



## NBSRT – SAINT JOHN BRANCH

### MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2019 MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ took place on March 22, 2019 with President Judy Braman in the chair. Members in attendance included: Bob Bonner, Netta Chase, , Brian Greig, Barry Harbinson, Marilyn Lester, Debbie McLaggan, Pat Murray, Ellen Palmer, Dianne Stackhouse, Robert Taylor, Marg Urquhart, and Kathy Wilson.

Regrets: Pat Roy, Kathy Dalling, Mary Ann Patterson

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Brian Greig and seconded by Dianne Stackhouse.

The treasurer, Robert Taylor reported the Games Day was a success in regards to attendance, food and prizes and realized \$260.00. He also reported a membership cheque in the amount of \$1800 had been received. This would be for the 600 members in the organization.

#### **REPORTS**

Directors – Nil

Awards – Nil

Cards – Nil

Constitution and By-Laws – Nil

Election ( NBSRTSJ ) – There will be vacancies for Director, Treasurer and Wellness Chair. Anyone with any suggestions is asked to forward them to Barry Harbinson.

Membership – Kathy reported there is no change in membership numbers.

Publicity – The deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and the Peel and Stick will take place **on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Reflections – An interview is set for later today and several others are planned for the future.

Scholarship – Nil

School Days Museum – Nil

Social – The Annual fall Dinner is tentatively booked at Lily's. However, the cost of the rental is \$500.00 and a gratuity of 18% is mandatory. Other suggestions included the RKYC, Saint John Marina, Assumption Centre, Riverside and Maguires.

Telephone – It was mentioned that in regards to the meeting on Group Insurance an email was sent out because of seemingly low interest. Following the email, the response was much greater. Discussion followed as to whom questions or concerns stemming from emails should be sent. It was decided the name of the individual should be highlighted or written in red.

Website – Ellen informed the meeting the Letter to the Editor is now on the front page.

Wellness – The Group Insurance information meeting is scheduled for March 27 at Portland United. Registration will be at 10:00.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The NBSRT Meeting will be held in Bathurst on May 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. Resolutions from Greater Moncton and from Saint John will be presented. The resolution from NBSRTSJ approved at the February meeting has been received by the NBSRT and will be presented at the AGM in Bathurst. The Moncton resolution : "Be it resolved that the rebate of membership dues to the local branches be increased from 33 1/3 % to 50% of the dues" has also been received.

It was noted a Provincial budget has been prepared for the first time outlining all revenue and expenses. An excellent job has been done on this document. It is available on the Provincial Website under AGM. Discussion on the proposed budget will be tabled until the April meeting so all members could examine the document and then decided how our members will vote on it as well as the motion from Greater Moncton.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There is a need for NBSRTSJ to develop our own budget and a discussion on this will take place at the next meeting in April.

Marg Urquhart suggested those attending the AGM in Bathurst whose way is being paid should encourage others to attend and car pool.

Marg also suggested that perhaps Saint John should consider hosting the next AGM.

The Barbeque will be held at Marg's summer residence in the summer.

A Thank you letter was received from Bill Hicks of the NB Museum for our contribution of \$500.00 to the Cursive Conundrum.

A letter of congratulations will be sent to Colleen Sullivan . (action Judy)

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Greig.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery

( Secretary )