

**NBSRT-SAINT JOHN BRANCH  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

**Note:** *To the solid line are notes from Robert; afterward is from Marg.*

The first meeting of the new season was held at Chateau Champlain at 10 am, with President Marg Urquhart chairing and the following in attendance: Robert Taylor, Nancy Steele, Pat Dugay, Jean Cameron, Carol Harris, Netta Chase, Larry McPhee, Pat Roy, Pat Beyea, Susan Smith, Barry Harbinson, Gerry Mabey, Mary Ann Patterson and Kathy Dalling. Regrets were received from Barrie Rigby, Norma Murphy and Linda Perrin. Marg welcomed members and expressed thanks for our past work and hopes for the coming season.

**Agenda:** Robert requested that Correspondence be added, and Sue **moved** and Netta **seconded** approval of the Agenda with the addition; motion **carried**.

**Minutes** of June 7<sup>th</sup>: The omitted **motion** under the Wellness Committee is that the Branch subsidize the Fredericton trip in the amount of \$500; motion **carried**. **Moved** by Robert and **seconded** by Nancy that the minutes be accepted as amended; **carried**.

**Correspondence:** Robert read a note of thanks from Carol Harris for our recognition of her receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In her note she listed other recipients.

**Finances:** Larry circulated a report of current assets (**attached**) totaling \$17,751. He recommended moving the \$100 from Surplus Shares and the \$2.06 from Standard Savings into the Current Account. **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Pat Dugay to accept the financial report and recommendation; motion **carried**. Larry further reported that local dues have been received except from one couple.

**Possible Workshops:** Barry Harbinson presented two proposals:

- The interrelationship of TP, CPP, OAS, RIF, and possible clawback of OAS when total income is over about \$68,000. It was suggested to have a two-part session: under 65 and over 65. An Investment Club is also possible. Barry will place an article in the fall newsletter inviting input on topics of interest. It was suggested to invite Dave Gorman of NBTF for next spring or fall.
- Photograph Composition: Barry has a contact at Fundy Camera Club. Consensus was to research the cost first.

**Calendar for 2012-13:** Marg circulated a revised copy (**attached**) by e-mail, and highlighted dates. Several additions:

- Nov. 15 (tentative) – Card Party
- Dec. 13-16 – Boston Pops Trip (Gerry Mabey)
- Feb. 7 (tentative) – Games Afternoon

**Promotional Poster:** Netta and Gerry have this ready to print. Marg suggested making it available at the Fall Luncheon for members to deliver to their former schools (another method of involving members).

**Website Chair?** Kathy recommends that yes, this committee does need a Chair, with helpers to ensure that site information is accurate when submitted, and to ensure timeliness of site content. Two names were suggested for her to approach as Chair. Kathy is also keeping the membership database, address labels, etc. for this year.

**Fredericton Trip:** Gerry circulated details (**attached**). The trip will be October 9<sup>th</sup>, with pickup points and times to be specified. It will include the School Days Museum, Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Richard Currie Centre, Government House, and a sit-down lunch at McConnell Hall. Cost will be \$45 per person. Pat Beyea has been in touch with Anna Throop of KCRTA offering spaces if available to their members.

**Boston Pops Trip:** Gerry said to watch for further information.

**Travel Insurance Workshop:** It was suggested to delay this from November to April. Gerry will contact Dale Weldon of NBTF.

**Social Committee:** Sue Smith reported as follows:

- Feedback on the spring luncheon at Assumption Centre was almost universally positive, with only one complaint about the cost.
- 48 are so far signed up for the dropout brunch, but only 2 of 18 retirees. Kathy read the names of 2012 retirees, and committee members volunteered to contact.
- 38 went on the river cruise in June; food was deemed a bit short.
- Tickets for the wine and cheese and the November card party will be available at the October luncheon.
- The Fall Luncheon will again be at Lily Lake.
- The committee will be meeting the second week of September to plan events.

**Wellness Committee:** Marg asked, should we be lobbying re the number of people seeking family doctors (four SJ doctors have this summer announced their plan to retire), and also should we insert wellness tips in our newsletters – in both cases the consensus was no.

**Voice Mail:** Mary Ann Patterson reported it takes hours for each new Chair of the Phone Committee to input about 250 telephone numbers for the voice mail list. She suggested a simpler system where the membership list can be divided up among maybe ten people to call when appropriate.

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**Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Pat Beyea that if transfer of the list of existing voice mail recipients from one phone number to another not be possible, individual calls will be made; motion **carried**.

**Membership:** Discussion revolved around the transfer of e-mail addresses and the challenges of getting messages out should someone be unavailable. Setting up a separate e-mail account such as gmail, with a password available to a few and a dedicated computer which could be passed along, were discussed. **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Nancy to purchase a laptop computer exclusively for membership records; motion **carried**. Further discussion of membership matters was tabled until Kathy Dalling is able to check with Lynne and Gerry White.

**New Business:**

- Questions to be asked by Marg to Roger Nesbitt for the Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> NBSRT Board of Directors meeting:
  - Does the reorganization of school districts impact branch organizations of retired teachers?
  - How could there have been an election of officers for the NBSRT at a Board of Directors meeting? Do there need to be changes to the constitution to more fully involve the membership at large?
- Pension: Barry H. reported that the provincial Pension Committee will be meeting in the fall and he anticipates being able to provide an update at that time.

**Adjournment** moved by Barry H. at 12:24 pm. Next meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor and Marg Urquhart.