

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -ANNAPOLIS BRANCH RTO**  
**JUNE 23, 2016**

**VENUE:** End of Line Pub, Bridgetown,NS

Twenty-three members gathered at 11:30 for fellowship followed by the musical entertainment of talented gospel singer, Michael Bailey. His songs brought back memories and had everyone toe-tapping as well humming or singing along with him.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Vicky Parker welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon and began with a moment of silence in memory of those departed.
- 2. Agenda; Additions/Approval.** Eric Brown moved the acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Neil MacNeil. ***Carried***
- 3. Conflict of Interest:** None
- 4. Minutes AGM 2015:** The minutes of the previous AGM were approved with one correction regarding the description of the fund from the Provincial RTO used to support the Wellness Expo. Minutes were approved by Mary Billard and seconded by Eric Brown. ***Carried***
- 5. Business Arising:** None

***Meeting interrupted by Lunch and resumed at 12:30 p.m.***

- 6. Treasurer's Report:** The report was submitted by Treasurer Gord MacDonald. It was noted that the Sponsorship grant should be renamed Golf Tournament . As of June 2016 there is a balance of \$1984.58. Approval moved by Gord, seconded by Neil. ***Carried***
- 7. Communication:**
  - a.** Omissions (12) were discovered in March by President Vicky. Upon examination, these members had been "expired" by the provincial office because they were not on the Johnson Inc. list as paying members. It was discovered that since their applications had gone in BEFORE they officially retired - July 31 of their retirement year - they had not been officially listed by Pensions. All were contacted, situation explained, and given new applications. All 12 are officially members now. They will not have to pay back dues for the years they had been unlisted.

- b. New retirees have been invited to the September Breakfast, September 3 as our guests. Any who are unable to attend will have a similar invitation the following year.

## **8. Old Business;**

- a. Website: Sharla Rolfe-Hunter, NSCC instructor introduced our new website designed by her students. Everyone was impressed by our new logo as well as the potential the website will have in keeping our members in contact and informed as well as sharing our activities and interests with RTO members around the province. The only thing left to do is to have it connected to the provincial website. We are also looking into training for Eric, who will be our chief “webmaster” and others on the executive to update and manage the website.
- b. President Vicky welcomed five retiring teachers at the NSTU Retirement Banquet held at Cornwallis. All were given information packages prepared by the Provincial RTO and supplemented with Breakfast invitations, newsletters and contact information from our Branch.
- c. Our Seniors Expo was congratulated for its organization and the variety of information booths and professionals provided. The \$750 grant was not all used and the unspent portion had to be returned to the Provincial RTO.
- d. The provincial RTO has given an extra \$500 to each Branch this year. Surplus money was available due to fewer transportation, lodging and meal expenses bringing members into Halifax for meetings. Future surpluses may also be used this way,
- e. The Pharmacare issue may be on hold till after the next provincial election, but the Department of Seniors has promised more consultation before anything further is done. Bill Berryman, our new Provincial President and Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee (formerly Group of 9) will keep us advised.
- f. We are proud to announce that Linda MacNeil was elected the Member at Large for the Annapolis, Kings and West Hants Branches of the RTO. She has replaced Bill Wagstaff.

## **9. New Business;**

- a. Our by-laws have been in place for many years and need updating. These would include changes in selecting venues for meetings and the responsibilities of members of the executive. For example, the Membership position could also include Communication and Website. Suggested changes will be introduced at our next meeting in November/December so that they may become official at the next AGM if the membership so wishes.
- b. Classes can be arranged for seniors driving education, computer assistance, life after retirement, legal issues. Please keep the Executive informed of what you'd prefer and arrangements can be made.
- c. New Slate of Officers: The Executive will remain the same except for the Secretary. Glenn Pulley was thanked for his work over the past few years and Karl West was acclaimed as our new Secretary. Neil MacNeil presented the 2016-2017 Executive:

President - Vicky Parker

Vice-President - Linda MacNeil

Treasurer - Gord MacDonald

Secretary - Karl West

Membership/Communication - Eric Brown

Past-President - Neil MacNeil

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. by Linda MacNeil.