



NBSRT SJ AUGUST 18, 2022 Executive Minutes

1. 10:00 a.m. Brian called the meeting to order. Members Present:
Barry Harbinson, Bob Bonner, Ellen Palmer, Frances Butler, Kathy Dalling, Marijke Blok, Mary Anne Patterson, Pat Loughery, Rose Theriault.
2. *Approval of the Agenda:* moved by Pat, seconded by Ellen
3. *Social Committee Breakfast Update and Discussion:* Marijke explained that there was some members who expressed concerns about the timing of the Brunch. The committee feels that 11:00 is an appropriate time to begin eating, rather than 10:30, as suggested. The doors will open at 10:00 and coffee, tea, juice, and muffins will be available at that time. Ellen will update the information on the website and Kathy will notify members via email.
Barry shared an updated poster which will include the address of the venue. Rose mentioned she will need a table for Wellness, Barry needs one to collect money, and we need a place for the 50/50 draw.

Pat asked about the room charge, noting that the charge includes the cleaning of the linen tablecloths.

Walk-ins will be able to attend, but officially, members need to register so we can ensure there is enough food provided.

Executive members will reach out and encourage new retirees to attend the Brunch, and NBSRT registration forms will be available on site.

Laura informed Marijke that she will let registrants know about the time change.

4. *Approval of the Minutes* from the June Meeting: moved by Mary Anne and seconded by Bob. There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.

5. *Treasurer's Report* (Barry Harbinson):

Current Balance \$18, 758.88; Investments \$27,742.85

6. *Committee Reports:*

A. *Membership Data:* Kathy gave a thorough report on the current status of NBSRT sites (SJ 550 members, Fredericton 494 members, and Moncton 505), as well as her observations on her extensive resesrch of other Retired Teacher organizations across Canada. As we have had 74 members join over a 10-year period and we have lost 12 members since Jan 1, 2022, Kathy noted that the recruitment of new members is a primary concern for our organization. Kathy also encouraged a strong emphasis on our connection with the NBTA.

Brian noted that Judy's committee is examining all aspects of membership and would welcome any suggestions from the Executive, including the research done by Kathy on the websites of other provinces. Anyone with ideas about membership please forward them to Judy.

Barry noted that the Provncial body is also examining the issue of retiree membership. He will inform us of any action coming from the NBSRT.

- B. *Wellness:* Rose updated the executive on two up-coming events, Kayaking and Painting. Kayaking is now slated for September 27, rain date 29th. This is an exciting and safe opportunity for members, offered at a significantly reduced rate. Paula Scott has been working on this event.

Elizabeth Donnelly-Nelson is offering a Plein d'air painting opportunity (outdoor painting) for September 14. Rose will discuss the budget for this activity with Barry. Rose has been working on posters for these activities.

C. *Newsletter*: Last year's newsletter went out Sept. 21, and we will firm up our date at the next Executive Meeting, Sept. 15.

7. *New Business*:

A. *Reflections* will be published near the end of October, and the local executive is looking to fill a position as Reflections Correspondent. It was suggested by Kathy Dalling that Margaret Ann Urquhart be approached. It was also mentioned that we should look for a photographer, possibly a newer member. Barry said he would reach out to Maureen Desmond, retiree 2022.

8. *Adjournment*: 11:20 am – Moved by Barry, seconded by Rose.

Respectfully Submitted

Frances Butler