

NBSRT-SJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2nd, 2012
MINUTES

This meeting was held at Chateau Champlain at 10 AM, with Barrie Rigby chairing. Regrets were received from Marg Urquhart, Larry McPhee, and George Little. Also absent were Roger Savoie and Kathy Dalling.

Minutes of the November 24th, 2011 meeting: In the Membership report, the fourth sentence should read "A membership *committee* meeting will be held once the list is sorted." Amended minutes were approved on a motion by Robert Taylor, seconded by Sue Smith.

Correspondence: The Secretary read a note of thanks from Carol Harris for the sympathy card sent on the death of her cousin Sterling Howard. Crescent Valley Resource Centre also sent a thank-you note re items collected at our Christmas social.

Financial Report: Larry McPhee e-mailed a report (**attached**) of revenues and expenditures covering the period May 1st, 2011 to January 15th, 2012. It shows total receipts of \$5499.90, total expenses of \$4106.09, and a surplus of \$1450.33. His report gives details on committee expenditures. Total assets are \$16,365.54, including \$9122.16 in the current account. Larry submitted a recommendation that we invest \$5000 from the current account into another GIC. This was moved by Sue Smith and Pat Dugay, but tabled on motion of Carol Robertson seconded by Pat Dugay, with direction to **Gerry Mabey** to investigate possible better rates at BMO.

Spring Luncheon: Sue Smith revealed that it will be at the Assumption Centre on May 17th, with RSVP by May 10th. The menu will be turkey. Brief speaker will be **Barry Harbinson** on the new Pension Committee.

Membership: Mary Ann Maillet noted that Aliant won't send voice mails to those with private voice message machines, so she needs four volunteers for a phone committee for about 60 names. Vernon Harding has expressed concern that we are slow to notify him of deaths of members; **Carol Harris**, who watches the obituaries, will notify **Barrie Rigby**, who will e-mail Lynne White and Vernon. Our membership is currently about 513; about 30 were on our list and now are not: did they withdraw? Are they listed in another Branch? **Gerry Mabey** volunteered to call them. The question was raised as to whether the provincial membership secretary might need help to keep up with changes. It was suggested that membership forms be available for signing when teachers pick up their retirement packages at District Office. Lynne White announced she is stepping down from Membership Secretary in May for personal reasons. **Lynne** will forward a current "names only" list (see Nov. 24th minutes) to **Robert** who will forward it on to Executive Committee for them to check on people they know.

Critical Illness Insurance: Marg Urquhart noted by e-mail, that response to a possible information session on this topic has been lukewarm, and recommends we not proceed.

NBTA Pension Seminar: Recommend an eye-catching colour **poster** be placed in schools in the spring.

Proposed Bus Trip to School Days Museum: **Pat Beyea** is looking into this; she'll ask interest at the May luncheon meeting and aim for the fall. Suggested additions to the trip: tour of the

Legislative Building, visit to the oldest church in NB, tour of the new Richard Currie Centre, lunch at the Hilltop.

Possible Joint Activities with KCRTA: As a pilot, it was suggested to invite them, through their Executive, to join us on the above bus trip if not fully subscribed by NBSRTSJ members. Moved by Sue Smith and seconded by Carol Robertson that we decide on an event-by-event basis whether to invite participation from KCRTA members; motion carried.

Social Committee:

- Christmas Wine and Cheese: Sue Smith reported that there were 50 paid attendance. The event went very well, with kudos to the facilities and the helpfulness of the Chateau staff. Ideas are being explored for next year, including entertainment (carolers, St. George Handbells, etc.)
- Games Party to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on February 9th; it is already fully subscribed.
- Riverboat Cruise? This is proposed for late June and would cost \$34 per person for a two hour cruise and dinner. **Pat Beyea** will ask interest at the May AGM. Limit 65.

Photography Workshop: **Roger Savoie** will offer Part 2 on February 21st.

Website: Mary Ann Patterson reported that Kathy Dalling is back in action; the site has been updated but the memorials for 2011 need to be updated. **Barry Harbinson** will send a Pension update. Barrie invited comments re the format of the Biennial via a questionnaire on the provincial web site.

Nominating Committee: Barrie Rigby is chairing this committee and needs two volunteers.

3rd Annual Newsletter? This is proposed for January, with a focus on Branch activities. **Robert** will check with George Little as to whether he might be willing to coordinate this additional newsletter. Barry Harbinson is willing to help.

Awards: Nominations for awards, to be given in the next election year (2013) should be given to Gerry Mabey.

School Days Museum is collecting art projects; the Saint John Branch is one of three to respond so far. We'll deliver projects on February 23rd.

Adjournment at 11:55 moved by Robert. Next meeting March 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.