

**NBSRT SAINT JOHN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15th, 2012**

This meeting was held at Chateau Champlain at 10 AM with President Marg Urquhart chairing and the following in attendance: Robert Taylor, Carol Harris, Larry McPhee, Sue Smith, Barry Harbinson, Nancy Steele, Linda Perrin, Jean Cameron, Pat Dugay, Mary Ellen Maillet, Mary Ann Patterson. Regrets were received from Pat Beyea, Barrie Rigby, Norma Murphy, Gerry Mabey and Patricia Roy.

Agenda: Larry **moved** approval and Barry **seconded**; motion **carried**.

Minutes of the February 2nd meeting: Several corrections were noted:

- Membership (first line): Mary Ellen Maillet, not Mary Ann Maillet;
- NBTA Pension Seminar: Delete the title and move the sentence to the end of the Membership report, adding that Netta Chase volunteered to design such a poster.
- Awards: typo “next”.

Moved by Barry and **seconded** by Mary Ellen that the Minutes be approved as corrected; motion **carried**.

Financial Report: Larry circulated a listing of the assets of the Branch, totaling \$17,501.19. He noted that we are receiving a rebate of \$1440 for 480 members, but we are missing out on rebates for 26 other members. He reported he received a thank-you letter from the Seniors Centre in the City Market for our donation. It was recommended that budget requests for 2012-13 be given to Larry by March 31st so that the Finance Committee can meet to prepare a proposed budget to recommend to the April Executive Committee meeting. The following motions were made:

- **Moved** by Barry and **seconded** by Nancy that the Social Committee budget for 2011-12 be increased to \$1500; motion **carried**.
- **Moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Jean that the financial report be accepted; motion **carried**.
- **Moved** by Pat Dugay and **seconded** by Robert that \$5000 from the current account be invested in a five-year Step GIC at Bayview Credit Union (average 2.75% rate); motion **carried**.

Membership Follow-up: Carol Harris and Pat Dugay reported that they made some phone calls, and many said if they were automatic members of NBTA then they took it for granted they were automatic members of NBSRT. Marg reported that District Office has agreed to make a letter and enrolment form available to retirees. The Provincial NBSRT is seeking to have Districts allow retiring teachers sign a waiver to allow District offices to release their contact information to NBSRT Branches. It was suggested that Branches might confer with each other to see if others are having “contact information” and “border” issues.

3rd Annual Newsletter?: Robert reported that George Little would find compiling this in January to be tight, as he and Pearl are normally getting ready to go away. It was **moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Jean that we start a 3rd issue as a winter “contact bulletin” with a focus on Branch activities, to be sent out by January 31st; motion **carried**. Barry and Robert offered to help with compiling.

River Boat and School Days Museum Trips: An indication of interest was sought at the February card party, and sign-up sheets will be available at the May luncheon.

Social Committee Report:

- Card Party was very successful, with 58 people including some friends of members, great food and prizes. It was duly noted that the only man present (Larry) won the 50/50 draw! Another card and board games party will be held April 19th from 1 to 4 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cost \$5, RSVP to Sue Smith by April 13th at noon.
- May Luncheon and AGM will be at Assumption Centre on May 17th. Cost will be \$20 to cover lunch and room rent. Punch and cash bar. RSVP by May 10th to Laura Wheaton, 738-2604 or lwheaton@rogers.com
- Riverboat Cruise will be held June 28th from 1 to 4 pm. The dinner component will not be held; we can bring catered snacks on board. Cash bar available. Cost \$34 if fewer than 50 people, \$32 if 50 or more. RSVP by June 22nd to Anne Levasseur, 648-0885 or lev678@rogers.com

It was **moved** by Mary Ann Patterson and **seconded** by Carol Harris that the Social Committee book Lily Lake Pavilion for the Fall meeting on October 18th; motion **carried**. Thanks were expressed to Sue Smith and her committee for their hard work in providing social opportunities for members.

Dropout Lunch: Sue Smith recommended we not return to Fort Howe Hotel due to food quality concerns. It was suggested we might try the Maple Leaf Queens Buffet or Chateau Saint John, or maybe try a 10 AM brunch.

Sign-up Lists: It was noted that the list for the February photography workshop disappeared, so follow-up calls were not made and no one appeared except Ron Savoie, Marg, and the coffee. It was **moved** by Pat Dugay and **seconded** by Nancy Steele that we give Roger a \$75 gift certificate for his trouble; motion **carried**.

Joint Activities with Kings County Branch? Robert will ask Jean to put this item onto the agenda of KCRTA at their Executive meeting on April 18th. **Moved** by Nancy and **seconded** by Mary Ellen to table this matter pending response from KCRTA; motion **carried**.

Biennial: Barry reported he had no responses re format of the Biennial, and suggested just a general meeting in Fredericton in 2013.

Fridge Magnets: Design is in progress.

Pension Integration at age 65: Kathy Dalling will offer information on this on March 21st at Bayview.

Next Meeting will move from April 26th to April 12th to prepare for the newsletter and the May luncheon and AGM.

Adjournment moved by Carol Harris at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.