd floor, Oromocto**

PRESENT

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, Ian Culligan, Chris Goddard, John Richards, Jacques Piché, Wilson King, Wayne Gunter, Norm Sheen, Rae Hopper and Evans Estabrooks

ABSENT

Denise Blanchard and Clayton Tupper.

1. WELCOME

Elliott Keizer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

Moved by Cyril, seconded by Wilson

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING of October 14, 2017

- 5b) Fall Dinner: should read “There will be a draw for three gift certificates ...”
- 5c) Freddy Plus: change “Motion Wilson to enter...” to “Motion by Wilson: The Board to enter...”

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by Norm; Seconded by Wilson

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities - Cyril

A brief explanation/update by Cyril. Updates from National are not available yet.

b) Veterans Town Hall Meeting

Elliott gave a brief update on the Town Hall. About 25 Veterans attended.

c) Board Meetings – alternative dates

A discussion on meeting times narrowed down to Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Most preferred to try evening meetings and there was a consensus agreement to try Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

d) Freddy Plus ad

There was general agreement with the ad. It was suggested to change the website to the Tiny URL or to “www.federalretirees.ca and click to find our Branch”

e) Member's Requests Regarding Pension, PSHCP and PDCP

The document prepared by Denise had been circulated earlier. It was agreed it was a very good document and is to be placed on the website.

f) Survey

Clearance from National Office to use Survey Monkey is not yet received and Chris will continue to explore.

5. REPORTS

a) Finance – John

Next year's budget is now being prepared. Please get budget requests in to John by November 30. A draft budget will be circulated to the board in December for revisions.

Please insure that all expense claims for this year are sent to John by December 15 so that the payment cheques clear in 2017.

A GIC for \$5,000 has matured at Omista. It will be renewed for 12-18 months and increased to \$7,500 to \$10,000.

At the last General Annual Meeting, our Board sought and received support to eliminate clauses 9.6.2 and 9.6.3 from our Branch's by-laws. These clauses govern the use of the Special Reserve Funds; clause 9.6.2 limits withdrawals to \$2,000 per annum and clause 9.6.3 stipulates withdrawals from the reserves must be accompanied by a plan to replenish them to their maximum value established by our Board and ratified by our membership. Based on correspondence with National, we were advised that elimination of clause 9.6.2 would cause difficulties and that we should merely increase the maximum permissible withdrawal to be the same as the maximum amount in the reserve. Ottawa also advised that the NB62 Board has the authority to intact this change and that it needs to be ratified by our membership at our next general annual meeting.

In light of the foregoing, John proposed the following motion: "The maximum value of the three NB62 Special Reserve funds be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500 and that the maximum permissible spending from each fund be no greater than the funds available in each reserve." Seconded by Cyril

Motion by John that the Finance report be accepted. Seconded by Cyril

CARRIED

b) Special Events

April 24 and May 1 are both reserved for the Spring Dinner and BAM. The date will be finalized once the dates for a NB Regional Meeting are known. Prime rib. Elliott will contact Barry Murray to see if he will be guest speaker regarding You and Your Survivors.

c) Membership

Our current membership is 1951. There were no preretirement seminars this year. Wayne pointed out that most events have been in Oromocto recently so it is important to hold some in Fredericton soon. The Fredericton Inn was suggested and agreed by consensus.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Medavie-Extra Mural Town Hall

There was a lot of discussion. It was agreed that if we host a session representative of both sides of the issue must be invited.

Motion (Cyril/John) that NB62 arrange a public meeting to include an invitation to Cecile Cassista to present her views. DEFEATED

b) Moving Forward

A committee was struck to prepare a draft response for the Board's consideration. The Committee is John, Cyril, Chris and Elliott.

c) Nominating Committee

There is no Past President available to Chair the Nominating Committee so the Executive Committee will look after it. There will be several positions to fill this year so all Board members were asked to bring names forward who might serve.

d) Spring Branch Newsletter and Spring Announcements

The deadline date for Cyril to submit to the Newsletter is December 8 and for the announcements is Dec 15.

e) Contact Information – Members Listing

Denise had circulated and printed a new document which divided the alphabet in 2, A-L and M-O (should be Z) and also grouped the Directors responsible as contacts in these 2 groupings. These groupings will be used in the spring edition of SAGE (bulletin to branches), and posted to our web-site. It will be in effect until the BAMB and spring dinner where a number of directors will not be re-offering and a new listing will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2018 – 5:00 PM
1st Floor, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

Recorded by: _____
Rae Hopper, Director

Approved by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President