

Branch Board Meeting Minutes
Nick's Restaurant, Sarnia
April 3, 2018

Branch web site

<http://www.federalretirees.ca/en/Branches/Ontario/Bluewater>

Note: decision and action items are ***in bold italic***

Present -

President - Gloria Cayea
Treasurer - Diane Kerr
Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason
Program Coordinator - Mary Ann Burgess
Director of Membership - Bill Mason
Health Benefits Officer - Earnie MacDougall
IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr
Secretary - VP - Robert Jackson
Member at Large. - Georgina MacIssac
Member at Large - Diana Wright
Member at Large - Murray Lester

Absent -

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Gloria opened the meeting at 12:00 pm with the following agenda items:

- Western Ontario Regional Meeting and Training conference April 30 to May 2, 2018
- April 2018 AGM
- 2018 Budget

Gloria advised the 2018 Western Ontario Regional Meeting would include two training conferences, "Membership Recruitment Strategy" and "Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement". National will fund one additional Bluewater Board member in addition to the President. Additional attendees may be allowed, space permitting, if funded by the

Branch. A general discussion concluded the Director of Membership may be the most appropriate choice to accompany the President at the two training conferences. ***Gloria requested any interested Board members let her know prior to April 6.***

Gloria led discussion of the tenure expiry of the Board. With the exception of the Vice-President, all Board Members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election and/or to serve on the Board for the next two year period. It was noted the Health Benefits Officer position is no longer required due to the division of responsibilities between the Branch and National Office.

The fate of the Branch beyond April 2019 was discussed as Gloria stated her intention to not renew her term of office beyond this date. Concern was expressed that without a person willing to serve as President, and with limited interest from the membership to serve on the Board, the Branch will cease to exist.

Members and their guests attending the AGM will be charged \$15 /person. Mary Ann will say Grace.

Diane presented the draft 2018 Budget and the 2017 Financial Statement. The draft 2018 Budget was accepted with minor changes to Meeting Expenses and Social Gatherings. The 2018 Budget will be tabled for approval at the April AGM.

Next fall's September and October venues were discussed. Harbour Hill Goderich will cost \$16.95/person + 15% gratuity, \$25 cleanup charge and \$75 for the entertainment. Hessenland will cost \$26/person including gratuity. The Branch will fund \$1 of this leaving the charge for members attending at \$25/person. Hessenland requires a \$250 deposit in advance of the event.

Mary Ann reported so far only about half of the required minimum number of members have committed to this year's June day trip.

Bill reported that with one exception all memberships have been paid for 2018.

Pat, seconded by Doug, moved to adjourn the meeting at 1355 hours.