



## NBSRT SJ Minutes February 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held by Zoom on February 15, 2024 with the President Bob Bonner in the Chair. He called the meeting to order at 10:03 with the following members in attendance: Barry Harbinson, Pat Murray, Marg Urquhart, Rena MacGregor, Ann Scott, Frances Butler, Marijke Blok, Ellen Palmer, Kathy Dalling and Pat Loughery.

Regrets were received from Paula Scott, Rose Theriault, Pat Dugay, and Bob O'Connell.

The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Marg and seconded by Frances.

The amended minutes (registration for the February cards was to be sent to Laura Wheaton by January 18<sup>th</sup>) were accepted on a motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Marg Urquhart.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Judy and Frances will represent the NBSRT at the local NBTA meeting to be held on April 23, 2024 to inform retirees of the NBSRTSJ.

Marg informed the meeting the Planning Calendar has been updated.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barry stated the balance stands at \$2956.27 and he has \$150.00 in petty cash.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Wellness**

Rose was unable to attend but she did send her report in the form of an email stating she had received an invitation from Gail Cummings for the NBSRTSJ to join the Kings County retirees to attend the Sea Dogs Game on March 22. She will create a poster and Barry will distribute it to our members. The meeting agreed it would be a good opportunity for us to join another group of retirees and perhaps we could extend an invitation for their members to attend the AGM.

#### **Constitutional Review**

Rena stated she had received feedback from four members of her committee and they will be meeting and information will be available for our next meeting.

#### **Newsletter**

Marijke stated 101 had been mailed out. This number is down from 105 last month. She felt eleven pages is a lot with extra charges for postage. In future, the newsletter will be kept to eight pages (four pages double sided).

## **Membership**

Kathy informed the meeting we had lost four members and our number now stands at 596 members.

## **Awards for the AGM**

Rena stated the committee had met and one nomination had been submitted. The committee will be meeting again and any further suggestions for nominations should be sent to Rena.

## **Reflections**

No Report

## **Scholarship**

Suzanne Sutton will be stepping down as our Scholarship Chairman due to family commitments. A replacement was suggested and Rena will contact her and report at our next meeting.

## **New Business**

In connection with Suzanne's resignation, It was moved by Marg and seconded by Rena that the NBSRTSJ Executive consider the possibility of rejuvenation of membership involvement on committees to ensure sustainability. Motion carried

In an attempt to inform retirees of planned events, it was suggested a one-page invitation as well as an application form be sent to retirees via NBTA Reps. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Membership Committee.

In regards to the AGM planning, registration has begun. A copy of the bank statement has been sent to Kathy indicating seven members have registered and paid.

Kathy also stated her concern that information in the Newsletter should be from the individual producing the article to ensure accuracy.

As discussed at the previous meeting, possible Branch Resolutions were circulated prior to the meeting and individually discussed at the meeting. Branch Resolutions are to be discussed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The resolutions were to have Reflections printed in color and have the Memorials standardized.

It was moved by Marg and seconded by Barry that the NBSRT investigate the possibilities and implications of printing REFLECTIONS in color and report to the 2025 AGM. Motion carried

It was moved by Pat Murray and seconded by Kathy that effective the September 24,2024 deadline the format for "In Memoriam" in Reflections be standardized and that it includes NBSRT members only. Motion carried.

The date of the next meeting will be **March 21,2024 by Zoom.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Marijke.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Loughery

(Secretary)