

NBSRT Saint John Branch
Monthly Meeting
Minutes for April 16, 2015

Call to Order: President Barry Harbinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at Rivercross Church, Forbes Drive, Saint John.

Attending: Barry Harbinson, Nancy Steele, MaryAnne Patterson, Kathy Dalling, Kathy Wilson, Jill Jollineau, Judy Bramen, Robert Taylor, Pat Duguay Jean Cameron, Larry McPhee, Netta Chase, Linda Perrin, Pat Roy

Regrets: John Sheehan, Ellen Palmer, Bill Mahaffey, Gerry Mabey, Carol Harris Raynes, Marg Urquhart,

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda included the website and membership. Moved by Judy Bramen, seconded by Nancy Steele, approved.

Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2015: Amended and Moved by Nancy Steele, seconded by Judy Bramen, approved.

Treasurer's Report: in new business

Business Arising from the Minutes: The projector was purchased as described in the minutes of March 19, 2015. Larry McPhee has taken responsibility for it at present and he will hand it off to Ellen Palmer when she returns.

Committee Reports:

Pension Committee: Members received the brochure from the Pension board. There was a discussion regarding payments, cost and keeping track of publications. Have there been deposits to the contingency fund? How is its growth being communicated? Kathy Dalling will investigate who are the new members on the board and who is representing NBSRT.

Phone Committee: the notice is ready to go with regards to the workshop.

Awards Committee: Judy Bramen spoke with Marg Urquhart and reports that more information is required to go ahead with the awards.

Social Committee: Pat Duguay reported on the AGM luncheon. The luncheon will be held at Hillcrest Church, 756 Lancaster Ave. Registration is at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at 12:00 pm Deadline to purchase a ticket is May 14, 2015. The cost will be \$15 and the choices for lunch are lasagna or turkey dinner. There will be a 50-50 draw and door prizes. The prizes are to include 'drop out' luncheon tickets for September, gift cards, etc. RSVP is to Laura Wheaton. There is no guest speaker

as there will be elections. A/V equipment including a microphone must be provided. Judy Bramen will chair the meeting.

June 25th is the date of the bbq at Marg Urqhart's. At the June meeting, the committee will decide who will provide various food items to prevent having a surplus of food such as last year.

The bus trip to St. Andrews/St. Stephen will take place on June 4, 2015. Registration by May 28, 2015 to Anne Levasseur. The cost is \$55 and includes lunch and transportation. The departure point is Lancaster Mall and the trip includes visits to Huntsman Marine Lab (guided tour), Kingsbrae Garden (guided tour) and a stop to view the Stonehammer Sculpture. There will be a table at the AGM for payment. This trip fills three of the recommendations from the membership received last year at the AGM.

Motion: Pat Duguay moved, seconded by Pat Roy, that a subsidy of \$750 be provided to support the bus trip. Approved.

The date for the 'drop out' lunch is

September 8 at Assumption Centre. The cost is \$15. Registration at 11 am, lunch at 11:30. Please confirm with Norma Murphy before September 1.

The suggestion box will be at the AGM to continue to collect ideas from the membership at large.

Scholarship Committee: Marion Williams and the scholarship recipient will invited attend the luncheon. A picture will taken for the website.

Website: The website continues as a work in progress. Two websites are currently being maintained.

Wellness: nothing new to report. Walking trips will commence shortly and Bill will send a notice when it is suitable walking weather.

School Days Museum: no report at this time

Publicity: Information to be included in the newsletter must be provided by the 21st. This newsletter will include information from the President, Wellness, Constitution recommendations, Cards/Reflections information to encourage recognition of accomplishments as well as sympathy notices for deaths and illness, School Days Museum contact information, notice from the College of Extended Learning regarding part time teaching positions, call for updated contact information and the website renewal notice.

The 'Lick n Stick' session will be held on April 30th at 10:00 am at Rivercross Church. Kathy has all the needed materials.

Nominating Committee: no report

New Business:

Action Item: 1. check website for minutes and updates.

2. motion by Pat Duguay, seconded by Kathy Dalling to purchase four gift cards for the AGM. Approved.

3. Robert Taylor led a discussion regarding investments. The bank balance is 8000\$ plus investments of 10 500\$. The investments are split with one maturing in spring 2016 and the other maturing in spring 2017. Robert recommended we purchase a third investment for 3 years which would mean it would come due in the spring of 2018. The amount of 3 000\$ was suggested. Robert Taylor moved, seconded by Larry McPhee to purchase a three year 3 000\$ investment. Approved.

4. Gerry Mabey has planned the financial awareness working shop for Wednesday, April 22nd at 10 a.m.. The location is the District Office at Millidgeville North School. The timing is difficult but a lot of preparation has already been done and the presenters have confirmed their presence. There will be an email notice out to the membership and the phone committee is prepared to make their calls. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word.

5. The question of insurance was asked of State Farm rep Robert Scott. He believes there is no need for a policy as our events and activities are no different than a group of friends planning an activity together. The bus company and/or venues used for activities carry their insurance and each person who participates with free will. Barry will check with provincial committee regarding their insurance.

6. Constitution changes. Moved by Judy Bramen, seconded by Nancy Steele regarding item 7 of elections Article C to read: the 2-2 year terms for officers can be extended. Approved.

A discussion took place regarding the alternate director and how this could be the duty of the 1st or 2nd VP. The consensus was to have this remain as is- not to be changed.

The next meeting will be held June 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Rivercross Church.

Motion by Nancy Steele to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Jollineau

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Nancy Steele.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2015 at Rivercross Church.
Lick and stick is April 30, 2015.