

NBSRT-SJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6th, 2013

MINUTES

This meeting was held at Chateau Champlain at 10 a.m., with President Barry Harbinson chairing and the following in attendance: Netta Chase, Jean Cameron, Robert Taylor, Ellen Palmer, Pat Dugay, Mary Ellen Maillet, Marg Urquhart, Nancy Steele, Linda Perrin, Gerry Mabey.

Agenda was adopted on motion of Marg, seconded by Netta.

Minutes of April 11th were approved on motion of Robert, seconded by Nancy.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported that the AGM dinner made about \$60. He noted that Larry McPhee was Treasurer for 14 years – see further reference under Awards. He also circulated a Branch ledger for the period 1951 to 1983, noting that dues in 1951 were \$1.00, and that it cost \$4 to rent a room at the Royal Hotel for meetings. The committee voted to donate this ledger to the School Days Museum.

Branch Retirement Dinner: This dinner is tonight at Lily Lake. Branch 0820 will host Barry Harbinson. NBSRT-SJ will pay for Nancy Steele, Linda Perrin, Gerry Mabey, and Pat Roy; Robert will deliver a \$140 cheque to Branch 0820 President Brian Grieg at Harbourview later today.

Committee Reports:

- **Social:** Marg reported that this committee will be meeting on June 20th. The Dropout Brunch is organized for September 3rd. **Moved** by Marg and **seconded** by Ellen that the Branch host 2013 retirees for the brunch; motion **carried**. The deadline to sign up for the June 26th Casino trip to Moncton will be extended if possible.
- **Wellness:** About 25 people signed up for the Stonehammer trip; it was suggested to plan this on a non-cruise day near the end of October. It was suggested that an e-mail list be created for each event so that reminders can be sent.
- **School Days Museum:** Some artifacts have been loaned; Norma will deliver these along with our 1951-1983 ledger.
- **Website:** Ellen reported that she went to the provincial website meeting, at which the startup by the Saint John Branch was recognized.
- **Membership:** Note that recent retirees are given a one-year honorary membership in NBTA but not in NBSRT. Marg circulated a list of Branch retirees gleaned from the June NBTA News from 2003 to 2012, and suggested we feel free to call those we know who aren't members of NBSRT.

Pension Seminar: This successful event was held yesterday morning at Millidgeville North. John Sheehan says to send him any notes that we think could go into a "talking points" list which he will compile. There is more assurance of support from NBTA/F. If

we are writing to our M.La., it is suggested we just say we are concerned without going into details. It was **moved** by Marg and **seconded** by Pat Roy that the Branch send a \$100 donation to the Pension Coalition and \$50 to Mike Springer for their appearance as resource people at the seminar; motion **carried**.

Phone Committee: Noting that 5 of 15 callers were away for the last call, Mary Ann suggested that each member of her committee find a “buddy” to help when they’re away. Several Executive Committee members volunteered to be backups. Information has to be kept confidential. Lists must be updated as we get new members or lose members.

Nominating Committee: Marg reported that Karen Walsh has agreed to head up the Group Insurance Committee and Kathy Wilson the Scholarship Committee. Contacts are being made for 2nd VP, Secretary, and the Wellness Committee.

Card Committee: Jean will break further into the \$20 that she was given in 1985, to send another “thinking of you” card to Pat Beyea.

Awards: Gerry reported that this will be delayed until the fall due to a busy lead-up to the spring meeting and his work with the Constitution which took a lot of time. Committee consensus re those who have served a long time in one position was to compile a list which can be recognized at the fall luncheon, and also to have the President write a thank-you letter to each of them. It was further suggested to post on the website a list of those who have been awarded honorary life memberships or certificates of appreciation; Marg will search old minutes or ask George Little in compiling a list.

Fall Luncheon: This will be October 17th. Committee consensus was to return to Lily Lake for the fall and St. Mark’s Pettingill for the spring. It was suggested members might offer shuttles from the upper parking lot at Lily Lake. The following were suggested as possible speakers for the fall meeting: Greg Hemmings (Barry to invite), novelist Robert Rayner, or Linda Perrin re her recent Holy Land trip.

Use of facilities: **Moved** by Marg and **seconded** by Netta that we donate \$100 each to Chateau Champlain and Bayview School; motion **carried**.

Adjournment moved by Robert at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor,
Secretary pro tem.