

## **RTO Annapolis Branch General Meeting November 19, 2015**

**Venue-** End of the Line Pub, Bridgetown, NS

11:00 a.m. **Craft Fair-** Members of our local Branch displayed/sold crafts they had made to fellow members.

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Vicky. A moment of silence followed to remember RTO members who have passed away.

**2. Guest Speakers:** Vicky introduced our guest speakers, Darrell Warren and Ellen Corkum-Warren, from the Discover Driving School. They gave a very interesting presentation on “Winter Driving Safety”.

**3. Lunch:** Grace was given by Cheryl Anderson prior to breaking for lunch.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** The meeting resumed at 12:30 with a motion from President Vicky for the approval of the agenda. Al Peppard seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

**3. Minutes:** The minutes from the AGM held on June 17, 2015 had been circulated. Bill Hirtle moved the acceptance of the minutes. This was seconded by Elizabeth Pelham. Minutes accepted.

**4. Business arising from the Minutes:** There was no business that had to be considered at this time.

**5. Treasurer’s Report:** The balance as of June, 2015 was \$1755.89. New revenue from the sale of cases and key rings, as well as an RTO grant, was \$629.00. The total expenses for this period were \$226.90. The new balance as of November, 2015 was \$2157.00. Gordon also reported that the signing officers have been updated at the Scotia Bank as of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Gordon moved the acceptance of his report. This was seconded by Doug Cameron. Report accepted.

**6. Communication:** Eric has been very busy alphabetizing and updating all our Branch members, their emails and phone numbers. He would like for

anyone that has made a change in their contact information to please let him know, in order to keep all the information current. Vicky gave the names of two members that needed to be contacted and welcomed to our Branch. They were Debra Bolster and Jane McNulty. These members were known and will be contacted as soon as possible.

## **7. Old Business:**

A) **Activities-** Both the wine tour and road rally were cancelled due to not enough members signing up to attend.

B) **Website-** We are attempting to set up our own Branch website, as part of the RTO website, but in the meantime members can go on the provincial RTO website for information.

C) **Breakfast-** Our “Not Back to School” Breakfast in September, at the Eden Golf and Country Club, was a huge success. The location, the lay out, the food, the 50/50 split and the gift certificates were all very well received.

**8. New Activities:** Linda reported some of the suggestions for activities and venues from a past survey of the members. It seems that our current location, the End of the Line Pub in Bridgetown, is the most popular choice of a venue. It is not only centrally located, but we have a separate room to meet and the food and service is great. Popular choices for activities/speakers were story tellers and authors such as Dave Whitman and Don Aker (both retired teachers from Annapolis County) and health related issues. Members at the meeting then made the following suggestions for health related topics: slips and falls, shingles, vaccinations needed for travel, and first aid.

**9. Correspondence:** We received a card from Wayne McDonald thanking us for the card our RTO Branch had sent him during his illness.

## **10. New Business:**

A) **Presidents' Meeting:** Vicky reported on the Provincial Presidents' meeting held in Halifax on October 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Group of IX have been renamed The Seniors Advisory Council of NS. She welcomed Bill Wagstaff, who is our current RTO Member at Large for the Valley, and reported that we will need to choose a new MAL for the Valley next spring.

B) **Law Society Books-** Vicky reported that we were unable to have a lawyer attend our meeting. However, a very informative book titled, It's in Your Hands, from The Legal Information Society of NS, was circulated to all the RTO members attending the meeting. This book deals with most legal issues that seniors may face.

C) **Grant:** The Provincial RTO has offered a grant up to \$2000.00 to each Branch to be spent on Health related issues for their members. It was suggested that Linda contact Sharon Elliott re speakers and activities.

D) **Provincial RTO Committees:** We have two reps from our Branch on provincial committees. They are Vicky Parker on Communications and Linda MacNeil on Pensions and Benefits.

E) **Hosting RTO Golf Tournament:** We have been selected to host the Provincial RTO Golf Tournament. This will be held on September 17, 2016. Thank you to Vicky Parker and Dave Diggins for their effort in submitting the request to host this event. Prior to this event, our Branch will need to promote the tournament in the RTO newsletter and website and send mail outs to each Branch with information re the tournament, accommodations etc. We welcome any help from our members in hosting this event.

**11. Kudos-** John Montgomerie's article was very well received and appeared in our Provincial newsletter. Everyone appreciated and could relate to the quilt brought in by Barbara Tratt which compared her teaching career to that of an apple - from bud to core.

Doug Cameron moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:58 a.m.