

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

PRESENT

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, Ian Culligan, Chris Goddard, John Richards and Evans Estabrooks.

ABSENT

Jacques Piché, Wilson King, Wayne Gunter, Denise Blanchard, Norm Sheen, Clayton Tupper, Rae Hopper.

1. WELCOME

Elliott Keizer welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted we did not have a quorum for this meeting (simple majority of 13 board members) but would proceed in any event and seek this “meeting record” ratified at next meeting with a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was approved by consensus. Two items were added under New Business, 6g Health Partners (Elliott) and 6h Branch Announcements (Cyril).

3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF June 3, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes as presented

Moved by Ian; Seconded by Chris

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities - Cyril

Cyril updated the Board on his contact with National and National has created a template for duties of Treasurer and plan to have templates completed for the positions of President and Vice President by the end of September. Following that we can have the Board consider “our” Roles and Responsibilities, hopefully by years end.

b) Vacancy on Board

Cyril did approach Ms. Bulmer about joining the Board, however she had too many things on the go to consider it now. Should attempt to identify someone else. Should be announced at upcoming info session.

c) Survey

The Board felt Wilson’s draft should be resurrected and reviewed. Chris will follow-

up. Chris still feels Survey Monkey would be best tool to use and will follow-up with National to see if we can piggyback on their licence.

d) Updates on meeting with local MP Matt DeCoursey

Elliott is to be contacted by his office on Tues.

e) Signing authority

Chris has been to credit union and it has been completed.

5. REPORTS

a) Finance – John

John distributed his report (**John can you distribute electronically to all board members please?**) We are once again forecasting ending the year in significant surplus position. We must explore ways of getting to a more balanced budget. Chris will consider a few “technology” related possibilities.

b) Special Events – Elliott

- In Norm’s absence Elliott reported all events are on track.
- Sept. 11 – Corn boil, (Griffins)
- Oct. 18 – Veteran’s Town Hall (Days Inn)
- Oct. 24 – Fall dinner (no meeting necessary at this point), speaker Expedia, (Church Hall),
- Nov. 8 – Info session, speaker Shelley Swift (Days Inn)

c) Membership – Elliott

The retirement seminar for future retirees that was scheduled for September was once again cancelled, as there were not enough people; will re-schedule. Elliott and Cyril were to conduct it.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) New Corn Boil – Elliott

On track, Elliott has packages put together for attendees.

b) By Laws – Cyril

Confirmed with John the result of the changes approved by Branch Annual Members’ Meeting and these will be submitted to National shortly.

c) Bulletin to Branches Post AMM – Elliott

Elliott referred board members to this special edition and the package recently distributed from National on meeting materials.

d) Report Regarding National Meeting – Elliott

Elliott went over briefly and referred to c) above. He also mentioned that he would not be surprised if the issue of representational voting for National (Regional)

Directors resurfaced for next AMM (2018). He also said that he is considering trying to develop a motion that requires National to be more proactive in defending federal pensions in the media and if he does decide to, he will bring it to the Board for consideration.

e) Health Care Plan Legal Case Update – Elliott

Refer to National President's note.

f) Veterans' Town Hall – Elliott

An event is being hosted and conducted by National with our assistance in logistics. They would appreciate us locating some attendees to rise at the event and talk about their transitioning from military life to civilian life and problems experienced. Chris may contribute and get at least another contributor.

g) Health Partners - Elliott

This is a National fundraising organization (aka United Way) and John, Cyril and Elliott met with the Atlantic representative to learn more about them last week. They have a connection with our National Office and have had a table at the last two AMM's in Ottawa. They will have a table at our fall dinner to raise awareness with our members. They will also arrange for speakers for Information sessions.

h) Branch Announcements – Cyril

These are due to National on Sept. 26 for the winter edition of SAGE. We have nothing significant at this point but will stress need for volunteers and mention possible upcoming survey.

Meeting adjourned around 12:00 PM. As the meeting was adjourning a few directors once again raised the issue of meeting day and times. Questioning the need to always meet Saturday morning. Possibility of evening meetings should be explored. Will have discussion at next board meeting.

**Next Meeting: October 14th, 2017 - 9:30 AM
2nd Floor, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

Recorded by: _____
Cyril Theriault, Vice President

APPROVED by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President