

RTO Annapolis General Meeting - Minutes - November 20, 2014

Venue - End of line Pub, Bridgetown. Nova Scotia

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by President Neil

Agenda: The agenda was accepted upon motion by Eric Brown and was seconded by Mary Billard.

A prayer was offered by Bill Hirtle.

Music provided by the ABC Chorus under the direction of Joanne Buckmaster.
Excellent!

Minutes: The minutes of the previous general meeting were presented by secretary Glen Pulley, having previously been tabled. After entering a financial number previously unavailable, a motion of acceptance was put forth by Glen Pulley and seconded by Mary Billard. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Gord MacDonald. There is a balance of \$1877.04. Motion to accept by Gord MacDonald; seconded by Eric Brown. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

- A) Vicky Parker reported on the newsletter. She is looking for info on retired teachers addressing new and old talents, present activities, travels, etc. Submissions are welcome. Isobel Burgess and Barb Tratt were thanked for their submissions. The next newsletter will be in February 2015. Vicky would like to be informed of email changes to keep current.
- B) Doug Cameron reported on membership. There are difficulties with the retirement list. It is not alphabetical. It should not list professional numbers. On another note, we have 240 dues paying members, 32 members who haven't joined, and 42 of 56 joined in the last 7 years or 85%. It was noted that Shelley Morrison should have the number of new teachers.
- C) Vicky spoke on the Not Back to School. We may prefer the backroom of the club house. Need to keep it casual. Vicky welcomed new members to the present meeting.

New Business:

- A) Member at Large, Bill Wagstaff was introduced. He thanked the local branch of the RTO for the invitation to attend our meeting. Bill spoke on many matters. He noted his desire to see more women on the RTO Executive both provincially and locally. He brought up the issue of the shingles vaccine again. It is still not funded and costs about \$200 out of pocket. He noted the increasing cost of the provincial newsletter and suggested we try to get it on line. The RTO newsletter is no longer subsidized by the NSTU. There previously had been an allotment of \$12 000. This is really a

full time position for the RTO, about a 33 week term at \$28/hour. The RTO should really be independent. Bill noted that provincially, we are losing Members at Large and there are retirements. He reminded the Branch of the Legacy foundation for donations. There will be a preretirement seminar in January 2015. finally it was noted that Bruce Kelloway is retiring.

- B) President Neil noted that Bill Berryman will be working on an update of the Operations Handbook.
- C) Member diaries for the NSTU have been made available to the executive.
- D) President Neil reiterated that the NSTU preretirement seminar will be taking place at the Old Orchard Inn on January 7, 2015. Both he and Bill Wagstaff will be attending.
- E) Cathy Carmody's name was brought forth as a speaker/workshop convener. she works with a maximum of 12 people per session. It will cost about \$1000 but could be subsidized up to 75% by the RTO. she deals with conscious aging and creating meaning in one's life.
- F) Finally, there will be a RTO Curling Bonspiel in Halifax, Feb. 20/21. More to follow.

Report on provincial Presidents' Meeting - Oct. 21 & 22, 2014

1. Provincial treasurer, Fred Jeffery's report was presented. document submitted. All is on track.
2. Provincial Membership Committee presented their updated RTO lists. A few problems were noted.
3. Pension and Benefits report was submitted on behalf of Linda MacNeil. A sheet noting all changes at 65 was submitted.
4. A submission form for resolutions to RTO executive was presented.
5. The report of Gary Archibald, provincial communications chair, was noted. The RTO is now paying the full shot for communications.
6. The Assessment Committee report noted that Bill Berryman will be doing updates to the RTO handbook.
7. ACER/CART will continue lobbying on our behalf.
8. There were many positive reports from the AGM. However door prizes are now gone.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Neil moved.

Recorded by Glen Pulley - Secretary of Annapolis Branch RTO