

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

Minutes - GENERAL MEETING

September 29, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President Karen MacGregor, at 10:00 am.

NEW MEMBERS

One new member, Marc Lanteigne, was introduced and welcomed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28, 2017 General Meeting had been posted on line for members - it was moved by Vivian MacDonald that they be accepted as presented, seconded by Don MacGregor - motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Pamela Mansfield, a Physician working in the area of palliative medicine with the Horizon Health Network, was guest speaker and addressed the topic of "Advanced Care Planning". This topic included palliative care, DNRs and other aspects of advance care planning.

Following her presentation, Dr. Mansfield answered questions from members. She referred members to the following website for additional information, www.advancedcareplanning.ca.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Joanne Milburn, presented financial statements for the period ending May 1 – August 31 2017. Expenses were \$9428.20, receipts \$5206.78, leaving a balance of \$3472.47. Joanne moved the report be accepted as presented – seconded by Dorothy Burns – motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jack Dennahower presented the membership report – as of this date the branch has a total membership of 2898.

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

Lorraine Casey advised that there are some tickets left for the November, February and April luncheons. If anyone wants to purchase a ticket contact Lorraine.

Norma Jean Lavoie reported the 2018 banquet will be held June 4, 2018 – same location and menu as last year. Those wishing to purchase tickets contact Norma Jean.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul Cassidy, Chair of the Nominating Committee, encouraged members to give some thought to volunteering to serve on the Branch Board of Directors for 2018. All positions on the Executive are open for nominations, President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as 9 director's positions. Any interested individual can contact Paul or Joanne Milburn. Elections will be held in January with installation of the new Board in February, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Members Meeting

The AMM was held this past June 13-16th in Ottawa. President Karen MacGregor and 1st VP Lise Bourque attended the meeting on behalf of our Branch. Karen updated the members on topics of interest from that meeting.

PSHCP - Court Case

The President reminded members that NAFR had taken the government to court on PSHCP rate increases. She informed the meeting that the Court ruled in favour of the government. No information has been received on whether or not there will be an appeal.

PSAC/Agriculture Canada Convention

This convention was held in Moncton in August 2017. Our Branch set up a table, staffed by several members of our executive, to provide information to those in attendance. The advantages of association membership were discussed with a number of delegates. The President noted that additional association recruitment activities are anticipated for the coming year.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Guest Speakers

The President asked members to let her know if they had any ideas for future guest speakers. Gary Doucette mentioned the Canadian Snow-Bird Association, he and Karen will discuss.

She also suggested that members who wish to receive e-mail information from the Branch or National Office ensure that they give their e-mail address to Jack Dennahower.

Advocacy

Pat Goobie, our Regional Advocacy Officer, asked members to get in touch with her if they had any advocacy issues they wished brought forward to national office.

50/50 DRAW:

Lucky recipients of \$53.00 each were Austin Bastion and Gary Doucette.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Next General Meeting is November 24th, 2017, and will be followed by a luncheon.