



NBSRTSJ January 18, 2024 Executive Committee Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held over Zoom with President Bob Bonner in the chair. Members attending included: Marijke Blok, Judy Braman, Frances Butler, Kathy Dalling, Barry Harbinson, Rena MacGregor, Ellen Palmer, Paula Scott, Ann Stone, Margaret Urquhart. Regrets: Pat Dugay, Pat Murray, Pat Loughery, Bob O'Connell, Rose Theriault.

1. **Call to order:** Bob called the meeting to order at 10:03.
2. **Additions/changes to the agenda:**
 - A. Marg: Branch resolution regarding Reflections
 - B. Marg: Scholarship Funds in recognition of the 600th member (later removed)
 - C. Marg: June event for Reflections
 - D. Marg: Planning communication activities for teachers expecting to retire this year
 - E. Kathy: discuss communication of members being added to NBSRTSJ
3. **Approval of the agenda:** agenda approved following additions (**Approved Barry, seconded Marg**)
4. **Approval of the Nov. 23, 2023 minutes: (Barry, Marg)**
5. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. Bob approached the HR person at Ambassatours and they did a lovely write-up for the Newsletter.

ACTION ITEM: Marijke has a deadline of Jan. 29th for all Newsletter items; these will be mailed Feb. 1. Newsletter submissions deadline dates are Jan. 29, April 21, Aug. 8, Oct. 28.

- B. Margaret noted that we discussed the possibility of having an information session for members in March on the topics of changes to our group insurance with Dale Wheldon, and senior fraud. Following discussion, it was decided to postpone the event due to the AGM committee work.

MOTION: Moved by Barry that we host an information session on group insurance changes, and on fraud, especially as it pertains to seniors. (Barry, Frances) Approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report: Barry** - Jan. 17, 2024 Bank Balance \$3442.48 – uncleared cheques \$14.38 = Current Balance \$3427.90
Barry noted that we received a \$600 grant from the NBSRT.

MOTION: Barry moved that the NBSRTSJ continue its support of the SJ Milk Fund with a donation of \$500. (Barry, Judy) Approved.

7. **Committee Reports:**

Wellness: Paula - Jan. 18 SJ Alehouse and Seadogs, Feb. 14 REZ hike, Mar. 13 Hike, Mar. 14 Games Day, May 13 pre-conference AGM activities are in the works.

Reflections: Margaret has been in contact with various members about inclusions to Reflections.

ACTION ITEM: Marg will also do a write-up for the Newsletter regarding the need for new volunteers for Reflections.

Website: Ellen discussed the need for the eventual new volunteers for the website. Kathy noted that we need someone with website experience for this position.

ACTION ITEM: Marijke mentioned that she will reach out to Maureen Desmond to see if there is interest. Another suggested name was Danny Marmon.

Membership: Judy - there is a new membership form, and it will be available to all members to share with new retirees. Kathy - there are currently 599 members.

Social Committee: Ann - Games Day will be Thursday, March 14, 12:30-3:30, \$10 members, \$15 non-members, selection of sandwiches and sweets, door prizes, 50/50 draw. This will be tied to St. Patrick's day and Rona is doing the registration.

ACTION ITEM: Ann will send a notice to Kathy when details are finalized

Marg asked if consideration was given to hosting an early evening event in May but for now the committee feels we will lose people. Frances mentioned that several retirees are now working in the daytime, and Marg noted that daylight lasts longer in the late spring.

8. New Business:

A. **AGM update: Barry - SJ Common Council** has approved a proclamation that May 14th be Retired Teachers' Day, coinciding with our provincial AGM. The AGM committee is working on a publication for Reflections and the website. Paula and Rose have done an excellent job on the pre-conference activities. The NBTA Credit Union are donating \$300 to host.

Bob – Nancy, Lori, and Bob met with the Delta and the biggest cost is food. We cannot bring in any outside food ourselves except for the Hospitality Suite.

B. **Marg** removed addition to the agenda item B.

C. **Marg** – Resolution to the NBSRT in March regarding whether we should produce Reflections in color. In our discussion Barry noted that he just got the bill for Reflections and the cost has gone from \$12,000 to \$25,000. March 15 is the deadline for Branch Resolutions.

ACTION ITEM: Marg will write a resolution regarding the investigation of producing Reflections in color.

D. **Constitution Review: Rena**, Bob O., and Judy have met. Rena is also to look at submissions to the Executive Committee for Branch and Provincial Awards. Barry noted that traditionally heads of committees or the executive would submit names to Rena for awards and her committee would review them. The criteria is in the constitution.

E. **Marg**: our communication with teachers planning retirement in 2024 – we intend to follow the protocol of 2023, which was our attendance at a NBTA local branch meeting where we provided membership forms to bring back to schools and brought

treats and coffee. We spoke for a few minutes about our organization and answered any questions. We also attended the year-end district retirement event.

ACTION ITEM: Frances will contact the President of the local branch and offer our support and attendance at a branch rep meeting. She will finalize a date.

9. *Adjournment:* (Marg, Ellen)

Next Meeting : February 15 over Zoom

Respectfully Submitted
Frances Butler