

MINUTES
National Association of Federal Retirees
Meeting
Monday January 15, 2018
110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener

Present: Deb Phillips, Lois Brown, Carol Grieco, David Kaminski, Louise Nobbs, Joe Mansfield, Lynn Borthwick, Frank Bayne, Gerard Carmichael, John Mitchell, Yves Marchand, Lorna Kennedy, Maggie McNichol

Regrets: Wayne Keefe

Guests: Ted Young, David McNichol

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as written.

New Business Arising: There was a discussion about whether the executive board meeting should be posted on the web site and if the members would read them. A suggestion was made that the by By-laws be posted as well. Both these items will be put on the agenda for discussion with the membership at the October semi-annual meeting. Yves made a motion that the Executive Board minutes and By-Laws be posted to the Kitchener web-site subject to what the members decide in October. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Louise provided a report. Funds will be received from Ottawa at the end of February. The report was accepted by the Executive.

Membership Report: As the Headquarters web-site has been up and down, Joe has been unable to check for changes. He advised the membership total is still at approximately 1800.

Christmas Social Meeting – Comments: Lynn suggested the 'pins and ties' give-aways be eliminated. This was agreed on. There was one person who had requested a MSG free meal. The info was not passed to the caterer before the meal but was provided once they were advised. The musicians were well received. Carol asked the Executive to consider other options as well. Some ideas were brought forward. This item will be discussed further at the September meeting when planning for Christmas is started.

February Social: The social will be held February 20th, 11:30 at the Concordia Club. Please advise Louise by February 12th to confirm attendance and if bringing a guest. She will make the reservation.

April Annual General Meeting (Planning/Speakers/Elections): Guest speaker could include someone from CRA regarding a disability credit scam. This is being advertised in the Legion magazine. Carol asked Frank if he still had the letter received. He will check and get back to her. Lorna suggested an estate planning session (possibly from Henry Walser Funeral Home). This will be looked at for the October meeting. Carol will contact the Diabetic Association for a speaker possibly in April. Agenda is to include the elections information. Joe will look after the 50/50 draw. Lynn, Lorna and Doreen will cover registration. Doreen and Frank to call out table order and Frank will lead the Grace. a suggestion had been made that paper name tags be available for the general membership. Joe will pick these up.

Nominations Report & Elections: Lynn suggested showing Wayne on the Executive as Communication Officer. Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Membership positions are coming up for election., Lynn will canvass the members in the positions now to ask if they wish to stand for election. Agendas are to be put on the tables at the April meeting.

Ontario Advocacy Info from Nancy Gleason (PAO): A response was received from Nancy detailing what the job entails and what training is available. Yves has agreed to be the branch contact for Advocacy re Section 27. Carol will forward any information she has received to Yves.

Kitchener Website-Yves Marchand: Carol could not get on to the site. This was discussed with Yves. Carol will send information to Gerard for him to forward to Ottawa to put it on. Anything else, please forward to Carol to approve. She will then forward to Yves to be posted.

Sage: The SAGE insert is coming out shortly. David needs information by March 16th for his March 23rd deadline for next report. Branch report is to be posted on the web site.

Miscellaneous: As Carol will be away in February, Louise will look after things. Carol will have her laptop with her and will forward anything urgent to Louise and Gerard.

She provided an update on Wayne's situation. After a few set backs, he is doing much better now. A friend of Wayne & Sylvia's has set up a "Go Fund Me" page. There was some discussion as to whether we as a branch should contribute. It was decided that we as a branch would not contribute but individuals can if they wish.

Ted provided a report on some of the items that are being discussed at Headquarters. He also advised that he is running again for his position next year.

Round Table: It was agreed that a fruit tray first thing in the morning with the coffee/tea was a good thing and should be continued for future meetings. David McNichol is helping out Gerard on Thursdays when Gerard is not available.

Gerard provided some information regarding pre-retirement seminars held at Agriculture Service. In the past he has received a request from Agriculture Canada to speak.

Next Executive Meeting: Monday March 19, 2018 - 11:00 am