



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

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General Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Lunch: Noon

**Guest Speaker: John Breland
Financial Security Advisor**

Business Portion of the Meeting 12:50 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 (late), Lucy Cummings, Louise Jutras, Ceci O'Flaherty

Board of Directors Members absent: Gerry Jennings

Guest: John Breland

Attendees:141

At noon our President offered grace before the free lunch was offered to all members present. Meeting was called to order at 12:50

1. Approval of Agenda –Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ceci O'Flaherty and seconded by Mike MacWilliams. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Introduction of “first-time attendees”

- 12 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 September 20, 2016

Nicky Compton introduced motion to approve minutes with a small to correction to Mike MacWilliams name. This was seconded by Dorothy Watermulder.

4. New Business:

Highlights of the President's Report (Pat Jarrett) copies provided at the back of the room

- Pat welcomed all of the members to the meeting
- Pat provided information on two on-line surveys National Office will be sending out. One will be directed to members and the second to volunteers. The purpose will be to solicit suggestions from members on how to improve services and to get feedback on volunteers' experiences.
- Pat provided information on the new fee structure.
- Pat confirmed that with the new Health Accord underway, the timing for conversations around seniors' health care could not be better and our Association is joining in with our advocacy campaign, Seniors and a new Health Accord.
- Pat confirmed that the use of annual stickers for membership renewals will be discontinued effective January 1, 2017. The Federal Retirees' Preferred Partners have been advised and have been instructed to continue to honour all valid membership cards without a current year sticker. This will save the organization \$100,000 per year.
- Pat thanked Jim MacGill and Jim Jarrett for representing our branch at the Remembrance Day service at the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans Branch 283 on November 11, 2016.
- Pat provided information on Membership, Recruitment and Engagement, Member Support, Information Sharing, Volunteer Support and Development and Succession Planning. Full details provided in the President's Report that was provided to all members present.
- Pat provided a summary of the Operational Plan for 2016-2019. The full plan together with estimated costs will be presented for approval at our AGM in April, 2017. The Operational Plan committee consists of Cynthia Foreman, Ceci. O'Flaherty and Gerry Jennings.
- Pat confirmed that PSHCP documents such as the Sun Life booklet are now only available online. If members do not have a computer they can request printed copies at their local Service Canada Centre. For those who do not have easy access to a centre they can request a hard copy from our Branch. However we do have to pay for them and we have a limited supply.
- Pat provided information on our continued need for volunteers. We will need to fill certain board positions such as the 2nd Vice-President, mentee for the Treasurer position (Pam Proctor has agreed to let her name stand for one more term) as well as a Health Benefits Officer. We will be assessing the need for the HBO position since enquiries have dropped off significantly.
- Pat provided an update on the Branch Services Coordinator. Bill Merchel has volunteered to fill this position.
- Pat provided an update on our website and wished everyone a healthy and safe 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.
- Financial statement and the balance report were provided. Pam was not present so there were no questions.
- A motion to approve the committee reports and financial statements was made by Lucille Mahon and seconded by Jim Jarrett.
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6. Provincial Advocacy Officer: John Bjore was unable to attend.

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

8. **Meeting Adjournment**

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

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

Attachment 1: Minutes from September 20, 2016 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Attachment 2: Committee Reports

Attachment 3: Financial Statement and Balance Sheet