



National Association
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CENTRAL MANITOBA

AGM meeting of NAFR Central Manitoba Branch (MB32)

Herman Prior Centre -----April 5/2017

Lunch was at 12:00 and the meeting followed at 12:45. There were 53 people in attendance.

The meeting was called to order and opening remarks were made by Leanne Coleman-Kamphuis, our President. She welcomed everyone and introduced our first Guest Speaker, Lynn Nazralla from the Johnson Insurance Offices in Ottawa.

She was giving a talk on Medoc and Johnson Insurance. She covered the **Travel Insurance, the 40 Day Plan, Supplemental Plan** and the **Retiree Package**. She told us that Medoc /Johnson began their association with NAFR in 1992 when we were still called FSNA. **There are 180,000 members in this plan.** Some points to note were: **Trip cancellation coverage**; you don't need to fill in a medical questionnaire; **Base coverage**, you can do as many trips of less than 40 days as you wish. Keeping in mind that Manitoba allows you to be out of province for a maximum of 212 days; and the US only allows 183 days per calendar year. **Supplemental Plan**, member questionnaire determines what Health category you fall into, for example; emergency, medical treatment, surgical, medication, air ambulance availability, emergency dental, have a family member flown down to be with you if sick, and can't drive your vehicle they will pay to have vehicle brought home. Also will make sure pets get home. **Cancellation package** covers all trips, will pay for hotel in case of emergency. Call Medoc first who will triage you to Manitoba Medical first; PSHCP second and then Medoc. It's open 24 hrs and has multilingual service.

Medoc is only available to Federal Employees and you have to be a paid up member, so be sure when you travel that your dues are paid. Anything considered Risk Factors are off the table. You can get your Johnson Home Insurance payments taken off the same time as your Medoc payments

Travel more than 40 days there is a stability clause-change in treatment. Have to be stable for a certain length of time and no change in treatment. See your Doctor 4 months in advance of travel. Warfarin and Insulin can fluctuate.

Lynn told us that there is no Rep. for Johnson in Manitoba so you have to go to their Website or phone them.

After an informational question and answer period, Leanne thanked Lynn and we proceeded on to our next guest speaker which was Bill Merchel.

Bill took over Stan Harabarchuk's position as RSO (Regional Services Officer) He is in charge of the training for the Manitoba and Northern Ontario Region. He spoke about Bill C-27—which is an Act, if passed, will have a negative effect on our pensions. It has passed the first reading and if it passes the second reading our pensions are in danger. Then the Gov't can mess with our pensions. This Bill has been put forward by Politicians with very large Pensions themselves. It is an insult to people who have worked hard all their lives to ensure their retirement plans.

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This could determine the amt received from now on, if passed. It is a very serious situation and unacceptable. We have already lost 30 million from our Pension Plan to the Gov't and now it's quite possibly continuing.

Bill talked a little bit about his responsibilities in his new position . He explained this was his first Branch meeting and is just learning the job. We wish him well.

Then we carried on with the business part of the meeting. Leanne read off the names of deceased members since the last meeting: James Fraser (Gladstone) Oct.28/16 ; John Taylor (Portage) Oct.5/16; Vanetta Wood (Portage) Dec.8/16 ; Rod Steele (Portage) Jan.6/17 ; Linda Prawdzik (Portage) Jan 6/17 ; Violet Oswald (Portage) Feb. 13/17 ; Joe Sanderson (Wpg) April 2017-; Joe was a National Director for the NAFR.

We observed a moment of silence for these deceased members..

Leanne then turned over the meeting to Lorne McNeice, our Vice President

He explained to our Members about our new By-laws (Hand-out Booklets) He called for a motion to approve them. Glen Jones moved and Naomi Ross seconded that they be approved. All in favour **CARRIED**

Then Al Lightfoot moved that the minutes of the 2016 AGM (Handouts) be approved and Glen Jones seconded. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

The audited financial statements (handouts) for the year 2016 ,showing earnings of \$2417.38 were moved for adoption by Ron Copp and seconded by Bill Pearcey. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

This was followed by the call for adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting (Handout) of Sept.28/2016. Bill Pearcey moved and Carol Bereza seconded that they be adopted . All in favour .**CARRIED.**

There was no business arising from this report.

The Treasurer, Linda Lawson, touched on different parts of her report(Handout) It covered the period of time between Jan.1/2017 and Mar 31/2017. Lorna moved that her report be adopted Al Lightfoot seconded. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

No business arising from this report.

Marianne Abbors, Membership Chair, reported that we had had 326 members-317 at present. Loss was due to attrition and 2 spouses didn't renew. She mentioned that the Telephone committee gets a lot of NIS numbers when they phone for the meetings. We are assuming it's due to snowbirds discontinuing their phones when they are gone. If you change your tel numbers please let us know because we have no way of knowing where to reach you to tell you of the meetings. If you are moving please let the Branch know and then Ottawa. We also need Directors-at-large..

Then Leanne gave the HBO Report. Several highlights were: Approximately 73 % of the provinces total Health Care budget comes from the pay and benefits of all Health Care Workers in MB. The WHRA , Manitoba's largest health Authority, has been told to find 83 million in savings in it's 2.6 Billion budget.

Contribution rates for retired members have gone way up again effective April 1/2017. Cost to join NAFR for single is \$47.76 and double is \$62.04. For an extra \$30.00 you can purchase a Family Plan that will give coverage to non-dependants, i.e. parents and siblings. Sun Life has changed it's access for medical and dental . When trying to go on-line to see your claim you now have to e-mail each site.

Then Lorne conducted the Elections: All the Executive Members had agreed to stay on for another 2 years , as per the new BY-Laws. He called for nominations from the floor for these positions and nobody answered the call. So the Executive remained and did not have to be sworn in again. Two Members –at – large were added: Colin Wilcox and Lee Bettencourt. Thank-you Colin and Lee.

Leanne gave her closing remarks, thanking the speakers again, and members for coming out.

The meeting in Morden will be held on June 8/2017

Our Fall meeting date is yet to be decided.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: Ruth Johnson

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