

NBSRT Saint John Branch  
Monthly Meeting  
Minutes for August 20, 2015

Call to Order: President Barry Harbinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at Rivercross Church, Forbes Drive, Saint John.

Attending: Barry Harbinson, MaryAnne Patterson, Kathy Wilson, Jill Jollineau, Robert Taylor, Jean Cameron, Netta Chase, Pat Roy, Ellen Palmer, Bill Mahaffy, Gerry Mabey, Brian Greig

Regrets: John Sheehan, Carol Harris Raynes, Nancy Steele, Kathy Dalling, Pat Duguay, Linda Perrin, Marg Urquhart, Larry McPhee

Approval of Agenda: moved by Jean Cameron and seconded by Bill Mahaffy, all in favour.

Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2015: Moved by Pat Roy, seconded by Ellen Palmer, all in favour.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Carol Robertson did not require any extra funds to provide a successful bowling event. The bank account balance is approximately \$5300. A written financial report will be provided at the next meeting, the 'drop out' brunch. A check was sent to Rivercross Church in appreciation for the use of the facilities and their generous offering of coffee/tea. A motion was made for an East Coast Bistro gift card to be sent to Marg. Moved by Netta Chase, seconded by Ellen Palmer, all in favour. Last month's treasurer's report was received and will be included with these minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

Director's Report: no director's report. There is a meeting on September 30, 2015 for the provincial body in the NBTA building in Fredericton. Our branch will send a couple of people and an invitation will go out to the membership for interested people. Barry H, Nancy S, and Judy B will be going.

**Telephone Committee:** no news to report

**Social Committee:**

Pat Roy is the chairperson of this committee.

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.

Barry H sent a letter to all new retirees inviting them to attend. Pat R will collaborate with the phone committee to encourage attendance at the event. The suggestion box will be at the AGM to continue to collect ideas from the membership at large.

The October luncheon planning is well underway. Pat is looking for suggestions for a speaker for the luncheon- email her your ideas. Pat and her committee are looking for ways to encourage participation at the event.

The Christmas date is yet to be confirmed as the committee attempts to choose a date that does not overlap with the trip to New York. Barry H brought up the idea of doing something special as part of the celebration of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. April is the founding month and a unique additional event is being considered. Many suggestions were made and Pat Roy will bring them to her committee.

**Scholarship Committee:** Netta has made contact with Marion Williams regarding the year's recipient. The announcement will be made in mid September.

**Website:** The website is up and running. All comments, suggestions and critiques are welcome and appreciated to aid the committee in making improvements. There is a meeting scheduled for September 1 to update the site. A suggestion was made to add photos of executive and a general picture of the committee to make them recognizable to the general membership.

**Wellness:** A proactive schedule for the walking group will be provided on the website and in the newsletter. There is a change in the routine and this will be outlined. The photo session continues to be a work in progress. A couple of retired teachers and a current teacher will be approached to offer a session(s). Suggestions to participate in the various senior's expos that take place in the city and area during the fall and spring. Another session regarding financial management, wills, critical care insurance will be arranged and offered during the coming year.

**School Days Museum:** no report at this time.

**Publicity:** Brian Greig will be the chairperson for this committee. He is collecting information for the newsletter to be prepared for the end of September. All information is to be submitted by the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and the 'peel and stick' party will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Rivercross to prepare the mail outs.

**Nominating Committee:** no report

**New Business:**

Jean C will send a card to Marilyn Lester expressing our condolences on the death of her husband.

Kathy Wilson is preparing an article for Reflections magazine celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> year of our branch.

In celebration of our 65<sup>th</sup> a motion was made by Bill M to have a \$65 prize draw for the first 65 to register for the four main events this year. The motion was seconded by Jill J and all were in favour.

The next meeting will be held September 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Rivercross Church.

Motion by Brian G to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Jollineau.

**NBSRT-SJ FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2015**

Biennial in Grand Falls – spent \$770 of \$1200 budgeted.

Membership: Received \$1764 for 588 members.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Luncheon / AGM: Total received \$1472.85

Total spent \$1350.14

Yielding a profit of \$122.71

St. Andrews trip: Received \$285 cash, to be refunded to five people (addresses known)

To return 2 of 11 cheques and destroy the rest.