

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)  
BOD Meeting – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 9:30AM  
Hazen Park Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Oromocto**

**PRESENT**

Cyril Theriault, Wayne Gunter, John Richards, Denise Blanchard, Norm Sheen, Ron Brooks, Jacques Piché, Ian Culligan, Clayton Tupper and Rae Hopper.

**ABSENT**

Elliott Keizer, Chris Goddard and Linda MacDonald.

**1. WELCOME**

Cyril Theriault welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda was approved with the following change:

Add item 6e): National Meeting - Cyril

**Moved by Jacques; Seconded by John**

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2016**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved by Jacques; Seconded by John**

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities - Cyril**

Cyril started to gather everything to be sent to the Executive and to finalize it.

Hopefully it will be done before summer.

Ron mentioned that one of our members Marlene Pinette would be interest in joining our board.

**b) Bill C-27 - Elliott**

Elliot and Cyril are trying to make an appointment to see Matt de Courcey but they might have to wait until the end of May. We do not want to see a Capital Gain in excess of 50%.

**c) River Cruise Information Session – Elliott, Cyril & Norm**

Norm and Elliott attended the meeting with Expedia. If there were to give a presentation it would be towards the end of the year.

**d) Planning update – Recruitment and Training – Wayne**

Wayne prepared an outline regarding the BBQ. The project would focus on the Oromocto area and take place at Griffin’s Pub. After discussion it was decided that it should include all the members. Since there is little time to prepare for a BBQ it was suggested that we have a Corn Boil; it could take place early September after Labor Day. The admission cost could be \$10.00 each; however, existing member who bring a current federal employee interested in becoming a NAFR member would be given a free admission.

A short NAFR presentation for membership would be presented. Information could be improved with example on what National Office in doing to protect and enhance our health care and pension plans. Volunteers would be need to received and sign in guests.

Need to work with the Unions. Wayne is meeting with UNDE Union members on April 12. He will also contact other Unions. Promotion and advertisement could be done in newspapers, email and Phonevite.

Motion by John that we approach Griffin’s Pub to see if they would be interested in holding the event with and to obtain a liquor license

**Moved by John; Seconded by Ron**

**CARRIED**

**e) Updates on Easter Egg Hunt and Phonevite – Chris**

Phonevite: Chris was absent so Denise gave a report. An initial message was sent last Thursday by Elliott and it went very well. A total of 668 English messages were sent. We received back a total of 67 “do-not-call” replies and a total of 25 “failed calls” (busy or no answer). We also sent 8 French messages and only one “failed call” (no answer). Next calls are scheduled for today April 8<sup>th</sup> regarding our Spring Dinner and another one is scheduled on May 15<sup>th</sup> for our Wills & Estates session.

Easter Egg Hunt: since it is too late for an Easter Egg contest, Cyril suggested that we could do a “Celebration of Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary using the Canadian flag”. John will contact Chris regarding this. Ron will hold on to the two \$50 gift cards from Coast Tires and Schnitzel Parlor.

**f) Satisfaction Survey – Wilson**

The survey is ready to go. All that we need to do is put it on our website. Chris is still working on this.

**5. REPORTS**

**a) Finance – John**

John presented his report.

- The 2016 financials are being audited. Surplus is similar to the 2015 fiscal year. Clawback for 2017 may be less than last year’s due to some income being deferred.

- Projecting a surplus for 2017. Systemic surpluses are still our greatest fiscal challenge.
- Flexibility to entertain some new spending this year. Greater Branch participation at regionals and national meetings, special activities (BBQ), etc...

**Motion by John to expand the mandate of the new reserve fund to “Defence of Benefits and Member Services”.**

**MOVED by Ian; Seconded by Wayne**

**CARRIED**

**b) Special Events – Norm**

The next Spring Dinner is all looked after and the price of meals should have gone down. The next information session of June 6<sup>th</sup> is all set-up. Norm asked for suggestions for the Fall information session.

**c) Membership – Wayne**

Wayne presented the Pilot Project on Recruitment. He is working closely with Peter Atkinson on this project. Ron had suggested at the last meeting that since Simon Coakeley is coming in June, that it would be nice if the Executive could meet with him and discuss some of the issues that we have and have Léonard LeBlanc present. Elliott will follow-up on this.

**Motion by Cyril that Finance, Special Events and Membership reports be accepted**

**Moved by Ron; Seconded by Ray**

**CARRIED**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) New Weighted Voting Chart**

Deferred to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**b) Regional Meeting April 12/13 - Elliott / Resolutions – Cyril**

Elliott, John and Cyril are going to the regional meeting; Wayne is going on the 13<sup>th</sup> for ½ day.

Resolutions: Peter Kerr and Léonard LeBlanc will go through them at regional and they will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) in June. More at June board meeting.

**c) Bulletin to Branches of February 2017 - Elliott**

Elliott was absent so nothing was discussed.

**d) NAFR Budget 2017, Forecast 2018 – Elliott & John**

Elliott was absent; the board discussed some of the content of the report and speculated it too would be discussed at regional. More at June board meeting.

**e) National Meeting - Cyril**

Cyril read some of the items on the agenda.

**Motion by Ron that we send two observers at the AMM (Cyril and Denise – possible back-up John) as to the number of delegates that should go.**

**Seconded by Wayne**

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

**Next Meeting: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 - 9:30 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

CARRIED by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyril Theriault, Acting President