

**Miramichi Area Retired Teachers' Association  
Annual Spring General Meeting  
Sunny Corner Lion's Club, May 23, 2013**

President Pat Clancy called the meeting to order at 10:15.

Pat welcomed all and asked us to stand for a minute of silence for deceased members. Wendy Matthews led the group in prayer. Pat reminded the group to take the newsletter home for future dates and explained the 50/50 proceeds would be used for scholarships.

The minutes of the Fall AGM meeting were read. Muriel MacCullam moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Laurena Black. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Dave Barker gave a report of financial position as of May 23, 2013. As of that date the total assets were \$ [REDACTED]

**Statements of Financial Position**

Regular account

Scholarship

Petty Cash

2yrGIC 1/4/11, 2%

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**Totals**

Michael Butler moved and Richard Walsh seconded the motion that this report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

**President Report**

Pat summarized the activities MARTA held during this year, explained that the group give one \$1000 scholarship, five \$200 bursaries and \$100 to each high school that holds Safe Grad activities. He informed that the new executive would be elected at this AGM. Pat moved and Rosemarie seconded the motion to accept this report. Motion carried.

There was a discussion re the pension reform being considered by the provincial government. We were told the teachers' and retired teachers' pensions will likely be studied this fall. NBSRT is part of the Coalition with Dawson Murray and Michael Springer on the committee. Retirees are encouraged to be ready to give support whenever and to keep informed by following the web sites regularly.

Biennial Meeting It was stressed that anyone with a pre-existing physical condition requires a letter from a doctor to be on file with Johnson Insurance. It should state that it is ok for you to travel. Any changes in health will require a new letter. This is for travelling outside the province or country.

### **Committee Reports**

It was agreed that Richard Walsh would move and Wayne Mullin would second the motion to accept each of the committee reports.

Social Cil Hickey reported that the Games afternoons are over for this year but will begin again in September. She reminded us of the breakfast on the first day of school for all retirees..

Reflections Dale MacRae informed us that a committee has material for the next issue. He encouraged more submissions, especially photos. These can be given to Merle Milson, Barb MacIntosh, Dale or Connie MacRae.

Membership Wendy Matthews reported a total of 227 members. She has central deduction forms for new members. NBSRT would like to have email addresses. We can send them to Wendy at wendy@learndesk.com. She will then forward the info.

Telephone Gina Skidd thanked her committee members for doing a good job. They will be calling for the breakfast in Sept.

Special Projects Lenore Masterson reported that the Craft Sale in 2012 was not as successful as previous ones. The next one will be held at St. Michaels on October 26th. Donations are requested and Wendy will provide a basket of homemade Jellies, Jams and Pickles to sell tickets on.

Newsletter Copies of the newsletter were distributed. We were encouraged to take it home and mark dates on our calendar. .

Web Site Dale MacRae reported that the Provincial group will be meeting on May 28. Let Dale know any suggestions.

Courtesy Dave Barker reported for Barb Froment. He explained that Barb has resigned her position and that Rosemarie Rigley has agreed to replace her.

The committee reports were passed.

### **New Business**

The MARTA executive made a motion to add the Courtesy committee to the list of committees. This will be voted on at the Fall AGM.

Helen Jones and Merle Milson gave the details of the Chatham Grammar School/ Chatham High School reunion being held August 23 to 25 at the Exhibition Building for

all who attended or worked at the school.

Dale MacRae moved that we accept Dave Barker's suggestion that since the scholarship fund is healthy, we give five \$200 bursaries and \$100 to each school that plans Safe Grad activities. Marjorie MacPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The nominating committee put forward names for executive positions. There were no nominations from the floor. For 2013 to 2015 the following form the executive of MARTA

President	Marjorie MacPhee
Vice President	Rick Hayward
Treasurer	Maria Brown
Secretary	Lois Gillis

There will be a turnaround meeting for the Board of Directors on June 5.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 after a motion from Phyllis Cooling.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.