

Retired Teachers Organization General Meeting – June 10, 2013

Venue: End of the Line Pub – Bridgetown, Nova Scotia

Attendees: Neil MacNeil, Glen Pulley, Doug Cameron, Albert Johnson, and Vicky Parker.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by President Neil. A moments silence was called to respect those members who passed on since our last meeting. During the silence, the names brought forth were: Randy Dowell, Connie MacNeil, John Murray's wife, Mary Noble, Leona Currie, John Paul, and others.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted upon motion by Doug Cameron with seconding by Bill Butler.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as submitted by Glen Pulley. A motion to accept was put forth by Eric Brown, seconded by Jerry Sawler.

Business Arising: None.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Gordon MacDonald, the report was read by Al Johnson. As of June 2013, a fund of \$1712.10 was reported. A few receipts were tendered at this time. Notes from those schools receiving funds for breakfast programs were received revealing the extent of their appreciation. There being no questions, a motion to accept was put forward by Al Johnson and it was seconded by Eric Brown. Motion passed.

Old Business: A) Vicky Parker reported on the newsletter. She is still looking for input to publish. The next newsletter will focus on crafts and handi work. Various Valley events will also be reported on. B) Doug Cameron reported that a certificate for 75% membership level had been received. This is the last year

that this incentive will be offered. It was also noted that those retirees not able to attend last year's September breakfast will be invited to the 2013 breakfast. Their meal will be covered.

New Business: The minutes of the Feb. 14/15, 2014 were read by Albert Johnson. A copy was submitted.

A) A discussion ensued wherein it was determined that all members of the current executive would reoffer for the 2013/2014 term. B) In a report from provincial treasurer, Pierre Belliveau, it was noted that there will be an end to the double financial report as financial reporting periods will be synchronized in the coming year. C) Membership has been covered earlier in these minutes. D) Pensions & Benefits Report: Albert Johnson submitted a report that noted a tendency in public pensions wherein risk is being shared with a disproportionate share falling upon employees. There seems to be an element of "pension bashing" abroad. E) The Group of Nine initiative was reported on by President Neil. He focused upon an information sheet that was referenced at the President's meeting by Susan Ball. The info focused upon the affliction of Shingles. Neil noted that the preventative vaccine was safe and simple and is especially targeted to those 60 to 65 years of age. Neil also mentioned the Boomerswork.ca site again. Reference to the Innova card for nongeneric was made. F) Vicky Parker discussed our "Not Back to School" September get together. She suggested less solicitation for door prizes and more self-support. Albert Johnson suggested a 50/50 draw. G) It was reported that at the provincial level, Linda MacNeil has been reassigned to the Communications Committee while Vicky Parker is now a member of the Membership Committee. M) Other-None.

A brief intro to the guest speaker, Sharon Elliott, was given by Vicky Parker.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm. upon motion of Wendy Rhodda.

Recorded by: Glen Pulley – Secretary of Annapolis Local of RTO.

Approved by: _____ President of Annapolis Local of RTO.