

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
WESTERN MANITOBA BRANCH MB30
GENERAL MEETING

Senior for Seniors Co-op, 311 Park Ave E.

January 9, 2018

Attending: Brett Turner (President), Garnet Carvey (2nd VP), Linda Dueck (Treasurer), Shirley Curtis (Secretary), Mac Estabrooks (Director), Lloyd Curtis (Director)

Regrets - Terry Gunnlaugson (Past President), Edna Wells (Director), Susan Gunnlaugson (Director), Garnet Shearer (Branch Reporter/Director)

1. Call to order - Brett called the meeting to order at 11:30.
2. Approval of the Agenda – Item 13 removed, no additions. Motion to accept - Helen Harrison, seconded by Shirley Curtis. CARRIED.
3. Introduction of Guests - none
4. Remembrance of Members - Brett called for a short silence for those members who have passed away since the last meeting.
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5. Approval of Oct 17, 2017 Minutes - The minutes were distributed to the members and the only business arising was the fact that the minutes will be attached to the next email notification of the meeting. Barry Caswell moved the minutes be accepted, seconded by AL Robertson. CARRIED.
6. Correspondence - none
7. Branch Report - Brett gave a Branch report. He commented that the Veterans Meeting in October, that we had been asked to aid with, was not well attended. The facts and figures from these town hall meetings, which were held across Canada, will be assembled into a report later this year. Brett is working to update our Branch page on the National website. A new Advocacy person, Jerry Jennings, has been appointed for this region and is working to provide more advocacy in all Branches. We need an Advocacy person in this Branch. Brett also noted that we are part of pilot that will require all members who pay dues by cheque must direct those cheques to the National Office. This Branch can no longer accept dues payments. Alternative methods of payment are credit card and direct deduction from pension payments.
8. Treasurer's Report - As per regulations the recipient of the 50/50 money must be chosen at the first yearly meeting. Motion by Helen Harrison to donate funds to Seniors for Seniors Co-op for 2018. Seconded by Barry Caswell. CARRIED

Linda distributed the financial reports and answered questions. Brett reviewed the 2018 budget and explained that it is a deficit budget because the Board is planning events to try to increase membership and attract more volunteers. We do have funds in reserves. Linda Dueck made motion to accept report and budget. Seconded by Barry Caswell. CARRIED.

9. Branch Future Plan - Helen Harrison has resigned as Treasurer and we have a new volunteer Linda Dueck who has accounting experience. The Board recommends her acceptance. Motion by Dave Taylor to accept Linda as Treasurer. Seconded by Mac Estabrooks. CARRIED.

Based on the above change the bank signees will be Brett Turner, Terry Gunnlaugson, Linda Dueck and Lloyd Curtis. Motion to that effect by Mac Estabrooks. Seconded by Shirley Curtis. CARRIED.

Shirley will be resigning as secretary effective after the May meeting. Joanne Birch s indicated a willingness to step forward. Helen Harrison volunteered to back cover for Joanne when required.

10. New Business - Brett put out a call for volunteers to do the 2017 audit. Al Robertson and Joanne Birch volunteered. Linda will call them when she has all the appropriate paper work. Jac Hiebert inquired about the number of members in the branch. The answer is over 826. He was disappointed in the turn out for the meetings with that many members. We need to continue efforts to get more members out to meetings.

11. Lunch

12. Speaker - Vanessa Hamilton from Prairie Mountain Health region gave presentation on Fall Prevention and the need to supplement Vitamin D in our diets. At the end of her presentation Brett joined her in giving information about the "Get Your Benefits" Program. This is an income tax filing program that makes sure low-income seniors receive all the benefits available to them.

13. 50/50 draw - \$29.50 was won by Kay Demond

14. Next Meeting - May 1st, 2018

Shirley moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:45.