

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

WESTERN MANITOBA BRANCH MB30

GENERAL MEETING

Seniors for Seniors Co-op, 311 Park Ave. E., Brandon, MB

January 15, 2019

Present: Brett Turner (President), Linda Dueck (Treasurer), Rhonda Mathers (Secretary), Barry Caswell (Branch Advocacy Liaison Officer), Dorothy Caswell (Communications Officer), Garnet Shearer (Director), Mac Estabrooks (Director), Edna Wells (Director)

Regrets: Terry Gunnlaugson (Past President), Sue Gunnlaugson (Director), Val Zoerb (Director)

- 1. Call to Order: Brett called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He introduced Board members. There were 40 members in attendance.**
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Helen Harrison moved the agenda be approved. Seconded by Dorothy Caswell. Motion carried.**
- 3. Introduction of Guests: No guests.**
- 4. Remembrance of Members: A short silence was held for members lost since our last meeting.**
- 5. Approval of Oct. 16, 2018 Minutes: Larry Weisgerber moved the minutes be approved as circulated. Seconded by Edna Wells. Motion carried.**
- 6. Correspondence: No new correspondence.**
- 7. Branch Report:**
 - a) We ask that everyone PRINT their names on the sign-in sheet as it is easier to read;**
 - b) There will be an e-mail that will come out prior to the May meeting regarding changes to the by-laws. This is just a clean-up of wording.**
 - c) We would like to thank Louise Albertson for laying the wreath on Remembrance Day.**
 - d) The 2019-2024 National Strategic Plan will be coming out soon and the National Office will be asking for input from Branch boards. Membership fees will be part of the discussion. Advocacy is preparing election packages for use prior to the fall election.**

e) Brett asked the members where they saw the ads for the meeting. A show of hands indicated 17 for the *Sage* magazine; 9 for the Brandon Sun; 25 for E-blast; and 0 for Westman Cable. Brett mentioned that he will no longer put an ad on the Westman Cable channel.

f) Some members have told Brett that they cannot make the Tuesday meetings. Therefore, maybe one in three or one in four meetings will be changed to an alternate day as well as possibly a different location. There were no objections.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** The Financial Report was given by Linda. There is a loss of \$300 showing at the moment but we have not received the 4th quarter membership fees which are approximately \$1000. They should be in shortly. These fees will then leave the Branch with a profit of \$700. The annual budget will be introduced at the annual meeting in May.

Barry Caswell moved that the Finance Report be accepted as read. Seconded by Helen Harrison. Motion carried.

9. **Volunteers – positions vs duties:** Brett stated that four positions were being vacated at the May meeting. The reasons for leaving are all valid. We need volunteers so please think about volunteering at the May meeting. We definitely need a Secretary. We also need a person to set up a Facebook page as requested by our National office. Brett mentioned that Garnet Shearer is doing a great job with the Newsletter.
10. **Reviewers for Financials:** Brett asked for reviewers for the financials for 2018. Stan Roszell and Al Robertson volunteered.
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Lunch**
13. **Speaker:** Canada Safety Council – Mature Drivers
14. **Door Prizes:** There were no door prizes.
15. **50/50 Draw/Charity Donation:** George Morrison won the 50/50 draw of \$42.50.
Members voted to have Parkinson Manitoba as the recipient of the 2019 50/50 draws.
16. **Next meeting:** 14 May 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Helen Morrison moved the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Approved by Brett Turner – President
Submitted by Rhonda Mathers - Secretary