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**General Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015**

**Lunch: Noon**

**Speaker 12:30**

**Adele Spence and Corey Guest, Emergency Response Information Kit (ERIK)**

**Business Meeting 1:20 p.m.**

**Masonic Temple, 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Pat Jarrett (President), Nicky Compton, Lucille Mahon, Lynne Belding, Dorothy Watermulder, Cynthia Foreman, Jim Jarrett, Lil Atamanchuk, Barb Smith-Molloy, Wilfred Somers, Pam Proctor, Gerrit Westerhof

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Joe Sanderson, Prairie District Director

**Attendees:150**

Opening Grace was led by Pat Jarrett. Meeting was called to order at 1:20

**1. Approval of Agenda** –Wilfred Somers introduced the motion to approve agenda which was seconded by Cynthia Foreman. Agenda approved unanimously with a small correction. AGM meeting in 2016 will be held on April 12 at the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans' Branch 283 at 3584 Portage Ave. Pat explained that as an Organization it is important that we support all military, RCMP and Vets so we will be using different locations for our meetings.

**2. Introduction of "first-time attendees"**

- Several new members were acknowledged and given NAFR pins.
- Pat led a moment of silence for all those who have passed since our last meeting and for all those affected by the Paris bombing.

**3. Review of Minutes from the GM meeting September 17, 2015.** – Cynthia introduced motion to approve minutes and this was seconded by Penny Wright. There was unanimous approval to accept minutes as written.

**4. New Business:**

**President's Report (Pat Jarrett)**

- Pat welcomed all of the members to the new location.
- Pat provided information regarding the Annual Members meeting in Ottawa. Cynthia Foreman, Dorothy Watermulder and Jim Jarrett also attended as observers. The annual financial statements and appointment of the auditor for 2015 was presented and approved.

The “costed” Strategic Plan was presented to the delegates for approval. However a decision was made to send the plan be sent back to the National Board of Directors to be re-worked as the majority of the delegates were not satisfied that the plan as presented reflected the direction the association should be going. A major concern of the Branch presidents was that they were not given sufficient opportunity to provide input. There is a committee working on the plan and presidents were asked to provide their input by September 30, 2015.

- Elections are over and we now have a majority liberal government. We have worked together as an organization across Canada to ensure that all candidates were aware of our [position](#); that no employer, whether in the public or private sector, can renege on their pension commitments to their retired employees. Pat thanked all of the members who supported the ‘Honour Your Commitment” campaign. More information will be provided over the next several weeks from our national office as to what we can do to make sure that the current government honours its promises.
- October 1st was National Seniors’ Day and Jim Jarrett, Dorothy Watermulder, John Bjore, Provincial Advocacy Officer, and Pat participated in the event held at the RBC Convention Centre. Our Branch was also on hand at the 50 Plus Living show at Assiniboine Downs on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Pat confirmed that the members of the board worked on development and implementation of the fall regional conference in Winnipeg at the Holiday Inn West from September 21-23. The theme of the conference was “Preparing for the Future” and the objective of the conference was to strategically prepare the Branches in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Region to contribute to regional and national goals and objectives.
- Pat confirmed that there was an outreach meeting in Gimli on October 7, which was a huge success. There were around 46 members in attendance and we were asked to return next spring.
- Nicky Compton has led a team of volunteers to follow up on the survey that was completed by the members at the last meeting. A copy of planned and proposed activities is being shared today. There was an event on Tuesday where lunch, coffee, and dainties were provided complements of the Branch. There was a good turnout of 37 members. Many of whom do not normally attend general meetings.
- Pat along with Cynthia Foreman attended the first Prairie District meeting which was held in Alberta October 26-27.
- Pat confirmed that we will be participating in a pre-retirement seminar in November at CFB Winnipeg where those attending will be from different departments. Jim Jarrett and Pam Proctor are at CFB Winnipeg this morning providing a pre-retirement seminar.
- Pat reminded everyone that the next AGM will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the ANAVETS branch on Portage Ave. Elections will be held to fill the positions of 5 Directors at Large and the second Vice-President. Anyone who is willing to join our team please let Pat know. We have been successful in the past with our Mentorship program so if anyone thinks they would like to know more about these positions, this is a good way to start.
- Pat wished everyone a safe and healthy winter.

## **5.Committee Reports and Financial Report (Year End Balance Sheet)**

- Committee reports and financial reports were provided to the members. There were no questions or comments. Pat confirmed that we are in good financial shape. She also confirmed that since we have managed our money so well we will likely send more back to Ottawa.

6. Provincial Advocacy Officer John Bjore was unable to attend due to the snow storm.

**7. District Director: Joe Sanderson provided the following information:**

- Process underway to replace the Chief Executive Officer. There is a national Board of Directors meeting in December which will provide more information on the hiring process.
- There will be a review of the roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of the Provincial Advocacy Officers which will receive final members' approval in June.
- The 2016 budget will be presented to the National Board. They are struggling to meet all the demands and priorities. All of the finance committee are volunteers and only 2 have a financial background. There is a lack of storage space in their current location so they will be moving to a new building.
- Joe is a member of the finance committee and has been busy with meetings and conference calls.
- One of the District Directors from BC resigned for health reasons so Joe has taken on some of his duties until a new director is elected in 2016. He has also been asked to assume the Chair of the Nominating Committee
- Joe and John Bjore met with the Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors, Deanne Carruthers, 2 weeks ago to discuss issues relevant to seniors such as senior programs, health care, senior membership on the many boards.
- Joe has also participated in the meetings in Brandon, Pinawa and the Regional Conference.
- The new government promised to increase the income supplement for single women, invest in affordable housing for seniors, provide more inclusive benefits for those caring for senior family members, provide a strong and stable pension program, maintain income splitting for seniors as well as indexing of seniors' pensions to reflect actual cost of living increases. We will be monitoring the new government to ensure that they live up to these promises.
- Letter being sent to the Minister reminding them of the need to bargain in good faith, to improve access to prescription drugs and to work with the provinces to ensure stable health care for all seniors.
- DND will work with the Minister of Defense to strengthen partnership with Veterans Affairs, to open offices that have been closed (government committed to opening offices in the areas where they are most needed), fund more services for the military and the Vets, Centres of Excellence for PTSD victims and to ensure survivor spouses receive appropriate pensions and health care benefits.
- The court case should be resolved in 2016. The Prime Minister would like to resolve all outstanding court cases as soon as possible.

**Adjournment 2:10 p.m.**

SIGNATURES:

*Original Signed by Lynne Belding*

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Lynne Belding, Secretary

Date

*Original Signed by Pat Jarrett*

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Pat Jarrett, President

Date

**2016 Schedule of Meetings:**

January 21, 2016 BOD

March 31, 2016 BOD

April 12, 2016 AGM