

**NBSRT-Saint John Branch
Executive Committee Meeting
November 22nd, 2012**

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

Agenda: Approved on motion of Barry, seconded by Robert.

Minutes of September 13th approved on motion of Robert, seconded by Barry.

Treasurer's Report: Larry McPhee circulated a list of assets totaling \$14,346. He noted \$1500 is receivable in dues, and expenses have been \$1732 for computer, \$500 to the Milk Fund, \$580 rent to Lily Lake, and \$771 for the bus to Fredericton. It was noted that twelve people dropped out of this trip, so the bus cost \$271 extra. It was **moved** by Mary Ann and **seconded** by Pat that we require a non-refundable deposit for events requiring an outlay of funds; motion **carried**. It was **moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Mary Ann that the financial report be accepted; motion **carried**.

Correspondence:

- A note of thanks was received from the Milk Fund.
- Ditto from UNB for our donation to the Scholarship Fund, along with an invitation to an open-house at the President's home on December 1st.
- "Thinking of You" cards have been sent to Pat Beyea and Art Pottle; a second one will be sent to Pat, along with one to David Brookins.

Business Outstanding:

- Fridge Magnets: consensus to forget this project proposal.
- Telephone Committee: Consensus that it is useful for reminders, and that it be continued while we see responses when we re-issue the calendar in January; so **moved** by Netta and **seconded** by Mary Ann; **carried**.

Wellness Committee: Pat Beyea has the lists of those who signed up for workshops at the October luncheon; she may need support while she is recovering re contacts, reminders. There have been only two responses to the Investment Club proposal; this can be re-visited in 2013.

Social Committee: No report, as Sue Smith is away until the end of the year.

Website Committee: The website is under review to update and to improve navigation.

Publicity Committee: Address updates were found for all except one returned newsletter.

Scholarship Committee: Helene Woodley of Saint John High was awarded \$1100. She is a Year 1 Science student with extensive extracurricular involvement. Ann noted that a year at university with residence now costs over \$17,000.

Membership Committee: The latest list from Vernon Matthews has 17 new members in our Branch. Vernon's list and the Reflections list differ by about 100; a meeting to reconcile the two has been requested but not held. Arising out of continuing concern re these and other discrepancies in the lists, we wonder if the NBSRT Constitution or By-Laws need to be revised to limit positions to two terms.

Christmas Social: to be held in the Parrtown Room of the Holiday Inn Express on December 6th. About 35 have signed up so far. Ellen Palmer will ask Kathy Dalling to send out e-mail reminders.

NBSRT Biennial: to be held in Fredericton on May 1st. After considerable discussion, it was **moved** by Larry and **seconded** by Barry that the Branch pay the \$10 registration fee, plus a \$25 transportation subsidy for those who drive, for up to 30 Branch members who are not covered by the provincial NBSRT; motion **carried**. This will be published in the January newsletter, and Larry will administer responses.

Nominating Committee: Barrie Rigby will chair this committee and will invite Brian Bawn to work with him.

Constitutional Review: Gerry Mabey will invite Kathy Wilson to join this committee. Board members are asked to look at our own duties for the January meeting.

Budget Review: Give needs for 2013-14 to Larry.

Proposal for school group tables at luncheon meetings: consensus okay in principle.

Spring Speaker: Consensus not a full speaker, but maybe give Zoe Watson a few minutes to speak about the re-organization of districts.

Next Meeting January 17th – storm date 24th.

Adjournment moved at 11:58 by Barry Harbinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.