



National Association
of Federal Retirees Association nationale
des retraités fédéraux
WINNIPEG & DISTRICT

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General Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Lunch: Noon

**Guest Speaker: Gerry Jennings
Senior's Safety**

Business Portion of the Meeting 12:35 p.m.

Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Branch 283, 3584 Portage Ave, Winnipeg

MINUTES

Board of Directors Members Present: Pat Jarrett (President), Nicky Compton, Lucille Mahon, Lynne Belding, Dorothy Watermulder, Cynthia Foreman, Jim Jarrett, Lil Atamanchuk, Pam Proctor, Lucy Cummings, Gerry Jennings, Louise Jutras, Ceci O'Flaherty

Board of Directors Members absent: Barb Smith-Molloy

Guest: John Bjore, Provincial Advocacy Officer

Attendees:141

At noon our President offered grace before the free lunch was offered to all members present. Meeting was called to order at 12:35

1. Approval of Agenda –Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Hartie and seconded by Pam Proctor. The Agenda was approved unanimously with a few small changes. The Presidents report was available at the back of the room. The AGM will be on April 4, 2017 and the BOD date is tentative.

2. Introduction of "first-time attendees"

- Several new members were acknowledged.
- Pat led a moment of silence for all those who have passed since our last meeting.

3. Review of Minutes from the AGM on April 12, 2016 Ceci O'Flaherty introduced motion to approve minutes and this was seconded by Mike Williams. 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 meeting
- Pat provided information regarding branch activities and the need for volunteers. She

confirmed that through the hard work and dedication of volunteer board members past and present this Branch has been very successful in terms of managing our finances. As a result we are the only Branch that has been able to send a significant sum to our national office to supplement the National Defense of Benefits fund. We have also been able to provide free lunch to our members attending general meetings.

- We have provided a variety of activities and events members have suggested through member surveys.
- We have signed the very first MOU between this Branch and All Seniors Care Living Centres, Inc. allowing members or families of members to take advantage of discounts.
- Pat confirmed that we continue to sponsor and organize a fall regional learning conference where executive members from all five branches within the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Region come together for 2 days to share best practices and to gain knowledge of issues that affect our demographics. In addition we make our presence known in the community by participating in various senior and community events and making presentations to potential members about the advantages of becoming part of this national organization.
- Pat confirmed that our website is starting to look really good with plans to include a lot more local information of interest. Our newsletter goes out to members 3-4 times yearly. Pat confirmed that in order to be able to continue to do the work that we do we hope to attract members to help us out with a variety of projects. This would be short term time commitment with a beginning and an end. Pat provided examples of volunteer opportunities.
- Pat confirmed that a few of our board members terms are expiring in April. We have a succession plan in place to replace Pat, the first Vice-President, and the Secretary. Paula Nygard has agreed to be mentored by Lynne Belding, our secretary. Barb Smith-Molloy will not be seeking re-election but is willing to begin mentoring a replacement. Details of what is expected in the role of Health Benefits Officer are outlined in the newsletter. At our recent board of directors meeting, position descriptions were approved and these will soon be posted on our website.
- Pat provided information on the status of the Local Strategic/Operational Plan. The committee working on this plan includes Pat, Cynthia Foreman, Ceci O'Flaherty and Gerry Jennings. They met in September to begin the work which we hope to share with the members at the November GM.
- Pat provided information on the Fee Structure for 2017-2019. The decision was made at the AMM in June to change the fee structure. The new fees will in part support our ongoing efforts to protect your pensions and benefits. In particular the Association is engaged in a court case against the government for unilaterally changing the share of premiums that retirees pay for their Public Service Health Care Plan. The new fee structure applies to all members renewing for 2017. It will apply to new members as of December 1, 2016, since their membership will run from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Pat provided the new fee structure for 2017-2019
- Pat provided information on the Board Member training on the Robert's Rules of Order. Board members also attended an Orientation and Planning session May 4-5. Louise Jutras will be attending the 25th Annual Provincial Palliative Care Conference in Winnipeg September 22-23.
- Pat has been asked to join the National Association of Federal Retirees–Volunteer Engagement Advisory Committee which she has accepted.

- Pat confirmed that our Branch will continue to put Remembrance Day inserts in all the Community newspapers as well as in the Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Sun. In addition we will be participating in the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Army, Navy, Airforce Veterans Branch 283

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

- Committee reports and financial reports were provided to the members. Pat briefly went through the committee reports. There were no questions or comments. Pat also provided a brief report on the golf tournament.
- There was a discussion concerning information that our plan will cover 80 per cent of the cost of certain non-prescription medications such as vitamins if required because of long term conditions, Your doctor must provide a note stating that the medication is necessary. Some members do not have an updated Sun Life booklet. They can be downloaded from the Sun Life website. We will go to the website and make copies,
- The committee reports and financial statements were approved.

6. Provincial Advocacy Officer John Bjore was in attendance but had no new information to present.

7. District Director: Joe Sanderson was unable to attend.

8. Meeting Adjournment

Mike William moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Dorothy Watermulder. It was adjourned at 1:15.

Adjournment 1:15 p.m.

SIGNATURES:

Original Signed by Lynne Belding

Lynne Belding, Secretary

Date

Original Signed by Pat Jarrett

Pat Jarrett, President

Date

2016 and 2017 Schedule of Meetings:

1. October 4, 2016, outreach in Gimli
2. October 17-19, 2016, Winnipeg Learning Conference
3. November 3, 2016, BOD
4. November 15, 2016, General Meeting
5. January 19, 2017, BOD
6. March 30, 2017, BOD (date tentative)
7. April 4, 2017, AGM
8. September 7, 2017, BOD
9. September 19, 2017, GM

10.October 26, 2017, BOD

11.November 7, 2017, GM

The following attachments were provided to the membership:

Agenda

Minutes from April 12, 2016 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Committee Reports

Financial Statement and Balance Sheet