



## Minutes NBSRTSJ

Thursday August 19 2021

### ZOOM Meeting

**Present:** Rose Theriault, Kathy Dalling, Mary Ann Patterson, Barry Harbinson, Brian Greig, Frances Butler, Ellen Palmer, Judy Braman, Marijke Blok, Bob Bonner

Absent with Regrets: Kathy Wilson, Marg Urquhart, Pat Loughery, Pat Murray, Melody Hamm, Dianne Stackhouse

Brian opened the meeting at 10:20.

**Approval of Agenda** – moved by Barry, seconded by Bob.

**Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:** moved by Judy, seconded by Frances.

#### **Business Arising from Minutes -**

**Spring Social** – did not happen.

**Numbers for Draw** – Judy reported no new developments.

**Nomination Committee** – Brian asked if there had been any interest in the open positions. Barry replied that he and Frances had discussed Dixie Coughlin. Kathy suggested that we contact recent retirees. Frances will approach Dixie Coughlin and Michele Hogan.

Frances enquired about the duties of Directors/Vice Presidents. Kathy Dalling commented that the Directors don't have a lot to do because we don't use them effectively. Barry added that the Directors are the liaisons between the branch and the Provincial body. Mary Ann mentioned that all of the roles are described **on the NBSRT SJ website.**

**Procedures** – Brian advised that he would defer meeting with committee chair to a later date.

In reference to memberships, he added that he had sent a congratulations letter to Bob Fitzpatrick on the provincial initiative.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barry reported a balance of \$20,996.34. Two outstanding cheques: one to Marijke for Membership Committee expenses; one to himself for Sobeys gift cards (prizes for contests). He concluded that we are in very shape financially.

**Moved by Barry, seconded by Mary Ann: budget approved**

**Cards Committee Report:** Pat M submitted her report to Brian. Nine cards have been sent since June.

Kathy had a question re: cards report: who should receive notification concerning deaths. Brian suggested that the Branch President receive notifications as well.

**Membership Data Manager:**Kathy reported 565 current members. Of these 109 are on the telephone and mailing lists. She updated her summary: of new retirees (2021) only two have joined.

**Membership:** Judy reported that the next meeting would be August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.

**Website:** Ellen reported that it is up-to-date, with wellness calendar, photo contest and book club details.

**Newsletter:** Mary Ann needs material by September 3<sup>rd</sup> if we are putting one out. Marijke mentioned that social activities depend upon approval of in-person gatherings, by this committee.

Ellen recommended deferring the newsletter to later in the fall. Brian cautioned on the dangers of opening up too soon.

Judy suggested developing a postcard. Mary Ann suggested that Frances' phone committee make calls to the 109 people not covered by email. She also remarked that the telephone committee had originally been established for communications other than social activities.

Ellen proposed that we decide social activities on a month-to-month basis. Regarding the newsletter, Kathy emphasized that our members should still receive up-to-date information. Barry concurred, stating we should be sending something out by mid-September, to inform members of the decisions we have been taking.

Mary Ann asked if we could have that information by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Judy suggested that Committee Chairs write something to indicate what they have been doing and to ask members for their input. Frances agreed that September 7<sup>th</sup> was a good date to send out the newsletter, as it coincides with the reopening of schools.

**Social:** Marijke reported that preparations were in place for the September 7<sup>th</sup> brunch, pending approval by this committee. After much discussion, the consensus was that September 7<sup>th</sup> was too early; we should postpone the meal until October.

Marijke advised that Assumption Centre could not provide any meal, other than brunch. People felt brunch would be acceptable. Mary Ann said we could have a different meal at AC, catered by another source. Possible date: October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Barry, seconded by Mary Ann – that we move our luncheon/meeting to October 21<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that this could be a free event; Barry reported that \$8000 had been allocated to our first event. It will be decided later if we will do breakfast or have a caterer provide a different meal.

**Wellness:** Rose reported that her Wellness Committee was now comprised of herself, Paula Scott, Rena MacGregor, and Pat Bastarache.

**Brian: final questions:**

- 1) We will continue to meet by Zoom.
- 2) We will regretfully say no to Marg's barbecue invitation, for this year.

**Adjournment:** Agreed by all to adjourn.

**Next meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, by Zoom.**