

# General Meeting (Fall 2008)

**Date:** October 23, 2008

**Location:** Miramichi Golf and Country Club

**President Wendy Matthews called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m**

Following a word of welcome, our President called for a minute of silence in memory of our deceased members, especially Shella Leach who passed away since our last meeting. Wendy then welcomed new retirees and encouraged them to become members. She announced that the newsletter was distributed and that NBSRT brochures were on the table.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

David Barker gave an overhead presentation of the Treasurer's Report.

### ***MARTA Financial Position***

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Regular Account	\$	
Scholarship Account		
Petty Cash		
GIC , Maturity Jan 2/09		
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<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	

It was moved by Faye Brophy and seconded by Tony VanDijk that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

## **Business Arising From the Minutes:**

The walking club is in operation, although not many members have joined. Dale goes out every morning at 9:00 on the Nordin side of French Fort Cove, and could go at 3:00 p.m. Members can join weekly or daily. Anyone who needs more information, please call Dale. (622-7530)

We are looking for a bus to take us on a bus trip. If anyone knows of one, could they please let us know?

## **Scholarship Review:**

Dave gave the report on behalf of the Ad Hoc committee, made up of Dave Barker, Bill Rigley and Villa Urquhart. In his preamble, Dave explained that Margaret Barker audited the books. The report of the committee recommended that the scholarship GIC's be consolidated so more interest can be generated for future scholarships.

Dave proposed the following motions:

1. Maintain the status quo. That is, continue to give the \$1000.00 scholarship as in the past.

Seconded by Lenore Masterson. **Motion carried.**

2. That we maintain \$[REDACTED] in the regular account. Anything in excess is to be transferred into the Scholarship account. Seconded by Barbara Froment. Following discussion, the rationale of which was that it would be too restrictive. **Motion defeated.**

3. Whenever the Scholarship savings account exceeds \$[REDACTED], invest the excess amount.

Seconded by Helen Jones. **Motion carried.**

It was suggested by Helen Patterson that we expand our memorial givings to include other people besides teachers. She gave as example memorials where some specify "charity of one's choice." This could include our Scholarship fund. This suggestion was well-received.

### **Museum:**

Wendy, Rosemarie and Joan Jardine visited the museum this past summer. They found it in very good condition, situated on the second floor of the Loggie house. Joan Cripps is eager to keep the museum there. We are benefitting of the services of the hired student as tour guide. It would be to our advantage to keep it there. We need publicity. Perhaps our newly elected MP will publicize in the yearly calendar. It was suggested that we have a social event tour. Perhaps a tea? We also need an inventory and keep it up to date. If anyone has an inventory, please bring it to Wendy or Joan or Rosemarie. We need an active committee to oversee the inventory, publicity, etc.

Please give your names to the aforementioned people. Dale has added a page on the website. All are invited to see it.

***Following Grace, the meeting broke for dinner at 12:00 and resumed at 1:00***

## Committee Reports:

### NBSRT

Wendy and Rosemarie attended. The highlights are reported in Reflections.

*Membership* - As of October 7, dues deducted at source numbered 1860.

*Website* - The provincial website was updated in September.

*Museum* - The report on the provincial museum is in Reflections also. In 2010 there is a plan to have each branch to exhibit their respective museum.

*Reflections* - The co-editors of Reflections have resigned. The new editor is Carol Robertson. Robert Hawkes is the new archivist.

*Biennial Meeting* - We were reminded of the Biennial meeting in Moncton, April 27 to 29. It is open to all members. There is a registration form in Reflections as well as an agenda. President Wendy informed us of the negotiated rates and that the list of hotels/motels was on the table.

*Group insurance* - One rate for all retirees is still hoped for but not here yet. The trustees are requesting that members ask their doctors to write prescriptions for 3 months at a time and also to look into generic drugs to cut down on cost.

*Social* - In Cil's absence, Rosemarie gave the social report. Monthly games afternoons have started. November 18 is the next games afternoon. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall. It is not exclusive to games. We can go just to socialize if we wish. Lunch is always good and there is a door prize and a 50/50 draw. All members are encouraged to come and have fun. The Christmas pot luck social is Tuesday, December 9 at the Nelson Senior Citizens building. There is no fee for this activity, just bring something to eat. It is open to members only. Bus Trip - If you know of someone willing to drive, please let Cil know. There is the possibility of another breakfast in February. Watch the website, listen to the radio.

*Museum* - Joan had nothing to add to the already discussed items. She invited members to come and visit the museum, and asked anyone who has anything to contribute to please bring them in. She suggested that we might bring items to display at our meeting.

*Reflections* - Lynne asked to let her know if there are any submissions. We should send in a list of deceased members.

*Membership* - Marion reported that three members signed up today for the first time. Membership cards are here for those who pay locally. Members were encouraged to pay through central deductions. We now have 182 members.

*Calling committee* - Gena asked for someone to take over for one person who dropped off.

*Special Projects* - Lenore asked for donations from members for the November 1<sup>st</sup> craft sale.

Anything left over will be auctioned off at the Christmas social. Tickets are on sale for the beautiful craft that was donated by Jean Masterson.

*Newsletter* - Villa is open to suggestions to improve our newsletter.

*Website* - Dale reported that since the website has been in operation, it has received over 44,000 hits. Usage seems to be increasing. Minutes of our meetings are on, in Memoriam, and important dates. He is looking for more photos of people. Please send them to Dale. The address is in the Newsletter.

*Courtesy* - Barb Froment sent out nine sympathy cards. Please let Barb or Wendy know when there is a special occasion.

President Wendy thanked all committee chairs for their fine work.

## **New Business:**

Wendy reminded the attendance that Joe Kenny is presently Coordinator for the in-school mentorship program for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and if we can do anything to help, we are invited to get involved, especially in mentoring. Please call Joe if you can help.

Gena Skidd thanked Janice Hay for volunteering to join the calling committee. She also invited us to attend the Golf and Country Club Wine and Cheese with dance to follow. You don't have to be a member to attend. The cost is \$12.00/person.

Wendy, on behalf of Gail Surette, Volunteer Department Administrator at the hospital, asked that if anyone is willing to volunteer at the hospital, please call 623-3190.

Helen Jones announced that a week from tomorrow a group of retired teachers meet for lunch at the Portage Restaurant at 11:30. MARTA members are welcome. We order from the menu.

Helen explained the citrus fruit drive. There are actually two drives, one in the Fall and one in February. Gena, Theresa and Helen are taking orders. In the past, the money raised went to assist schools with projects, and to Senior citizens' homes. The money goes first to students and secondly to other worthwhile causes. Helen also reported that the Walter Brown scholarship is finished. The first production of TNB was in September. December 14, Narnia opens in placeCityFredericton. We charter a bus to

the Sunday afternoon presentation. The cost is \$10.00 for students, \$30.00 for adults, and \$30.00 for the trip. March will see the continuation of "Tuesdays with Maury."

The people in the kitchen were thanked with a warm round of applause.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30*