

Branch Board Meeting Minutes  
Nick's Restaurant, Sarnia  
November 06, 2018

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

Present -

President - Gloria Cayea  
Vice President - Earnie MacDougall  
Treasurer - Diane Kerr  
Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason  
Program Coordinator - Mary Ann Burgess  
Director of Membership - Bill Mason  
IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr  
Secretary - Robert Jackson  
Member at Large. - Georgina MacIssac

Observer - Chris Hawksworth

Absent -

Member at Large - Murray Lester  
Member at Large - Diana Wright

**Gloria** opened the meeting at 12:00 pm introducing Chris Hawksworth to the Board. Chris has volunteered to join the Board and fill a new position, Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director.

***A motion put forward by Robert Jackson and seconded by Bill Mason proposed that Chris become a member of the Board. Motion carried.***

***A motion put forward by Diane Kerr and seconded by Doug Kerr named Chris as the Board's Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director. Motion carried.***

**Gloria** reminded the Board of the upcoming Remembrance Day

Day ceremony being held at the Sarnia Arena. Branch member and Armed Forces veteran Ted Tomayer will be laying a wreath on behalf of Bluewater Branch. ***Gloria requested Board members attending the event lend Ted their support and obtain photographs of the wreath laying for our website.***

**Gloria** stated this year's Christmas dinner and social will be held at the Sarnia Legion. A turkey dinner complete with dessert will be served. Cost of the hall is \$169 and the meal will cost \$22 per person.

After discussion, ***a motion was put forward by Diane Kerr and seconded by Gloria Cayea that the cost to the members attending will be \$5 per person. Motion carried.*** The Branch will cover the remaining per person meal cost. ***Members will be asked to provide a food donation for the Inn of the Good Shepard food bank.***

***An additional motion was put forward by Pat Mason and seconded by Chris Hawksworth to allow Pat to spend up to \$50 to purchase flowers for the Christmas dinner tables. Motion carried.***

**Gloria** led a discussion on door prizes. ***It was agreed the Branch will not fund or otherwise provide door prizes at its functions. However should individual members volunteer door prizes at their own expense, these can be distributed at Branch events.***

The Board next discussed recognizing our callers with the traditional \$10 Tim Hortons gift card. ***It was agreed that the Branch would continue as per past practice. Chris will present the gift cards and a letter of thanks to the callers at the Christmas function.***

**Mary Ann** requested Board approval for next September's Goderich meeting venue. ***It was agreed the preferred venue for the meeting is the Hotel Bedford. Mary Ann will make the appropriate inquiries and bring to***

***the Board's attention items requiring further approval, such as meal costs and choice of menu.***

**Bill** informed the Board that NAFR National Office will assume responsibility for the membership renewals of members paying by cheque effective January 1, 2019. ***Bill will inform the members affected by letter, and Gloria will advise National Office of this change in responsibility.***

**Diane** reminded the Board she will need budgeting information from everyone who will be expending Branch funds next fiscal year.

The meeting then adjourned based on a motion by Earnie at 1345 hours.