

**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)  
BOD Meeting  
April 11, 2015 - 9:30AM  
Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

**PRESENT**

Ron Brooks, Rose McLeod, Denise Blanchard, Cyril Theriault, Norm Sheen, Wilson King, Rae Hopper, Leland Archibald and Gary Barfitt.

**ABSENT**

Elliott Keizer, Clayton Tupper, Jacques Piché and Wayne Gunter.

**1. WELCOME**

Cyril Theriault, Vice-President, welcomed everyone present at the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

6. New Business: i.e.) Local Travel Expenses – Frank

**Moved by Clayton; Seconded by Leland Archibald**

**APPROVED**

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of Board Meeting of February 7<sup>th</sup> were approved as circulated.

**Moved by Wilson; Seconded by Rose.**

**APPROVED**

**4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Recruitment**

Deffered to the next Board Meeting.

**b) Generic Business Cards**

Nothing has come out from National Office so far. Denise presented a sample of business cards that she could make using Vista Print and offered to create one and present it to the group for approval. After discussion, it was agreed that Denise and Elliott would work on this.

**Moved by Rae Hopper; Seconded by Gary**

**APPROVED**

**c) By-Laws**

Because of prior commitments, Cyril was not able to tackle this; he will start tomorrow.

#### **d) Kinesiology Opportunity – Wayne**

Rose reported her views on this. She is with YMCA where a lot of services included in the membership while they are not at UNB, i.e. pool, free parking, etc.... She offered to arrange a tour of the YMCA. Cyril mentioned that perhaps we could buy a membership as a group and everybody could get a discount. The discussion will continue at the next meeting with Wayne.

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **a) Health Benefits**

Clayton was absent; nothing to report.

#### **b) Membership**

Cyril read from Wayne's report.

*The membership cards and the invoices were only mailed out during the last week of March due to problems of manufacturing the new membership cards. This will probably delay the membership payments being received. I have not received my NAFR card yet and I don't expect many of our members have either. Frank has provided me with a list of 9 membership payments received, which is low because of no one receiving the invoices. I expect that we will be receiving membership payment until June.*

*The new CRM system will hopefully be available sometime this summer according to head office, but it will not have full functionality until next year. This is bad news and we will have to encourage our members to be very patient. I don't think that there is much else that we can do.*

#### **c) Finance**

Frank presented his Comparative Income Statement. He will present the Statement of Financial Activities (January 1 to December 31, 2014) and the Statement of Financial Position as December 21, 2014 at the AGM (Sue Bennett). He will request that those statements be approved at the AGM.

#### **d) Special Events**

Gary said that he has disposed of the FSNA Banner.

Spring Dinner: 74 registered so far with a possibility of 185. Deadline for early bird draw is April 17.

Fall Session: suggestions for any topics are welcome; if no topics are offered we might skip the fall session. Deadline for advertising is early July. Those who plan this session should decide by next Board meeting.

Branch Report: Summer deadline is early July. Need to change the amount of information regarding the partners; cut some part of it. Remove "FSNA" from all correspondence and/or reports.

#### **e) Partner Program - Cyril**

OK Tires: Rose has not been able to meet with the owner. Since he is away next week,

she will arrange for another meeting when he returns.

Schnitzel Parlour: Elliott went to the restaurant and spoke to the owner, Mr. Kuester. They do not have a general senior's discount, but they give a discount to retired military members and the local business organizations. Discount is 10% on regular priced item not including alcohol or specials. They do not accept credit cards, only Interac or cash to receive the discount.

**Motion to move acceptance of all reports given (including approval of proposal from the Schnitzel Parlour).**

**Moved by Cyril; seconded by Ron**

**APPROVED**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Federal Election – Webinar (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

A few Presidents are making comments that we are too aligned to the NDP. However, so far it has not been a big deal. A discussion followed regarding Gary's recent meetings with politicians and Justin Trudeau's position.

### **b) Spring Dinner – Review of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved with the following changes:

- Remove "from the band "When Rivers Meet" – Item 7
- Remove "Audited Financial Statements for 2014 (item 12b) and Approval of Auditor for 2015 fiscal year (item 12c) and replace with "Approval to review Financial Statements for 2015 fiscal year"
- Add "Branch President's Commendation Criteria – Elliot" (Item 13a)

### **c) Defense of Benefits Fund: Appeal for Support - Elliott**

No hurry to provide support. Very few branches have.

### **d) Email to Members – Denise**

Asked to get someone to help configure the member's emails with the Branch webmail program. Follow-up with Wayne.

### **e) Nominations for Board**

Ron reminded us that is time for nomination and elections of the Branch members.

Nominations for the Spring meeting will be:

Rose McLeod – Director; Leland Archibald - Director A-C; Norm Sheen - Director H-L.

Leland Archibald is not re-offering, Rose McLeod asked for some time to think about it and Norm is re-offering. Ron advanced names of potential new Board members.

### **f) Appointment of Representative and Observer to the AMM – Denise**

Elliott will attend as President and official representative. He is suggesting Cyril, our Vice-President to be the other representative.

**Motion to approve**

**Moved by Ron; Seconded by Frank**

**APPROVED**

**g) Local Branch Recognition Awards**

Wendy Creighton: To be announced at the Spring Dinner.  
Since Wendy meets terms and conditions, Ron recommend that she get's the Branch President's Commendation Criteria award and BOD members approved. Denise will contact the representative at National Office and order the certificate.  
Perry Hatfield: already received a reward.

**h) Board Resolutions**

Nothing to report

**i) Local Travel Expenses**

Frank stated that he would not be writing cheques to reimburse any expenses for local travel other than expenses for regional or national meetings as there was no authority in the by-laws and board has not approved re-imbusement. This would include such things as expenses for pre-retirement sessions given by Gary. It was suggested that the issue be covered in the upcoming by-law review and if necessary a sub-committee be struck to make recommendations. By-law draft should be available for next meeting.

**Approved by the BOD.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9:30 AM,  
Hazen Park Centre, Walting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Oromocto**

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cyril Theriault, Vice-President