

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Bluewater Branch ON 36

Board meeting minutes
September 4, 2019. - 1200
Nick's Restaurant

All members present except Robert Jackson and Diana Wright (regrets)

The meeting began at 1205 , President Chris Hawksworth welcomed all members and hoped they had a good summer.

Minutes from the previous Board meeting of April 2, 2019 were read and approved.

President Chris Hawksworth mentioned that items have been received from National Office for the upcoming Advocacy Campaign - Election 2019.



These items will be handed out at the Sept 19 luncheon and at other planned events prior to the Election Day.

Numerous emails throughout the summer have been forwarded to Board members, if this is a duplication then President Chris Hawksworth would like to know, in order not to overload inboxes.

Director of Membership William Mason outlined Branch goals; the membership renewal process, which is fully endorsed and supported by our Treasurer Diane Kerr, has been transferred to National Office as of September 2019. Communication between National Office and William Mason is ongoing to finalize this transfer.

New members have transferred in from other Branches (email notification from National Office and CRM).

Outreach Coordinator Pat Mason indicated to the Board that she has set up an Email Blast to all ON 36 members, with the help of National Office. This Email Blast will outline the upcoming September luncheon.

Treasurer Diane Kerr gave an update of Branch finances, and indicated that quarterly payments from National Office are happening as they should.

Past President Gloria Cayea gave an update on all activities she has carried out for our Advocacy Campaign prior to the election. Our Branch will take advantage of any future events (Town halls, meeting Candidates , etc.) and encourage all Branch members to speak to their Riding Candidates about issues.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

NAFR has four main priorities; Retirement Income Security, Pharmacare, National Seniors Strategy and Veterans

New Business: discussion ensued concerning the Branch purchasing a new PA system for future lunches/meetings. There was considerable discussion among Board members as to what funds can be used for such a purchase. After consultation with NO it was determined that a new Assets - Computers and Equipment ledger can be setup in the Branch.

2019 operating funds can be transferred to this line for the purchase of a capital expense/asset (>\$500). This then becomes part of the future budgeting process where the capital expense/asset is depreciated over a period of time, say 3 to 5 years. NO has committed to helping the Branch with this type of transaction at year-end.

Action: William Mason will continue to work on this topic. In the meantime the Branch is going to look at renting a PA system for a day, for a specific meeting/ lunch.

Discussion ensued concerning the use of the Branch Reserve Funds, and the need to amend the wording for the Reserve Fund.

Currently it reads:

“That we allocate \$2000, the same amount as 2018, for the maintenance and eventual replacement of computer equipment (purchased in 2013) used for the business of the Branch. Further that the Branch Board be authorized to use this designate fund as required without further member authorization.”

The new statement will read:

“That we allocate \$2000, the same amount as 2018, for the purchase or replacement of computer and equipment used for the business of the Branch.

Further that the Branch Board be authorized to use this designate fund as required without further member authorization.”

This new wording will be tabled at the November Board meeting and a subsequent General meeting of members for approval.

A motion was proposed and carried to purchase a Branch computer (laptop) using this Reserve. President Chris Hawksworth and any other Board member will use this computer (asset) into the future.

However, given the above required change in wording, prior to use of the Reserve Fund, this will be placed on hold.

Mention was made of the electronic version of “You and Your Survivors Workbook”.

Action: Chris Hawksworth will contact National Office to see if any print versions will be made available.

The guest speakers at the upcoming September 19, 2019 luncheon will be representatives from Hearing Life.

Tickets will \$10 per member for this lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion in Goderich, ON

Tickets will \$10 per member for the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sarnia, ON. (NOTE the day has been moved to Wednesday from Thursday because of venue availability).

October 15, 2019 is the deadline for the next SAGE input from Branch.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Future meeting dates:

November 5, 2019 at 1200 - Board Meeting - Nick's Restaurant

November 20, 2019 at 1200 - Christmas Lunch - RCL Sarnia

February 4, 2020 at 1200 - Board Meeting - Nick's Restaurant

February 20, 2020 at 1200 - Winter Lunch - location TBD

March 31, 2020 at 1200 - Board Meeting- Nick's Restaurant

April 15, 2020 at 1200 - AGM - location TBD

September 1, 2020 - 1200 - Board Meeting - Nick's Restaurant

September 17, 2020 - 1200 - Fall Lunch - location TBD

November 3, 2020 - 1200 - Board Meeting - location TBD

November 19, 2020 - 1200 - Christmas Lunch - location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at approx 1400 hrs.