

Present:

Ron Brooks, Elliott Keizer, Clayton Tupper, Jacques Piché, Cyril Theriault, Wayne Gunter, Norm Sheen and Gary Barfitt.

Absent:

Rose McLeod, Frank Sauntry, Wilson King.

1. WELCOME

Elliott Keizer, President, welcomed everyone present at the meeting. A discussion followed from the Bulletin to Branch of 2014-12 and 2015-01. The following topics were discussed: Logos, volunteer awards, proposals, pension collaboration update and fees.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nominations for the Spring Dinner was added to the agenda as circulated under New Business. The agenda was approved.

3. MINUTES

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Moved by Wayne; Seconded by Clayton.

APPROVED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

a) Recruitment

Wayne said that we need feedback on the use of partnerships; if it's not useful we should drop it.

Need more advertising. Jacques talked about advertising on the closed circuit TV (CCTV) on the base. Denise also added that having some kind of advertising at Griffin's Pub on their bulletin board might encourage the military and civil employees to join FSNA if they see one of the advantages it offers.

ACTION: Cyril, Wayne and Jacques will investigate the possibilities of using CCTV to recruit members.

Moved by Cyril; Seconded by Ray

APPROVED

b) Generic Business Cards

Elliott reported that in the near future, Branch Presidents would be able to order business cards. More information is coming on this by email in an upcoming issue of Bulletin to Branches.

c) By-Laws

Elliott talked about the amendments to the Association's Regulation 1.5, titled *Vulnerable Sector*. An email from Deborah Krause dated February 6, 2015 highlights the changes.

5. REPORTS

a) Health Benefits

Clayton talked about a personal experience he had with MEDOC. Nothing else to report.

b) Membership

Wayne provided each members with a copy of his report.

Branch62:

As of January 1, 2014, there was 1,417 primary members plus 693 double memberships for a total of 2,110 memberships.

On December 31, 2014, there was 1,400 primary memberships plus 693 double memberships plus 58 new memberships, less 75 lost memberships for a total of 2,076 memberships

Membership dropped by 34* or 1.6 %

*The initial number was 66 but was change to 34.

FSNA National:

As of January 1, 2014, there were 129,262 primary members. No double membership available.

On December 31, 2014, there was 124,816 primary memberships; no double membership available; 5,762 new memberships less 9,199 lost memberships for a total of 122,380 total memberships.

Membership dropped by 6,882 or 5.3%

Moved by Wayne; Seconded by Norm

APPROVED (with new membership of 34)

c) Finance

Frank was absent so there was no report. Ron asked about the amount of \$610.53 under Planning Initiatives in the last Comparative Statement. Jacques said that it went partially for the expenses and honorarium (hotel, travel, meals) of Lorraine Casey for Branch Planning Session that was held on October 10, 2014.

d) Special Events

Next branch report will be in the next Sage; Gary sent it in January. The report will include branch events; calls for nominations and volunteers and next information session. Our Branch will pay this report.

Next deadline for the September issue of Sage is early July. It will include Branch announcement of upcoming events. National Office will pay for this.

In case of an early call for a federal election (February 15), Sage will be used to help the Association inform our members. In this case National Office might not be able to accommodate Branch announcements and report inserts in the Spring 2015 issue of Sage.

Spring Dinner: May 5th - Guest speaker Collette Tour cancelled but will be available for the Fall meeting. Gary suggested that offer entertainment instead of the usual speaker. He suggested that we invite Jim Hadley and his wife Kim. Jim is a member of the band "Where Rivers Meet" and a retired RCMP.

Reservations and a date have been set for the 2016 Spring Dinner: May 3, 2016.

Fall Dinner: 27 October 2015 – Guest speaker: Collette Tour.

Information Session: June 10 – Wills, Estate and Power of Attorney with Robert Stoney, lawyer from Galetown.

Moved by Gary; seconded by Wayne

APPROVED

e) Merchant Discounts (Affinity)

Restaurant Vault 29 on Queen Street: have not heard anything from them.
King Street Ale House might be a possibility. They already offer 15% for members of Garrison.
Rose is trying to see OK Tires on Saint-Marys Street.
Not going to do anything with York Funeral Home. Will approach McAdams Funeral Home.

Moved by Cyril; seconded by Jacques

APPROVED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Public Service Health Care Plan

Nothing to report.

b) Federal Election; Webinar.

Following the February 5th Webinar there was a discussion on election strategy; non-partisanship.

Ron: what is the best approach? What message do we want to send our members?

Will the new Liberal candidate Matt DeCoursey and his party protect our federal pension?

c) Kinesiology Opportunity

Wayne talked the UNB Recreational Services; he provided with some information regarding their program. Is it something we want to promote? Could they be part of the Affinity program? The cost is \$80 for 3 months. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Wayne will follow-up to reserve a date for a tour of the facility for the BOD members.

d) Nominations for Spring Dinner

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

Nominations for the Spring meeting will be: Denise Blanchard - Admin Director; Rose McLeod – Director; Leland Archibald - Director A-C; Norm Sheen - Director H-L; Rae Hopper - Director M-O. Denise will update the BOD listing to reflect the correct date of election. He proposed that we continue as we are.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: April 11, 2015 9:30 AM,
Hazen Park Centre, Walting Room, Oromocto**

Recorded by: _____
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

Approved by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President