

Annapolis RTO - Minutes General Meeting - November 18, 2013

Venue: German Bakery, Annapolis Royal Nova Scotia

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Neil. A moments silence was called to respect those members who had passed on since our last meeting.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted upon a motion by Doug Cameron with seconding by Bill Butler. The agenda was adjusted to allow guest speaker, Gary McOrmond to proceed.

Gary gave an interesting talk on financial planning. He specifically addressed RRSP's. At the conclusion of his talk, he accepted questions and several were received.

Minutes” The minutes of the June 10/13 meeting were accepted as submitted. Glen Pulley put forth the motion which was seconded by Albert Johnson.

Business Arising: None

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of of Gordon MacDonald, the report was read by Al Johnson. As of November 2013, a fund of \$2076.68 was reported. There being no questions, a motion to accept was put forward by Al Johnson and it was seconded by Linda MacNeil.

Old Business: A) Vicky Parker reported on the newsletter. She is still looking for input to publish. It was suggested that submissions generally fall between 200 - 300 words. Contributions, as always, are much appreciated.

At this point we broke for lunch and then proceeded with old business.

B) Doug Cameron reported on Membership. Of the nine new retirees, four attended the breakfast and their cost was covered. Doug noted that the new form for retirees was cumbersome and he suggested changes. There were also corrections to be made. C) Vicky spoke on the “Not Back to School” initiative. The slow service was brought up and to remedy the situation, it is suggested that next September there be a set menu. Attendance was good with over 40 participants.

New Business: A) Survey forms regarding communication, conflict of interest, and privacy were signed by both Neil MacNeil and Vicky Parker. B) It was noted that the Operations Manual for the RTO is always being updated. C) Member diaries for the NSTU were handed out to those who needed them. D) The NSTU retirement for the Annapolis Valley Local of the NSTU will take place on January 14 and 15, 2014 at the Old Orchard Inn. E) The Queens County RTO has published a handbook for retiring teachers covering several areas. It was highly spoken of. The Annapolis RTO will be calling upon Paul Sarty to make a presentation on Medoc Insurance. It is suggested to invite local, active teachers and use a local school for the venue.

Presidents' Meeting:

- a) The provincial Treasurer's Report of Fred Jeffery was submitted by Vic Fleury as he represented our RTO group at the Presidents' meeting. The meeting took place on October 28 and 29, 2013. We are financially on track as indicated by the handout.
- b) Peter Lewis' membership committee report provided retirement statistics thus far and it was stated that the stats are constantly being updated. The stats should be put online but will be included in the next provincial newsletter.
- c) The Pension and Benefits Report was delivered by Vic Fleury. It was originally delivered by Al MacKinnon, Committee Chair, at the October meeting in Halifax. It was mentioned that our pension plan needs revision to sustain its viability. Problems referenced were the present level of contributions and the dual indexing feature. Our plan is managed by a Partner's Board. The ad hoc RTO pension committee has been disbanded. The RTO has little direct input into the direction of the Partner's Board.
- d) It was noted that a form exists for resolutions appropriately called the Resolutions' Submission Form.
- e) The Assessment Committee Report indicated that there are handbook updates.
- f) A letter from Jim Kavanaugh to Shelly Morse, Joan Ling, and Bruce Kelloway regarding the RTO's concern regarding pensions was copied and read by Albert Johnson. The RTO is seeking input.
- g) The Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (CART) and Group of Nine are both concerned with the European Free Trade Agreement (price of drugs) and the shingles vaccine (free or not).
- h) No other business.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. upon motion of Doug Cameron.

Recorded by Glen Pulley - Secretary of Annapolis Branch of the RTO