

## Retired Teachers Organization General Meeting - June 25, 2014

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

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

Absent: Gordon MacDonald

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Neil. A moments silence was called to respect those members who passed on since our last meeting.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted upon motion by Vic Fleury and seconding by Isabel Burgess.

Guest Speaker: Bill Hirtle spoke on the role that gardening has played in his teaching career. It was well done and enjoyed. Bill will be featured in an upcoming RTO newsletter.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 18, 2013 General meeting, being previously circulated, were approved on motion of Vic Fleury and seconding by Mary Billard.

Business Arising: None.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Gordon MacDonald, the report was read by Al Johnson. The balance as of November 2013 was \$\_\_\_\_\_. The report was accepted on motion of Albert Johnson and seconding by Doug Cameron.

Old Business: A) Vicky Parker reported on the newsletter. She is still looking for input to publish. Contributions, as always, are very much appreciated. B) Neil MacNeil reported on the Local retiree dinner. It was reported to be very well done with three teachers retiring. C) Vicky spoke on the Middleton Seniors School which she orchestrates. It was noted that the seniors receive a participation certificate upon completion of the program.

New Business:

A) There was a discussion on the encouragement of new members to the Executive as well as the understanding of roles and responsibilities. B) It was noted by Vicky Parker that service at the “Not Back to School” event was slow. This year there will be a set menu. Gerry Sawler agreed to help out in the undertaking. C) Congratulations were extended to Linda MacNeil, Vicky Parker, and Vic Fleury on their election or re-election to the RTO provincial body. D) Prior to holding elections for the Local RTO executive, Glen Pulley read the duties of each local executive position. The elections were opened to the floor but all sitting members were approved unanimously. Congratulations were extended. It was further discussed and tabled that the Executive body be expanded by 2 members to be designated as members at large. This motion will be voted upon at the next AGM. A motion to endorse the new practise was put forth by Albert Johnson and seconded by Vic Fleury. Motion carried. E) Other: a) Vic Fleury suggested having the AGM earlier in June. In future, this will be attempted. b) Albert Johnson spoke on the need for equality in pensions.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. upon motion of Vic Fleury.

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ President of Annapolis Local of RTO.