



The regular monthly meeting of the NBSRTSJ was held by zoom on September 16, 2021 with the President Brian Greig in the chair. Members in attendance included: Barry Harbinson, Frances Butler, Pat Murray, Kathy Dalling, Rose Theriault, Ellen Palmer, Maryann Patterson and Kathy Wilson. Regrets: Judy Braman and Marijke Blok

The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Barry Harbinson. Carried

Minutes were accepted following a correction to add "good" to the final line of the financial report. Moved by Kathy Dalling and seconded by Frances Butler. Carried

TREASURERS' REPORT

Barry reported a balance of \$20,503. With \$1695.00 to come from the NBSRT for our members second payment.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

An update on the vacant positions was given and neither Dixie Coughlin nor Michelle Hogan is interested at this point in time. However, Susanne Sutton is still considering the Scholarship Chair. The following positions are still vacant: 2nd VP, Director and Scholarship Chair.

Discussion centered around whether planning for the October 21st event should continue. With the increase in the number of Covid cases, it was moved by Kathy Dalling and seconded by Barry that plans be put on hold for now. Motion carried.

Due to the pandemic, the Executive believes the seven new members from 2020 and 2021 need to be welcomed. A letter from Brian and a gift card will be sent to each. Moved by Barry and seconded by Kathy. Motion carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NIL

MEMBERSHIP AND SOCIAL

It is becoming more difficult to find locations for gatherings. Judy is working with Social and had been waiting for a decision in regards to the October 21st gathering. They are working on ways to increase our membership.

MEMBERSHIP DATA SECRETARY

Kathy informed the meeting there are 564 members, 430 of whom have emails, 134 of whom have no emails and connection is through mailing and phone lists. There are presently 21 members we have no contact with at this point. Discussion on putting a note in the next Newsletter was discussed, but the question of invasion of privacy was brought up. For the next meeting, Kathy will attempt to have a list prepared to be discussed.

WELLNESS

Rose stated she is having difficulty contacting Rena McGregor but Paula Scott was eager to join the committee. She is still waiting to hear from Pat Bastrache. Eight pictures were submitted to the Pet Contest and there were six winners receiving a gift card.

WEB SITE

Ellen stated Dale has made some suggestions for additions to the Provincial site. Ellen is continuing to keep things going and up to date.

TELEPHONE

Frances has received the information from Marg Urquhart. However, she is looking for direction in regards to her responsibilities as Telephone Chair. Discussion on the actual number of times the committee was used was unclear. Therefore, it was moved by Maryann and seconded by Barry that Committee Chairs leaving a position provide a description of their responsibilities and meet in person if necessary with the incoming Chair. This motion is to be included in our Bylaws. Motion carried

CARDS

Pat Murray requested information on any member needing a card. Pat thanked Kathy for the information she had sent. Seventeen cards have been sent since Pat assumed the position. (9 Get Well and 8 Sympathy).

NEWSLETTER

Maryann stated there were two Newsletters returned this month. The next edition will be after Christmas. Barry mentioned he thought something should be sent out to keep in touch with our members. Maryann said that would not be a problem if information was sent to her. A date will be decided in October.

Brian will suggest to the Social Committee that plans should start for some type of activity around Christmas.

Work will be done by the Constitution Committee to streamline the constitution and the bylaws keeping in mind the Constitution is intended to be a general guideline for the responsibilities of various committees. This arose from concerns expressed by Kathy Dalling. Perhaps a separate document containing responsibilities of committees is necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Loughery