

**NBSRT-SAINT JOHN BRANCH
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7th, 2012**

Meeting was held at Chateau Champlain at 10 a.m., with President Marg Urquhart chairing and the following in attendance: Larry McPhee, Gerry Mabey, Barrie Rigby, Ann Stone, Norma Murphy, Pat Dugay, Pat Beyea, Jean Cameron, Carol Harris, Netta Chase, Mary Ellen Maillet, Nancy Steele, and Robert Taylor (late). Regrets were received from Barry Harbinson, Sue Smith, Lynne White, Kathy Dalling, Pat Roy and Mary Ann Patterson. Marg welcomed Netta who has taken over Publicity, and thanked all for their work and support during the 2011-12 year. The Agenda was approved on **motion** of Larry, **seconded** by Carol.

Minutes of April 12th: Correction that Larry McPhee attended, not Larry McGrath. Acceptance as corrected **moved** by Nancy and **seconded** by Ann; motion **carried**.

Financial Report: Larry reported that Bayview Credit Union now levies a service charge, but he does not see this as an issue. He reported we have a balance of \$5348.77 in our current account and \$17,749 in investments. He **moved** and Pat Dugay **seconded** acceptance of his report; motion **carried**.

Business Arising:

- Re. cooperation with Kings County Branch: Pat Beyea reported that she has consulted with Ann Throop who is interested in following up.
- Re. Luncheon: A thank-you note was suggested for Assumption Center. Larry would like to see a duplicate list of those registered provided for those collecting money.

Scholarship Fund: Ann reported that the fund balance is over \$42,800. A second scholarship from this fund at this time is not advisable. We can explore in the fall what is involved if we want to give our own scholarship from the Branch. A thank-you note was received from Rachelle Fulton after a Guidance Counsellor intervened. There was discussion of whether we should require prior receipt of thanks before actually giving the funds. **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Gerry that the Branch donate \$1000 to the Scholarship Fund; motion **carried**.

Membership: **Moved** by Barrie and **seconded** by Norma that the Branch pay for the dropout lunch on Sept. 4th for new retirees; motion **carried**. An invitation will be delivered at tonight's Branch Retirement Reception to 15 new retirees. Netta and Gerry presented a proposal with variations for a poster promoting NBSRT membership; consensus was to go with legal size on white card stock. It was suggested that these go out to schools in November and March, and that we divide up schools and deliver them personally.

Nominating Committee: Barrie reported that Netta Chase has accepted to do Publicity and Mary Ann Patterson to chair the Phone Committee. Kathy Dalling will maintain Membership data and do e-mails to members for one year. A chair for the Website committee has yet to be chosen; the question was raised does this committee really need a chair since most of the work is done by one person. Marg suggested we personally contact members, especially recent retirees, who might fill Executive positions for the 2013-15 term.

Social Committee:

- Ann reported that Sue Smith is now a grandmother!
- River Cruise June 28th: About 25 are signed up so far; they will be called to remind them; others may RSVP up to June 22nd.
- May 17th Lunch: Despite a clearly stated deadline, there were still calls to Laura Wheaton after. Feedback was positive except for one person saying the cost was too high.
- Dropout Sept. 4th will be a breakfast-brunch buffet at Assumption Center, 11:00 for 11:30, cost \$10 which will also cover the room rent. We can test the menu ahead of time if we want, as they offer the same menu every second Sunday. RSVP to Sue Smith by August 28th at 738-2413 or sue-dale@rogers.com (new address).
- Fall Luncheon Oct. 18th: **Moved** by Nancy and **seconded** by Mary Ellen that the Branch pay for the rental of Lily Lake Pavilion; motion **carried**.
- December Wine and Cheese: This was proposed to be at Chateau Champlain again. Pat Beyea suggested that members pay and receive tickets at the October luncheon.
- Card parties were well received and will be offered again.

Wellness Committee:

- Bookings made at the May luncheon: 29 for the Fredericton trip, 21 for CPR workshop, 8 for Sleep Disorders workshop, 15 for Backyard Birding workshop, 5 for Nutritional Supplements workshop, 9 for Healthy Hearts workshop. We can offer the last four again at the October luncheon.
- Fredericton Trip: The date will be set considering bus availability on cruise ship days, the Art Gallery being open only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the need to make appointments for tours at the Richard Currie Centre and Government House. Consensus re lunch is to have sit-down rather than cafeteria. Once the date is known, Pat Beyea will contact Ann Throop of the Kings County Branch to invite their members to join us. Spouses and friends can also join us.
- **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Barrie that we give workshop presenters a gift up to \$100 in value; motion **carried**. Pat Beyea is authorized to choose a gift or charity.
- It was suggested we ask Dale Weldon to do a workshop in November on out-of-province medical insurance, similar to what he did at the NBSRT Annual Meeting on May 1st.

- Gerry Mabey is organizing a Boston Pops trip for December 13th to 16th; he would like to have it be primarily for retired teachers and guests. Information will be posted on the web site and also e-mailed and mailed to members later in the summer.
- **Moved** by Jean and **seconded** by Barrie that the Branch subsidize the bus for the Fredericton trip by \$500; **carried**.

Moved by Larry and **seconded** by Netta that the Committee reports be accepted; motion **carried**.

New Business:

- Membership: Renewal notices are needed for local members; other tasks will be discussed at our meeting August 23rd.
- Pension: Roger Nesbitt has issued an e-mail asking members to be vigilant as possible pension plan changes for government employees are discussed, even if we won't be directly affected.
- Proposed calendar for 2012-13 was presented and will be discussed at our July or August meetings.
- Social gathering at Marg's cottage July 12th, 12 noon for 1:00 lunch. Committee members are invited also. May include lick-n-stick for Boston Pops trip mailout.
- E-mail / phone calls needed re dropout function September 4th.
- Committee suggested to review our Constitution for possible changes.
- NBSRT AGM May 1st, 2013 in Fredericton per decision at the 2012 AGM. It was suggested we support delegates, and also stress to members that this is the only meeting at which *all* members can vote.
- Barrie Rigby's new address is 33 St. Peter's Court, E2K 5N4.
- A card will be sent to Nina Fulton, whose husband recently died.

Dates not mentioned above:

- September 5th – Bowling resumes
- September 25th – NBSRT Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment moved by Larry at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.