

NBSRT-SJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21st, 2013
MINUTES

This meeting was held at 10 am at Chateau Champlain, with President Marg Urquhart chairing and the following in attendance: Robert Taylor, Barrie Rigby, Nancy Steele, Gerry Mabey, Pat Dugay, Sue Smith, Carol Harris, Jean Cameron, Barry Harbinson, Norma Murphy, Netta Chase, Ann Stone, Pat Roy, and Cathy Wilson of the Constitution Committee. Regrets from Mary Ann Patterson, Ellen Palmer, Linda Perrin, Larry McPhee, Kathy Dalling and Pat Beyea.

Agenda: Adopted on motion of Barry, seconded by Nancy.

Minutes of February 21st: Two corrections were noted: Pat Dugay was in attendance, and it was she who seconded acceptance of the financial report. Corrected minutes adopted on motion of Robert, seconded by Nancy.

Finances: No report as Larry was absent. It will cost about \$600 to finance 25 members to the Biennial on May 1st in Fredericton.

Pensions Issue: Yesterday Barry e-mailed the Executive Committee a chart showing how current pension of \$45,000 per year will grow if COLA at 2.5% annually is allowed for 24 years. He will provide an update with embedded formulas which will calculate your own growth if you insert your current pension in place of the \$45,000. He will ask Kathy Dalling to put this on the website, and also to e-mail us an updated membership list so we can get this information out to all retired teachers.

Barry also reported that Dawson Murray has been brought up to date on the government's plans to have all groups sign onto the shared-risk pension model. Dawson is "concerned" – a mild description -- that the Pension Act may become instead a policy, changeable at will; that the NB Investment Management may be shut down and outsourced to Bay Street; and that current NBTf staff may not know, understand, and/or appreciate past negotiations wherein we accepted lower wages for a superior pension deal.

It was suggested we might ask to meet with the Greater Saint John caucus, chaired by Glen Savoie, when it next meets. We need to contact all retired teachers and disavow them of the notion that pensions of retired teachers are untouchable. Barry will supply us with "talking points" which we can send to NBSRT members and non-members alike.

Constitution Committee: Changes suggested by the committee and by this meeting were mainly in Appendix A – Duties:

- Past President: Add "Meeting" as the last word in sec. 4.
- Secretary: Delete sec. 4.
- Treasurer: Add sec. 9: Collect dues from local members and inform the Membership Secretary.
- Director: Premise to read: "The Director and voting delegate shall"
- Membership Secretary: Delete sec. 3 (transferred to Treasurer).
- Membership Secretary: Move Sec. 7 to Constitution Article II (e) as an objective.
- Website: Sec. 1 to read "Meet at the call of the chair and/or the webmaster".
- Website: Sec. 2 to read "Consist of up to six persons and the Webmaster.
- Telephone Committee: Delete Sec. 3.

- Telephone Committee Sec. 4 to read “Coordinate phone calls as necessary for Branch events.”
- Social Committee Sec. 3 to read “Coordinate social events.”
- Social Committee Sec. 4 to read “Solicit and use feedback from the membership.”
- Group Insurance and Wellness: Split off Sec. 1 to 5 to be Group Insurance, and Sec. 1, 2, 6, and 7 to be Wellness. Not recommended by Exec. Committee until the three committee heads meet to discuss a possible splitting of functions. Sue Smith noted that her Social Committee does not want Wellness added to its mandate.
- Wellness Sec. 6 to read “Promote wellness activities.”
- Card Committee: Delete Sec. 4
- Branch Rep – School Days Museum: Delete Sec. 5
- Interests: Bowling: Delete this section, as it can apply to any interest group. Also, transfer their budget to the Wellness budget.
- Constitution Article VI Sec. 2: Remove reference to Alternate Director, but keep the voting delegate to the NBSRT.

The committee will meet again prior to our April 11th meeting to finalize suggestions so that members can be informed when the Spring newsletter goes out.

Nominating Committee: Barrie Rigby reported that three people wish to step down (Social and Scholarship) or transfer positions (Secretary). Cathy Wilson offered to chair the Scholarship Committee. A new Social chair or co-chair will be sought.

Social Committee: Sue Smith reported that there were 37 at the Games Day on March 14th. Her committee is looking into an event in the last half of June.

Travel Insurance Workshop: It was suggested we announce this to all media, including an ad in the Telegraph Journal. An update on the pension issue could be given at the end with Dale Weldon’s permission. A restaurant coupon was suggested as a door prize.

Other Agenda Items were deferred or are summarized here:

- Letter was sent re group insurance concern.
- Letters were sent in support of the Final 12 and the Age Friendly City. Update: The Final 12 bid was successful.
- Spring Newsletter: content due by April 20th, publish April 27th, RSVP May 9th for luncheon on the 16th.
- Reports for the AGM to be e-mailed to Robert by May 3rd for compiling into a package.

50+ Friendship Games: Norma Murphy notified us of this function which occurs June 2nd to 7th and is coordinated by the Seniors Resource Centre.

Adjournment moved at 12:00 by Barry Harbinson. Next meeting April 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.