

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

**MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**April 27, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Paul Cassidy at 10:00 a.m.

**NEW MEMBERS PRESENT**

There were no new Members present at the meeting.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting were presented by Elizabeth Steeves. Moved by Norma Jeanne; Seconded by Bill Goobie that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

Jo-Ann Milburn presented the Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2018.

**February** Total Receipts were Nil; Total Expenses \$2,580.53; leaving a Cash Balance

February 28<sup>th</sup> at \$7,239.24.

**March** Total Receipts \$112.56; Total Expenses \$163.86; leaving a Cash Balance March 31<sup>st</sup> at \$7,187.94.

Paul Beliveau moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; Seconded by Don MacGregor. Motion Carried.

**Membership Report**

Jack Dannahower advised that the current Branch membership is 2,949; this is down by three members since last meeting.

**Luncheon and Banquet Reports**

**Luncheon** - If you have a luncheon ticket and are unable to attend, please advise Lorraine. Remember while a member pays just \$5 for the ticket, this Branch is actually paying \$20 for this ticket.

All tickets were sold for today's April 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Lorraine advised that upcoming Luncheon dates are **November 30<sup>th</sup> 2018**, **February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019** and **April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019** - tickets will be available September 28<sup>th</sup> at the General Meeting.

**Banquet** - Norma Jeanne reported that tickets for the **June 4<sup>th</sup> NAFR SE NB Branch 64 Banquet** can be purchased after today's meeting - up until we reconvene for lunch.

The Banquet will be held at the same venue as last year, the Four Points Sheraton on Lady Ada Blvd, Moncton.

**The Meet & Greet begins at 5 pm followed by the Meal at 6 pm.**

Anyone with food allergies should contact Maverick's two weeks prior to Banquet date.

Attendees were reminded to be certain to take their ticket and place it in front of you on the table. If you need to contact Norma Jeanne she can be reached at 854-8336.

Ticket cost: \$15 - members / \$45 - non-members; note, our Branch pays \$46 per ticket.

### **Caring Committee**

Sheila reported that Condolences have been sent to families for the following deaths: Frederick Dale Nichol, Wilfred Donald Rankin, Thomas (Tim) R Sullivan, Gerard Poirier, Emile J Robichaud, Brian O'Blenis, Alverie G Brun, Dan M Whyte, Harold Smith, Douglas Horsman, and Helen Gibson, as well as Gayle Ogilvie who is the daughter of member Eva (Kit) Ogilvie.

Sheila Huntley advised that Bob Kirkpatrick and Aubrey Burns are still in the hospital.

**A Minute of silence was recognized in honour of departed members.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Norma Jeanne Lavoie introduced our **Guest Speaker, Angela Taylor** who presented on the topic of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Angela has a Science degree, achieved national registration in Respiratory Therapy, attained a certificate in Asthma Education, and then became a Certified Respiratory Educator and more. She is currently an Educator in the Moncton Hospital Chest Clinic.

COPD is on the rise and expected to become third leading cause of death by 2020. In NB one in nine people have COPD; the main symptoms are shortness of breath and wheezing. Causes can be workplace exposure to chemicals, smoking, genetics, and frequent lung infections.

A "spirometer" is used to test for COPD; many new drugs are available for treatment and Angela stressed the importance of exercise in order to strengthen muscles and decrease shortness of breath.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Paul Cassidy advised there is an Advocacy Officer job available at National Office; interested parties should visit NAFR web site for details. (Health Care Advocacy & Policy Officer)

### **50/50 DRAW**

The lucky recipients of today's draw were Linda Lindsay and Eugene Niles; each received \$88.00.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Lunch followed.

**NAFR SE NB Branch 64 - BANQUET JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NAFR SE NB Branch 64 General Meeting - SEPTEMBER 28 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Call  
Nominations)**