

## NBSRT-SJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2014

### **Minutes**

The venue for the meeting was Chateau Champlain, 10 a.m. President Barry Harbinson was the chair and brought the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Mary Ann Patterson, Judy Braman, Robert Taylor, Kathy Wilson, Jill Jollineau, Ellen Palmer, Netta Chase, Carol Raynes, Linda Perrin, Norma Murphy

Regrets: Jean Cameron, Karen Walsh, Gerry Mabey, Marg Urquhart, Nancy Steele, Pat Duguay, John Sheehan, Bill Mahaffey,

**Motion to adopt Agenda: moved by** Linda Perrin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann Patterson; all in favour- carried

**Minutes:** moved by Carol Raynes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Braman –carried. Carol expressed her gratitude for all the warm wishes offered to her and her husband on their recent marriage.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Robert Taylor provided a financial report.

The October Luncheon showed a net loss of \$316.00. The branch agreed to subsidize the rental and this resulted in the loss.

The November card party showed a loss of \$141.00. This event is considered to be a service to the members and break even is not expected.

The Christmas Wine and Cheese Party showed a net loss of \$429.00 however there are still outstanding receipts from those who did not attend but committed to attendance in their follow up phone call.

A discussion ensued regarding collecting from those 'no shows' especially for costly events like the dinners. It was decided that a note in the newsletter would remind people of the expenditures resulting from their commitment and the resulting losses from non-payment. AGM financial report will indicated losses from non payments.

The investment portfolio remains unchanged.

Robert Taylor moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Braman to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried.

### **Pension Committee report:**

John Sinclair, CEO of Investment Management reported that the plan did very well with without the money from the province. It increased by 300 000 000 +; it is well over last year.

What is the real issue promoting shared risk? Actuarial tables show a billion dollar loss in future and the shared risk choice would take this 'paper debt' from the books.

There was a meeting with NBTF, NBSRT president, SERV- 3 members, and Dawson Murray. Questions are being asked on Appendix B especially the definition regarding language e.g. retirement age. Is the concept of age service index gone? Do we want teachers in the classroom until age 65? The NBTF says no; the government says no; and the teachers say no. Smaller meetings are scheduled to hammer out language etc. Alward recognizes the difference between PSSA and NBTF pension plans. Higgs will not entertain delay tactics that would delay legislation before spring. It is difficult to say what legislation will look like. The government speaks of 'intergenerational' fairness and the need to be 'fair' to next generation of teachers.

Higgs stated that current benefits could and would be protected but nothing in the legislation protects this.

**Nominating report:**

Marg Urquhart has accepted the nomination for the position of VP.

Roger Nesbitt is retiring.

Betty Smith is retiring.

The treasurer and membership committee person are reoffering.

Gail Brown is not reoffering.

If anyone is interested in offering, please contact Barry.

**Awards committee report:**

No report at this time.

**Social report:**

The wine and cheese party had 54 attendees.

On March 20, 2014 there will a card party from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. George/St. Jude on Watson Street. The cost is \$10.

**Publicity report:**

2 of the communiqués sent out were returned; one in a nursing home and one unknown.

**Scholarship report:**

A photo of Cayla Pearman, student at UNBSJ and scholarship recipient was obtained by Marion Williams. It will be posted on the website. There will be a meeting scheduled to discuss participation in the Hazen White/St. Francis Partnership Program.

**School Days Museum report:**

An email was received from Brenda Liston outlining the theme 'Anniversary'. They do not need artifacts for the displays.

**Website report:**

The committee needs the minutes for the fall luncheon 2011 and the spring AGM 2013.

**Other Business:**

The spring newsletter will be released April 24, 2014 with a deadline of April 1, 2014.

AGM April 29, 2014 and we will consider in February meeting who will be the representatives at the meeting. Traditionally it is the director, alternate director, president and a fourth. There is no registration as it is only a meeting. Barry recommended we approve the cost of sending 4 vehicles to offer the opportunity to many to attend.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Chateau Champlain.

Ellen Palmer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Jollineau