

National Association of Federal Retirees
South-East New Brunswick Branch 64 Section du
Sud-Est du Nouveau Brunswick

Minutes - GENERAL MEETING

January 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Paul Cassidy, at 10:05 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS

No new members were present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed – Don MacGregor moved they be accepted as presented, seconded by Lise Bourque - motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

PRESENTATION

Keith Brewer of the Dieppe Veterans Association gave a brief history of the effort to secure a new bus to transport disabled veterans and thanked the Branch for our donation to the cause. He then presented Paul Cassidy and Chuck Lavoie with a plaque commemorating the donors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Jo-Ann Milburn, presented financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2016.

The opening balance for the December period was \$5,470.45; receipts (2017 dues) were \$768.60 and expenditures were \$3,272.93 leaving cash a balance of \$2,966.12.

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented, seconded by Karen MacGregor – motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jack Dennahower presented the membership report – as of this date the branch has a total membership of 2907 which a decrease of 65 from last year. The drop was due to deaths and lapsed memberships.

CARING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheila Huntley presented the report of the caring committee. A moment of silence was recognized in honour of departed members.

LUNCHEON and BANQUET REPORT

The next luncheon meeting will be on April 28, 2017. Tickets are available from Lorraine Casey.

Norma Jean Lavoie reported the banquet will be held on Monday June 5, 2017 at the Four Points Sheraton. Cost is \$15.00 for members \$45.00 for non-members. Norma Jean asked that anyone with a food allergy notify Julie at the Four Points Sheraton.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Update

Leonard LeBlanc from the National Board of Directors provided an update from The National Headquarters on several subjects of interest to NAFR members.

- a. He advised that the Court case on the government's proposal to increase the member's share of the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) is scheduled to proceed this April 10th and 11th.

- b. Bill C27 on Target Benefit Plans will not affect pensioners. It will however, affect Crown Corporations and Agencies. Our position is that we will protect defined benefit plans as an overall goal. We will be attending meetings with government representatives, as part of a collation, to represent retirees.
- c. Taxing Health and dental benefits: there is a possibility that the government wants to tax these. Len advised that only the Quebec government had done so and that this resulted in decreased benefits being offered to workers. To date there is no indication that the government has plans to implement this.
- d. Brief to the Finance Minister: we will be presenting a case to the Finance Minister that retirement income security for Canadians is good for the economy and decreases health care costs.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Year-end statements

A member advised that the year end pension statements for PSSA were not yet received. Another member advised that the statements received from CFSA had but some errors with decimal points.

Addendum: Susan Fowler checked with the PSSA and advised that the year end pension statements would be out within the week.

Recognition

Paul advised that Glen McCluskey had resigned from the board and thanked him for his many years of service.

50/50 DRAW:

Lucky recipients of \$54.00 each were Helen Bond and Don MacGregor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next General Meeting is March 20th, 2017.

