

**Miramichi Area Retired Teachers' Association
Annual Spring General Meeting
Kin Centre, June 7, 2012**

MARTA met at the Kin Centre for the Annual Spring General Meeting on June 7, 2012. President Pat Clancy called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Following a minute of silence for deceased members, Pat encouraged us to take home a copy of the Newsletter to put important dates for the year on our calendars.

The minutes of the Fall meeting were read: moved by Pat Clancy and seconded by Bill Rigley. **Motion Carried**

Correspondence

There was one piece of correspondence - a thank you card from the family of Patricia Johnson for the donation made in her memory.

Financial Report

Dave gave a report of financial position as of May 17, 2012. As of that date the total assets were \$ [REDACTED]

Comparative Statements of Financial Position

Balances	18-May-11	03-Oct-11	17-May-12
Regular account	\$ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Scholarship	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Petty Cash	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2yrGIC 1/4/11, 2%	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Totals	\$ [REDACTED]		

An increase in the Regular Account from May 17th until June 7th of \$ [REDACTED] brings the total on that date to \$ [REDACTED]

Bill Rigley moved that this report be filed for audit. Seconded by Rosemarie Rigley.

Motion Carried

President Report

Pat Clancy summarized the year, listing the first-day-of-school breakfast at the Portage, the Fall AGM at the Golf Club, the Craft Sale, Christmas Dinner and the Spring AGM at the KIN Centre. He mentioned the activity afternoons, the scholarships, bursaries and money for Safe Grade. He and the Vice president, Marjorie McPhee, attended the NBSRT representing MARTA. He moved the submission of his report. It was seconded by Mary Alice Ahern. **Motion Carried**

NBSRT Report

Pat reported on the NBSRT meeting. President Roger Nesbitt explained that the NBSRT is in good financial shape. He explained that the Teachers Pension Fund is 93% funded with the Government carrying the remaining 7%. It is expected the fund will be fully funded by 2017.

The notices from the government explaining the changes coming to pensions seem to indicate that any changes will not affect us.

The NBTF Group Insurance committee will not create an opening for another NBSRT member. There is one member even though but retired teachers make up a large number of insured.

Group Insurance. There will be no price increase. The year showed a surplus which was re-invested. The new booklet re: covered drugs, will be coming soon.

Wellness. The Johnson Web Site will give each member info on your own coverage once you are logged on. A good way to track your usage.

Membership. Vernon Harding encouraged all to contact recent retirees and encourage they join. There has been growth in MARTA.

ACER-CART. Clarification was given on the CPP death benefits. The monies received upon the death of a person is the final CPP payment and the amount is based on a set formula, not on funeral expenses.

School Days Museum. Attendance was up last year. It will be open again this summer. Artifacts are available to be loaned out. A student will be hired.

Coalition of Seniors and Nursing Home Residents. They are working for more long term care beds and creating policies to protect seniors from eviction from their homes.

Biennial Committee. Since no branch wished to host the meeting for 2013, it was decided that a regular AGM will be held in Fredericton. There will be no social activities. It seems that costs are why attendance is down and thus these meetings are expensive to host.

Web site. The NBSRT web site is being upgraded by the company hired to develop it. IBS will work closely with the NBTF/NBTA, and the site will be ready in the early fall.

The issue of having another NBSRT member on the NBTF Group Insurance Committee was discussed. (A member present explained that members of this committee become a trustee and they are to care for the good of the fund, not supporting any specific group. Therefore having another member would make no difference.)

Laureena Black moved and Maria Brown seconded to accept this report.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

It was agreed that Mary Alice Ahearn would second all committee reports.

Membership Wendy Matthews reported a total of 208 members as of June 7. She has central deduction forms. She reminded us that retired teachers must be members to attend MARTA events. She asked that we encourage others to join and let us know that the Web Site has a member data base available to members only. Wendy moved acceptance and Mary Alice Ahearn seconded this report.

Social Cil Hickey reported that the Games afternoons are being held the second Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, running from 1:30 until 3:15. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cil moved acceptance of this report.

Telephone Gena Skidd thanked the members of her committee. She explained that some callers have been replaced due to health issues. She moved acceptance of her report.

Special Projects Lenore Masterson reported that the Craft Sale brought in \$637.00. She will inform the members of the date, place and time of the Christmas Craft Sale in the fall. Wendy Matthews has donated a picture to be used to raise funds. She moved acceptance of the report.

Courtesy Dave Barker reported for Barb Froment that 7 cards were sent out and there is \$8.50 left. .

Reflections Connie reported for Dale MacRae. She told us that Merle Milton, Barb McIntosh and Connie MacRae will be writing articles for *Reflections*. Connie and Barb will be focusing on MARTA members who do volunteer work with youth and members who have taken on new careers after retiring. Pictures were taken of retired teachers and their students who are also retired teachers. Connie moved the acceptance of this report.

Web Site The site has experienced some problems but those have been repaired. The new provincial site will be linked through our site. Connie moved the acceptance of this report.

Newsletter Copies of the newsletter were distributed. Bill Rigley explained that the reverse side of the newsletter contained a survey which the executive would like completed and submitted. Bill moved the acceptance of this report.

Joan Jardine reported that there was a request of local District 16 art. She has collected some and it will be displayed in the School Days Museum in Fredericton.

The committee reports were passed.

New Business

Dave Barker explained the annual scholarship of \$1000 rotates to the 4 local District 16 graduating classes and that 5 bursaries of \$300 and 5 Safe Grad donations of \$100 were given last year. Because of financial constraints, he made a motion that the \$1000 Scholarship remain but that the bursaries be changed to \$200 each. This motion was seconded by Michael Butler. **Motion Carried**

There followed a discussion of the Safe Grad donation. It was explained that member meals at AGM's are subsidized and if money was given to Safe Grad, members may have to pay full cost of meals. Michael Butler moved that \$100 be given to each high school that has a Safe Grad for 2012. Beth Loisier seconded the motion. A show of hands was taken and the **Motion Passed**. This topic will be revisited next spring.

Pat Clancy moved the meeting be adjourned and Bill Rigley seconded it.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15.