

NBSRT Saint John Branch
Monthly Meeting
Minutes for June 18, 2015

Call to Order: President Barry Harbinson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. at , Bedell Ave., Saint John.

Attending: Barry Harbinson, MaryAnne Patterson, Kathy Wilson, Jill Jollineau, Robert Taylor, Jean Cameron, Larry McPhee, Netta Chase, Pat Roy, Ellen Palmer, Marg Urquhart, Bill Mahaffy

Regrets: John Sheehan, Gerry Mabey, Carol Harris Raynes, Nancy Steele, Kathy Dalling, Pat Duguay, Linda Perrin

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda included the barbecue and an announcement regarding group insurance. Moved by Ellen Palmer, seconded by Pat Roy, approved.

Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2015: Moved by Netta Chase, seconded by Pat Roy, approved.

Treasurer's Report: money was provided to Carol Robertson regarding bowling. A written report will be sent to secretary.

Committee Reports:

Director's Report: nothing from Nancy Steele to add to the report. The biennial was successful and the next one will be in the Miramichi. There were questions regarding incorporation of NBSRT. Clyde Spinney to speak to this in fall. It would require government charter to legislate membership. It is generally held the idea of making people join would be a 'no go'.

Telephone Committee: no news to report

Social Committee:

The luncheon was successful and there was a general approval of the facility by those in attendance. The food preference was lasagna over the turkey dinner.

Preparations continue for Marg's bbq. The timing is after 11 to eat at 1. Rather than a potluck a sign up sheet was passed around. The branch buys the burgers and the buns are homemade. Have the people from the committees been invited?

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 will send a personal letter to each new retiree to invite them to the luncheon. The suggestion box will be at the AGM to continue to collect ideas from the membership at large.

Scholarship Committee: Netta will receive information from Kathy and will contact Marion Williams to meet with her.

Website: The website continues as a work in progress. Two websites are currently being maintained. It will be functioning before the end of the summer. All are invited to take a look at the site and email Ellen any suggestions or comments.

Wellness: Not too many members are joining the walk but the weather has not been too cooperative. Walks will continue to the end of June and then resume in September. This fall the walks will continue at Rockwood Park and then move to the Irving Nature Park in the spring. The photography classes are still a work in progress. A schedule will be available in September and the info provided at the Sept 8 luncheon.

School Days Museum: no report at this time. All are encouraged to visit the provincial museum as there are many interesting exhibits.

Publicity: There is no chairperson for this committee.

Nominating Committee: no report

New Business:

Storage of Items: Kathy Wilson has returned all the pictures to the retirees. A discussion took place regarding the need for a storage site.

Templates for Certificates: Should we create a permanent/consistent form? Barry will provide a couple for comment.

Donation: Should we provide a donation to Rivercross for the use of their facility? Barry moved that a donation be presented, Marg seconded, moved.

Group Insurance: There was a meeting at the end of May between the Anglo and Franco groups to establish a joint committee to negotiate for better service and to pressure the trustees to strongly negotiate for improvements.

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Assumption Church.

Motion by Jill to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Jollineau